

## **Public Service Commissioner Eric Skrmetta**

Eric Skrmetta was elected to the Louisiana Public Service Commission in 2008, and since then holding one of 5 seats on the statewide body that governs utility providers and other public services in the Pelican State. Eric is serving his third term on the Commission.

Eric is a lifelong resident of Louisiana. In addition to his bachelors degree from Louisiana State University, he also holds a Juris Doctorate from Southern University Law School and an LL.M Masters in Maritime and Admiralty law from Tulane Law School. Eric has attended the Harvard University Kennedy School of Government.

Eric is past President of the Southeast Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (SEARUC). He currently serves on the Board of Directors of the National Association of Regulatory Commissioners (NARUC) where he also serves on the Washington Action Committee, and he is a member of that organizations Electricity and Gas committees among others. Eric has serves on the board of directors of the Organization of MISO States and previously served on the Entergy Regional States Committee. Eric is proud to represent all, or a portion, of 10 Louisiana Parishes.

His undergraduate education and his life experiences in manufacturing have uniquely positioned him to clearly understand the technical nature of issues that are brought before the Commission. His legal education provides him with a unique skillset into regulatory issues. His extensive experience as a Triple AAA Arbitrator and mediator has helped him to achieve rapid resolution to problems, balancing the rights of utility providers with the needs of citizens to receive the best services at the lowest possible cost. During his tenure, Eric has been a strong consumer advocate while bringing about significant reforms to benefit the citizens of Louisiana including placing Louisiana amongst the lowest residential utility rates in the nation.

Eric is father to two adult children.