



## **JAMES VAN NOSTRAND**

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James Van Nostrand was appointed chair of the Massachusetts Department of Public Utilities in May 2023. Prior to this appointment, he was the Charles M. Love, Jr. Endowed Professor and director of the Center for Energy and Sustainable Development at the West Virginia University College of Law. He is the author of *The Coal Trap: How West Virginia Was Left Behind in the Clean Energy Revolution* (Cambridge University Press, 2022). Previously, James was adjunct faculty at the Elisabeth Haub School of Law at Pace University (White Plains, NY) and executive director of that School's Pace Energy and Climate Center. Earlier in his career, James was a partner in the energy and environmental practice groups of the Perkins Coie and Stoel Rives law firms. In his 22-year career in private practice, he represented energy clients in state regulatory proceedings in multiple states as well as proceedings before the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission. James received an LL.M. in environmental law from the Elisabeth Haub School of Law at Pace University, a J.D. from the University of Iowa College of Law, a master's degree in economics from the State University of New York at Albany, and an undergraduate degree in economics from the University of Northern Iowa.