

LCLD Fellows Program Leadership Lunch: *Southern California Edison*

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Speakers:

Russell C. Swartz, Senior Vice President and General Counsel, Southern California Edison (SCE)

and

Kenneth T. Araki, Senior Attorney, SCE; 2015 Fellow

Robert Kang, Senior Attorney, SCE

Jennifer Shigekawa, Assistant General Counsel, SCE

Kris Vyas, Senior Attorney, SCE; 2014 Fellow

Agenda:

12:00 - 12:30 pm Fellows Networking

12:30 - 12:45 pm Introductions

12:45 - 2:00 pm Discussion and Q&A



RUSSELL C. SWARTZ is Senior Vice President and General Counsel for Southern California Edison (SCE). He is responsible for all legal matters associated with SCE.

He joined SCE in 1993 as a senior attorney, concentrating on independent generator-related matters. He was elected to serve as an assistant general counsel in April 2002 and to the position of vice president and associate general counsel in February 2010, and in both capacities managed the company's litigation.

Prior to joining SCE, Swartz was a partner in the litigation department of a commercial law firm. He began his legal career as a law clerk for Judge Joan Demsey Klein in the California Court of Appeals in Los Angeles.

Swartz serves on the Board of Directors of the Civil Justice Association of California. He is also a member of the Editorial Advisory Board to *California Lawyer* magazine and a member of the Leadership Council on Legal Diversity.

Swartz earned a bachelor's degree in political science from the University of Southern California and a law degree from the University of California, Los Angeles.



KEN ARAKI is a Senior Attorney in the Contracts and Intellectual Property Law Section at Southern California Edison. He provides legal counsel to SCE and its affiliates on a broad range of commercial transactions and business projects, with a focus on business process outsourcing, privacy, and emerging technology law issues. Araki's recent projects include the outsourcing of SCE's IT Department, and the strategic upgrade of SCE's public website, SCE.com. He has also helped to create company-wide policies on the use of technology including social media, personal computing devices (BYOD), open source software, and cloud computing solutions.

Prior to joining SCE, Araki was an associate at Paul, Hastings, Janofsky & Walker LLP in Los Angeles. Araki received his J.D. and M.B.A. from UC Berkeley.



ROBERT KANG is a Senior Attorney at Southern California Edison, specializing in regulatory and cybersecurity. His practice includes developing incident response plans and compliance procedural documents. Prior to SCE, Robert was a senior litigation associate at a major U.S. law firm. Robert worked as judicial law clerk for the Honorable Johnnie B. Rawlinson, Circuit Judge for the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit. He also graduated number 10 in his class from the UCLA School of Law.



JENNIFER SHIGEKAWA is has practiced in SCE's Law Department for over fifteen years. As Assistant General Counsel, she leads three sections of the department: Resource Policy and Planning, Power Procurement, and Customer and Tariff. Attorneys in the Resource Policy and Planning and Power Procurement Sections handle energy contracts and regulatory litigation matters in the areas of the Renewables Portfolio Standard, the Long Term Procurement Plan, "feed-in tariff"

programs, resource adequacy, greenhouse gas regulations, low carbon fuel standards, energy storage, cogeneration/combined heat and power, net energy metering, and distributed generation, among others.

The Customer and Tariff Section attorneys are responsible for customer service and retail tariffs, rate design and revenue allocation, direct access, community choice aggregation, municipalization, bypass, energy efficiency, demand response, and electric transportation.

Shigekawa joined SCE in 1998. From 1992 to 1998, Shigekawa was an associate attorney practicing commercial litigation for the law firm Graham and James LLP in Los Angeles, California.

Shigekawa earned her Bachelor of Arts degree in communications, *magna cum laude*, from the University of California, Los Angeles (1989) and her Juris Doctorate from Loyola Law School (1992).

Shigekawa also currently serves as a member of the Board of Directors of the California Minority Counsel Program.



KRIS VYAS is a Senior Attorney in Southern California Edison Company's Law Department. He has extensive experience in both regulatory and civil litigation. His current responsibilities include serving as lead counsel for SCE's general rate case, and lead counsel for smart grid proceedings. Vyas also serves as the company's affiliates counsel. SCE nominated Vyas as a Fellow for the Leadership Council for Legal Diversity in 2014. Prior to joining SCE, Vyas practiced at the law firm of

Morrison & Foerster LLP.

Vyas graduated from UC Berkeley, earning a B.A. in political science with high honors. He graduated from UCLA Law School, where he was awarded Best Briefwriter and Distinguished Advocate in the moot court competition, and was selected to represent UCLA in the national moot court competition. Vyas also served as a teacher in a youth prison camp as part of the Street Law program.

