



Wisconsin Public Utility Institute  
UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-MADISON



## Ellen Nowak

### Public Service Commission of Wisconsin

Ellen Nowak was first appointed to the Public Service Commission of Wisconsin (PSCW) in July 2011 by Governor Scott Walker. She was confirmed for a six-year term beginning on March 1, 2013. She was named Chairperson in March 2015.

Ellen serves as First Vice President on the executive committee and the board of directors for the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (NARUC). Her duties at NARUC also include serving on the board of directors, Executive Committee, the

Committee on Energy Resources and the Environment, and on the Task Force on Environmental Regulation and Generation. Ellen also serves on the advisory council to the board of directors for the Electric Power Research Institute, the advisory council for the Center for Public Utilities and the advisory committee for the Critical Consumer Issues Forum. She previously served three years on the advisory council to the board of directors for the Electric Power Research Institute (EPRI).

Prior to her appointment to the PSCW, Ellen served as the chief of staff to then-county executive of Waukesha County Dan Vrakas. From 2002-2006, she served as legal counsel and subsequent chief of staff to the then-Speaker of the Wisconsin Assembly. She also worked as the deputy director of School Choice Wisconsin. From 1998-2002, Ellen practiced business litigation at Mallery & Zimmerman, S.C., in Milwaukee.

Ellen has a law degree from Marquette University and a Bachelor of Science from the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee.