

SCOTT BLAKE HARRIS

Scott Blake Harris is the General Counsel of the Department of Energy. He was nominated for the position by President Barack Obama in March, and was confirmed by the United States Senate in May, 2009. Mr. Harris has practiced law in Washington D.C. for thirty-three years both in the private sector and in government. Mr. Harris has had extensive litigation, telecommunications and technology law, trade law, administrative law, and national security law experience.

Prior to joining the Department, Mr. Harris was the Managing Partner of Harris, Wiltshire & Grannis LLP, a nationally recognized law firm he founded in 1998. He has also been a partner in the law firms of Williams & Connolly LLP and Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher LLP, where he headed the firm's communications practice. Mr. Harris also served in government from 1993 to 1996, first as Chief Counsel for Export Administration in the United States Department of Commerce, and then as the first Chief of the International Bureau at the Federal Communications Commission. Early in his career, he served as a law clerk to the Honorable Gerhard A. Gesell on the United States District Court for the District of Columbia.

In addition to practicing law, Mr. Harris has been active in the legal and policy communities. He has been a member of the Advisory Board of Virginia Tech's Center for Wireless Communications, Chairman of the FCC's Advisory Committee for the 1997 World Radio Conference, Co-Chair of the Council on Foreign Relations Study Group on Information Technology and Foreign Policy, a member of the Executive Committee of the United States ITU Association, a Trustee of the Federal Communications Bar Association (FCBA) Foundation, Co-Chair of the FCBA's International, Online, Legislative Practice, and Annual Seminar Committees, and an Adjunct Professor at Georgetown Law Center.

Mr. Harris has received many honors during his legal career, including the prestigious Marconi-Bell Award from the National Association of Radio and Telecommunications Engineers and the Chairman's Award for Special Achievement at Federal Communications Commission. He has been regularly ranked among the top lawyers in Washington, DC and nationally by trade publications such as the Legal Times and by the numerous services that list the top lawyers from around the world.

Mr. Harris graduated magna cum laude from both Harvard Law School and Brown University, where he was a member of Phi Beta Kappa.