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Mr. McCown serves as energy transportation infrastructure counsel to both public and private sector clients. Mr. McCown has accumulated over 25 years of executive, legal and operations management experience in areas pertaining to energy, transportation, homeland security and the environment.



He most recently served as the Nation's energy transportation safety chief as the first acting administrator / interim chief executive officer and full-time deputy administrator / chief operating officer of the Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA) at the U.S. Department of Transportation in Washington, DC. In that role, Mr. McCown was responsible for the federal government's oversight of the one million hazardous materials shipments transported in commerce daily across the country by all modes of transportation, including pipeline. During his tenure, he was responsible for coordinating the federal government's response to the largest oil spill on Alaska's North Slope, oversaw restoration of critical national energy infrastructure following Hurricanes Katrina and Rita and helped draft the pipeline reauthorization law commonly referred to as the PIPES Act.

Mr. McCown previously served as the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration's (FMCSA) first general counsel where he was responsible for direct legal oversight of the trucking, motor coach and moving industries. His work included directly authoring many of the current safety regulations, including those pertaining to hours-of-service, driver qualifications and training and the agency's compliance review and civil enforcement proceedings. Additionally, Mr. McCown was responsible for implementing the surface provisions of the NAFTA, for representing the agency before legislative and judicial bodies, advised the agency's administrator on all legal and enforcement policy issues, and defending the agency in all litigation including appearances before the United States Supreme Court in the landmark environmental law case *U.S. Department of Transportation v. Public Citizen*, 124 S.Ct. 2204, 159 L.Ed.2d 60 (2004).

In the private sector Mr. McCown has been a member of both international and national law firms and his background includes extensive litigation expertise defending clients throughout all phases of administrative, trial and appellate proceedings. He is a frequent CLE lecturer and published legal author, a contributor to *National Journal* and *Forbes*, and is also regularly quoted by the press in stories concerning energy and transportation policy.

A native of Ironton, Ohio, Mr. McCown graduated from Miami University with a degree in Diplomacy & Foreign Affairs. He is also a retired Naval Aviator, having served on active duty with the U.S. Navy during Operations Desert Storm, Support Democracy (Haiti), and Unified Assistance (SE Asia Tsunami).