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William L. Kovacs provides the overall direction, strategy, and management for the Environment, Technology & Regulatory Affairs Division at the U.S. Chamber of Commerce.

Since coming to the Chamber in March 1998, Kovacs has transformed a small division concentrated on a handful of issues and committee meetings into one of the most significant in the organization. The Environment, Technology & Regulatory Affairs Division initiates and leads multidimensional, national issue campaigns on comprehensive energy legislation, complex environmental rulemakings, telecommunications reform, emerging technologies, and the systematic application of sound science to the federal regulatory process among others.

Kovacs has focused on finding new leadership opportunities for the Chamber. He pioneered the use of cybercasting for Chamber events, recruited and assembled the first science team to work in tandem with policy staff to ensure that federal regulations are based on sound science, formed and chaired the Chamber's Technology Coordinating Group, and helped develop numerous national coalitions in the areas of environment, energy, regulatory affairs, and technology.

Before joining the Chamber, Kovacs was director of worldwide legal affairs for Sunshine Makers, Inc., manufacturer of the Simple Green line of nontoxic cleaning products. Previously, he held the position of partner in several Washington, D.C., law firms where his practice focused on environmental law.

In government service, Kovacs served as vice chairman and chairman of the Commonwealth of Virginia's Hazardous Waste Facilities Siting Board, as chief counsel and staff director for the House Subcommittee on Transportation and Commerce, and as legislative director and counsel for a member of Congress.

During his tenure as chief counsel, Kovacs was the primary counsel on two landmark laws that were enacted in a single session of Congress: the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act, the primary federal law that regulates solid and hazardous waste; and the Rail Revitalization and Regulatory Reform Act, which reorganized the bankrupt Penn Central Railroad into Conrail, the largest corporate reorganization in the United States at that time.

Kovacs is a frequent commentator on national environmental, energy, and regulatory issues that impact the business community. He is regularly quoted in the nation's leading newspapers and appears on talk radio and television as a spokesperson for American business. He is listed in Who's Who in the World, Who's Who in America, Who's Who in American Law, and Who's Who in Emerging Leaders.

Kovacs has a law degree from the Ohio State University College of Law and a bachelor of science degree from the University of Scranton, magna cum laude.



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