



ARIZONA CORPORATION COMMISSION

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Arizona Corporation Commission Creates Office of Special Counsel

Phoenix---The Arizona Corporation Commission welcomes Christopher Kempley to the Commission in a new executive level position that will provide extensive legal services to the Commissioners.

Kempley will serve as Special Counsel to the Commission. He will provide legal counsel regarding ethics, conflicts of interest, ex parte rules, Open Meeting law, and will handle all public records requests. He will assist Commissioners on pending regulatory matters and work with them as they address broad public policy debates, such as renewable energy and water sustainability. He will also serve as the Commission's Ethics Officer.

"Christopher Kempley has an extensive background working in the energy regulatory industry," said Commissioner Doug Little. "His experience will be an asset to all of us as we move forward with the important and often complex issues that come before the Commission."

Kempley comes to the Commission from the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) where he served as Attorney Advisor over the past 7 years. Prior to his work there, Kempley served as Chief Counsel for the Arizona Corporation Commission from 2002-2008, and as Assistant Chief Counsel from 1985-2002.

Former Arizona Corporation Commissioner and FERC Commissioner, Marc Spitzer said, "I joined Chris at the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission in 2006. He is a superb attorney, and a man of unquestionable integrity. I welcome him back to Arizona."

"The Commission has shown wisdom and foresight in creating this new office," said former Corporation Commissioner Jeff Hatch-Miller, who worked with Kempley during his term. "This is a role that helps the Commission in its continued efforts and diligence in being accountable and transparent."

Kempley is a member of the State Bar of Arizona, the Federal District Court for the District of Arizona, the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals, and the United States Supreme Court.

"This new position will reduce the Commission's need for outside legal counsel," said Executive Director Jodi Jerich. "It will relieve our current legal staff of duties they have been forced to undertake that are outside their core duties."

Kempley will report to the Executive Director.