

James P. Danly – Bio

James Danly is head of Skadden’s Energy Regulatory Group. He advises on a broad range of complex energy-related matters, including federal and state regulatory proceedings, M&A transactions, policy issues and enforcement and litigation matters.

Mr. Danly is a former chairman, commissioner and general counsel of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC).

As a FERC commissioner, Mr. Danly helped define the commission’s authority and responsibility for ensuring the adequacy of gas pipelines and liquified natural gas (LNG) infrastructure as the United States became the world’s largest LNG exporter. Mr. Danly also helped develop reforms designed to modernize the nation’s transmission system. He served as chairman of the commission from November 2020 to January 2021.

Mr. Danly previously served as general counsel to FERC, where he supervised over 200 attorneys. He oversaw the preparation of draft orders, advised the chairman and other commissioners on pending cases and enforcement proceedings, directed its litigation strategies, and argued on behalf of the commission before federal courts of appeals.

Mr. Danly began his legal career as an associate in Skadden’s Energy Regulatory Group. Prior to attending law school, he served two tours as an Army officer in Iraq, receiving a Bronze Star and Purple Heart. Following his military service, he became managing director of the Institute for the Study of War, a military think tank in Washington, D.C.