

**David Cook**  
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**Biography**

David Cook is Vice President and General Counsel for the North American Electric Reliability Council. He is currently working for passage of federal legislation that would make reliability standards mandatory and enforceable for all owners, operators and users of the bulk power system. Prior to joining NERC in 1999, he worked for the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission for twenty years, the last ten as Deputy General Counsel. Mr. Cook was heavily involved in the Commission's restructuring efforts for both the natural gas and the electric industries.

Mr. Cook began his legal career in 1972 with the Chicago firm of Schiff Hardin & Waite, where he concentrated on commercial litigation, public utility law, and the self regulation of securities markets. He holds degrees from Western Reserve University, the University of Chicago Divinity School, and the University of Chicago Law School.

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