

## **Bill Magness, President and Chief Executive Officer**

Bill Magness is ERCOT's president and chief executive officer. Prior to becoming CEO in January 2016, Bill served as ERCOT's General Counsel for more than five years.

Bill began practicing public utility law in 1991, when he joined the Office of Public Utility Counsel. He worked in law firms, a telecommunications industry group, the Public Utility Commission, and a start-up company before spending 10 years at the firm then known as Casey, Gentz & Magness in Austin.

At Casey, Gentz & Magness, Bill served as lead counsel in regulatory cases before utility commissions in 16 states. Bill is a long-time member of the Public Utility Law Section, and served as President of the Section (sometime around the turn of the century).

Before his work in the utility industry, Bill served as a federal prosecutor in the U.S. Attorney's office in Detroit, and as an associate at a Boston law firm.

Bill grew up in Orange, Texas, received his bachelor's degree from The University of Texas at Austin, and graduated from the University of Pennsylvania Law School. He and his wife are the parents of two daughters.