

Loretta Lynch

Loretta Lynch served as President of the California Public Utilities Commission from 2000 through 2002 and served as a Commissioner until January 2005. Ms. Lynch guided the PUC through the California energy crisis and fought against gouging and manipulation by energy sellers. Commissioner Lynch was an early critic of energy deregulation and is a strong advocate of keeping rates reasonable and affordable.

Ms. Lynch currently lectures at the Goldman School of Public Policy at the University of California, Berkeley, where she also has a fellowship to write a book on the California energy crisis.

Prior to her appointment to the PUC, Ms. Lynch was the director of Governor Davis' Office of Planning and Research. Before entering public service, Ms. Lynch was a partner in the litigation firm of Kecker & Van Nest, where she represented corporate clients and individuals from the technology and industrial sectors. Ms. Lynch was named one of the 100 most influential lawyers in California in 2000 and 2001 by the *Los Angeles Daily Journal*. She was named one of 100 San Francisco women business leaders in 2001, 2002 and 2003 by the *San Francisco Business Times*.

Ms. Lynch has worked in key roles in a number of political campaigns, including Van de Kamp for Governor, 1990; Clinton for President, 1992; Dianne Feinstein for U.S. Senate, 1992; and Delaine Eastin, California Superintendent of Public Instruction, 1994. Ms. Lynch also volunteered for Ellen Taucher's first congressional campaign in 1996 and for Gray Davis' 1998 campaign for Governor.

Ms. Lynch has worked as class action counsel for the Legal Aid Foundation of Los Angeles and clerked for the Honorable Dorothy W. Nelson, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit. Ms. Lynch holds a law degree from Yale University. She is a graduate of the University of Southern California and was born in Independence, Missouri.