IN MEMORIAM: KEVIN J. MCINTYRE

Kevin J. McIntyre, a Commissioner and former Chairman of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, died of brain cancer on January 2, 2019, at his home in Arlington, Virginia. He was 58 years old.

Born at Dover Air Force Base, Kevin moved frequently with his military family during his early years. He graduated from San Diego State University and earned his law degree from the Georgetown University Law Center. Kevin began his legal career at Reid and Priest, where he first encountered FERC, the agency that would become the focus of his profession. Kevin later joined Jones Day, where he became a partner and practiced law for nearly 25 years, ultimately becoming co-leader of the firm’s global energy practice.

Nominated by President Trump in August 2017, Kevin was sworn in as the FERC Chairman on December 7, 2017. Kevin’s impact on FERC was immediate, as he led the agency’s action on a Proposed Rule on Grid Reliability and Resilience Pricing submitted to FERC by the Secretary of Energy, a proposal seen by many as a means to provide financial support for coal and nuclear powered generation resources. FERC rejected this proposal in a unanimous decision, an action which was largely credited to Kevin’s leadership and his relentless focus on the rule of law and his oft-repeated commitment that politics should not be allowed to interfere with the work of the Commission. Throughout his time at FERC, he was profoundly committed to public service and to the work of the Commission. In his testimony at his confirmation hearing, Kevin summed up the principles that guided his approach to government service as those rooted in the importance of the rule of law, the need to bring an even-handed and judicious approach to each matter, and the importance of listening, which he understood to be indispensable to fairness and sound decision-making.

Kevin’s service at FERC was the culmination of a long and accomplished legal career. While in private practice, he represented a wide range of energy clients, including integrated energy companies, energy producers, marketers and traders, transmission companies, and many others. This breadth of experience enabled him to provide his clients clear, well-reasoned advice based on careful research and the perspective of a seasoned expert. He was a long-standing member of the Energy Bar Association, where he served on the Board of Directors of the Charitable Foundation of the Energy Bar Association.

Blessed with a warm and outgoing personality, Kevin enjoyed a wide circle of friends. Stephen Brogan, Jones Day’s Managing Partner, wrote in a note to the firm following Kevin’s death that his “ability to build communities of friends and colleagues within the halls of Jones Day was almost peerless.” His faith was a foundational aspect of his life, and he was active in the Cathedral of St. Thomas More in Arlington and in the John Carroll Society in Washington. An accomplished athlete, he was a committed runner who completed five marathons. Kevin also enjoyed theater and music. At Georgetown Law, he sang in productions of the Georgetown Gilbert & Sullivan Society, including in the starring role as the Pirate King in “The Pirates of Penzance.” His service to Georgetown continued long after his graduation and included membership on the Law Alumni Board,
which he chaired from 2006 to 2008, the Corporate Counsel Institute Advisory Board, and the Alumni Association Board of Governors where he was a member of the Executive Committee. He was also a long-time season ticket holder for his beloved Georgetown Hoyas basketball team.

Kevin is survived by his wife, Jennifer Brosnahan McIntyre, and their three children, Elizabeth, Thomas, and Anna, all of Arlington, and a large extended family.