

Biography: David Cooney, Jr., Senior Counsel

Office of General Counsel
Railroad Commission of Texas

Current Position

David Cooney, Jr. is Senior Counsel with an emphasis on Environmental Law in the Railroad Commission of Texas Office of General Counsel. He joined the Railroad Commission's Office of General Counsel in February 2000 as its top environmental attorney primarily serving the Environmental Permitting, Underground Injection Control, Site Remediation, and Field Operations sections of the Oil & Gas Division. In that capacity, Mr. Cooney also played a key role in the most recent update of the Memorandum of Understanding between the Commission and the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ). He served as Director of Enforcement from October 2013 to November 2017.

Prior Experience and Education

Prior to joining the Railroad Commission, Mr. Cooney worked at the TCEQ where he served the Superfund, Voluntary Cleanup and Natural Resource Trustee programs and helped write the Texas Risk Reduction Program environmental clean-up rules. Before moving into environmental law in Austin, Mr. Cooney practiced insurance defense, civil, criminal defense and appellate law in Houston. He received his law degree from South Texas College of Law. At the Railroad Commission, Mr. Cooney puts to good use his college days' work as roustabout and roughneck in the south Louisiana marsh.

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