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## **Stephen R. Yurek**

President and CEO



Stephen R. Yurek currently serves as President and CEO of the Air-Conditioning, Heating, and Refrigeration Institute (AHRI), one of the larger trade associations in Washington. The association was formed as a result of the 2008 merger of the Air-Conditioning and Refrigeration Institute and the Gas Appliance Manufacturers Association. As President and CEO, Mr. Yurek manages about 95 staff and oversees all operations of the association, which has more than 300 manufacturing members representing some \$27 billion in annual sales volume.

Mr. Yurek was named President of the Air-Conditioning and Refrigeration Institute in early 2007. Prior to that, he served for a year as Chief Operating Officer and General Counsel, after having joined ARI in 2002 as General Counsel and, subsequently, as Vice President of Policy and Public Affairs.

Mr. Yurek currently serves on the U.S. Chamber of Commerce's Committee of 100, on the NAM's Council of Manufacturing Association, on the Board of the HVACR Industry Alliance, and on the Board of North American Technician Excellence (NATE).

Mr. Yurek came to ARI from the education community, having served as Vice President of Business Development and Public Affairs for CompassLearning, Inc., where he was responsible for developing strategic alliances with corporations and associations and representing the organization's interests before Congress, the Department of Education, and state government.

Other education-related positions included stints as General Counsel and Chief Operating Officer for the National Association of Secondary School Principals, General Counsel for the International Confederation of Principals, and Secretary-Treasurer for the Trust to Reach Educational Excellence, a non-profit dedicated to providing educational and leadership opportunities for disadvantaged youth.

Early in his career, Mr. Yurek managed the regulatory and litigation service for a small Minnesota firm, where he participated in administrative and regulatory proceedings before the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, the Federal Trade Commission, the Federal Communications Commission, and 25 state regulatory agencies.

Mr. Yurek holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Chemistry and a Juris Doctor. He is a member of the Bar in his home state of Minnesota, as well as in Virginia, where he currently resides.