

Richard S. Mroz



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 utility regulation, energy markets & technologies, cybersecurity, water & wastewater policy, and infrastructure development & financing in various industries. He is the Founding Member and Managing Director of Resolute Strategies and is Senior Director at Archer Public Affairs with offices in Trenton, NJ and Washington, DC. Mr. Mroz is also Senior Advisor to Protect Our Power, a national advocacy group for cybersecurity measures in the electric industry.

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). He led efforts for state regulators to analyze solutions for utility infrastructure security and resilience. 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 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 the NARUC 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.

Mr. Mroz is 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 Distinguished Corporate Fellow at the Global Resilience Institute Northeastern University, and a member of the New Mexico State University Center for Public Utilities Advisory Council.

Mr. Mroz has great experience in corporate governance. For more than two decades he was 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 was Chairman of the Housing Committee, served on the Strategic and Technology Committees, was a founding member of both the Governance Committee and Technology Committee, and has been on the Bank's Compensation, and Audit Committees and chaired the Congressional & Regulatory Affairs Committee.

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He is an active member of the National Association of Corporate Directors (NACD) and has been designated a Certified Director, or NACD.DC Directorship Certified. He is a member of the Board of Directors for the NACD New Jersey Chapter and is Chair of the New Jersey Chapter Programs Committee. Mr. Mroz is a regular commentator at NACD programs and has presented at several of the national NACD Director Summits. These appointments and leadership positions continue a long career in legal affairs, public service, and corporate governance.

From 1991-1993 Mr. Mroz served as the 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, liaison to, and oversaw the corporate governance of the State's largest quasi-public agencies. This included the Port Authority of New York & New Jersey, Turnpike Authority, Delaware River Port Authority, Sports & Exposition Authority, Casino Control Commission, Economic Development Authority, New Jersey Transit, University of Medicine & Dentistry, State Building Authority, Housing Mortgage Finance Agency, Council on Affordable Housing, and Higher Educational Finance Authority.

Governor Whitman then appointed him as Special Counsel to undertake responsibility for a series of special projects, including potential redevelopment of the sports facilities at the New Jersey Sports & Exposition Authority and negotiating privatization of the former World Trade Center Twin Towers which were owned by the Port Authority of New York & New Jersey.

In 1999 the Governor designated him Chief Counsel and he served as the 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 2011 Governor Chris Christie appointed Mr Mroz as a member of the Gubernatorial Advisory Ethics Panel which provided advice to the Governor and Lt. Governor on ethics issues related to the dispatch of their duties. Governor Christie then appointed Mr. Mroz in 2012 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.