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Richard S. Mroz, Esq. has a long and distinguished career in law, government, business, and public service. His experiences are as a regulator, lawyer, lobbyist, banker, consultant and thought leader on issues including energy markets & technologies, cybersecurity, water & wastewater policy, and infrastructure development & financing in various industries.

Mr. Mroz is the immediate past President of the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities (NJBPU) serving as chairman and chief administrative officer of the agency and functioned as the chief energy officer for New Jersey. He was appointed in September 2014 by Governor Christopher Christie to be President of the NJBPU from October 2014 until January 2018 and remained as a Commissioner until April 2018.

Mr. Mroz has had various national and regional leadership positions in the energy and utility industries. He was Chairman of the Critical Infrastructure Committee for the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (NARUC). Established on a temporary basis after the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks, the now-permanent Critical Infrastructure Committee provides State regulators a forum to analyze solutions to utility infrastructure security and delivery concerns. He advanced efforts addressing cybersecurity, workforce development, and infrastructure improvements in the electric, gas, water and telecommunications industries.

Of particular note he was NARUC liaison to the Electric Sector Coordinating Council (ESCC) which is a CEO lead electric industry and government agency forum for efforts to manage threats related to potential widespread outages of the national electric system. The ESCC is designated by the North American Electric Reliability Corporation (NERC) to coordinate efforts between industry, the federal government and state officials to ensure the protection of the electric system. Mr. Mroz also was a member of the NARUC Electricity Committee and a member of NARUC's Subcommittee on Nuclear Issues and Nuclear Waste Disposal as well as the NARUC Board of Directors.

He was the New Jersey representative to the Organization of PJM States, Inc (OPSI) the official organization designated to interact with the regional grid and transmission organization. From 2016 to 2017 he served as the President, which is the chairman, of OPSI. From 2016 to 2018 he was a member of the Electric Power Research Institute (EPRI) Advisory Council.

In July 2018, Mr. Mroz was appointed by Energy Secretary Rick Perry as a member of the USDOE Electric Advisory Committee, which provides advice to the Department programs and priorities on issues of the evolving grid, distributed energy resources, and reliability of the electric system. He is a member of the New Mexico State University Center for Public Utilities Advisory Council.

Mr. Mroz is a member of the Board of Directors of the Federal Home Loan Bank of New York a congressionally chartered wholesale bank with assets over \$ 100 Billion which provides funding to member financial institutions in New Jersey, New York, Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands. A Board Member since 2002, he serves on the Bank Executive Committee, is a founding member of the Bank's Corporate Governance Committee, and has been on the Bank's Compensation, Housing, and Audit Committees and chaired the Congressional & Regulatory Affairs Committee.
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These appointments and leadership positions continue a long and distinguished career in legal affairs and public service. From 1991-1993 Mr. Mroz served as the County Counsel for Camden County New Jersey. In 1993 former New Jersey Governor Christine Todd Whitman appointed him to the first of several senior positions in her administration. He served as Director of Authorities and Governor's counsel for, and liaison to, the State's largest independent agencies.

Governor Whitman then appointed him as Special Counsel to undertake responsibility for a series of special projects and then designated him Chief Counsel in 1999.

He served as the Governor's primary advisor for legislative affairs, judicial and prosecutorial appointments, as well as, legal, policy and management issues of the State government. Governor Whitman designated Mr. Mroz as New Jersey's representative to Philadelphia 2000 (Philadelphia's Host Committee) for the National Republican Convention. In that position, he coordinated all New Jersey efforts to support the 2000 Convention including numerous special events.

After his departure from state government in 2000 he continued to serve in various capacities in political and public affairs. Of particular note is that President George W. Bush appointed Mr. Mroz to the Commission on White House Fellows in 2007. This national non-partisan commission is made up of individuals who represent a broad range of backgrounds, interests, and professions. Founded in 1964, the White House Fellows program is America's most prestigious program for leadership and public service.

In 2012, Governor Chris Christie appointed Mr Mroz as a Commissioner of the Delaware River & Bay Authority (DRBA), a congressionally chartered bi-state transportation agency. The DRBA operates bridges, airports and ferries between New Jersey and Delaware including the Delaware Memorial Bridge and the Cape May- Lewes Ferry.

Before becoming President of the NJBPU he worked in private practice as a lawyer and lobbyist as Managing Director of Archer Public Affairs in Trenton, New Jersey and Of Counsel to the Archer & Greiner law firm. For many years Mr. Mroz also managed his own consulting business in Trenton, New Jersey. He concentrated on regulatory and governmental relations, regulatory affairs, business development and issues management. He also provided strategic counsel and advice for project development and financing, as well as corporate external affairs. He represented clients in energy, utility, transportation, financial services, real estate, healthcare, human services, pharmaceutical and gaming and entertainment industries.

Mr. Mroz has been active previously with representation or service to professional and community organizations. He has been co-counsel and legislative agent to the New Jersey Conference of Mayors and was a member of the New Jersey Supreme Court Committee on the Unauthorized Practice of Law. Mr. Mroz has been a frequent commentator for programs on television and radio and he is often a speaker to business groups and at colleges on legal, governmental and political issues.

He was Chairman of the Board of the Volunteers of America of the Delaware Valley and is a former member of the Board of Directors of the New Jersey Alliance for Action and the New Jersey Chamber of Commerce. Active with his college alma mater, Mr. Mroz served for many years on the Board of Directors of the University of Delaware Alumni Association and served as the Association President. He holds a B.A from the University of Delaware and his J.D. from the Villanova University School of Law.

Mr. Mroz is married to Lynne A. Mroz, M.D. and has three children, Julia, RJ, and Caroline.