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Brooke Poole Clark Named New NRC General Counsel



The Nuclear Regulatory Commission announced today the selection of Brooke Poole Clark as the new General Counsel. Clark has been serving as Secretary of the Commission since April 2022. She will succeed Marian L. Zobler, who will be retiring this fall after 33 years of service at the NRC. The appointment is effective October 15.

In her new role, Clark will oversee the Office of the General Counsel and direct matters of law and legal policy; provide legal opinions, advice, and assistance to the agency; monitor adjudicatory proceedings; provide legal interpretations; and represent and protect the interests of the NRC in legal matters.

“Brooke has 25 years of legal and leadership experience,” said NRC Chair Christopher T. Hanson. “Her wealth of expertise on policy and regulatory issues from her experience in both the government and private sector makes her exceptionally qualified for this position. She will play an instrumental role in the challenges ahead.”

Clark started her legal career at the NRC in 1998 through the Honor Law Graduate program. From 2001 to 2004, she was an associate attorney at Winston & Strawn LLP before rejoining the NRC’s Office of the General Counsel. She held positions in the Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation, the Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards, and the Office of the Chief Human Capital Officer. She also served as legal counsel to former NRC chairmen Nils Diaz and Dale Klein, and she headed the Office of Commission Appellate Adjudication for 10 years. Later, Clark held a leadership position as Deputy General Counsel for Licensing, Hearings, and Enforcement and was a key member of the agency’s COVID-19 task force, which guided the agency through the pandemic.

Clark earned a bachelor’s degree in political science from the University of California at Berkeley and a law degree from the George Washington University Law School. She is a graduate of the NRC’s Leadership Potential and Senior Executive Service Candidate Development programs.