

# David Spence

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Business and public policy, business law and regulation, energy and the environment

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## Description

David Spence is an educator, attorney, and expert speaker on business and governmental relations and regulation, particularly energy and environmental regulation, including topics such as the hydraulic fracturing debate. He studies and speaks on topics of ethics and corporate social responsibility, business law, and environmental law.

Spence is a professor in the business, government and society department at the McCombs School of Business, The University of Texas at Austin, and he teaches energy law at the UT School of Law.

He has taught as a visitor at the Duke University Nicholas School of the Environment, the Vanderbilt Law School, the Cornell Law School, Harvard Law School, IMADEC University in Vienna, Austria, and the Bren School of the Environment at the University of California at Santa Barbara.

Spence is a prominent researcher published in numerous top tier legal journals including the University of Pennsylvania Law Review, the Texas Law Review, and the California Law Review. He has also published in peer-reviewed journals, including the American Journal of Political Science, Journal of Public Administration Research and Theory, and the Public Administration Review. He is co-director for regulation and policy, the Energy Management & Information Center, and is on the board of advisors of Ethics Unwrapped.

His public outreach includes expert commentary and op-eds in the Houston Chronicle, UT Law Grid Commentary, Dallas Morning News, San Francisco Chronicle, Austin American-Statesman, and the Fort Worth Star-Telegram.

Spence has earned the CIBER Award for the best "internationalized" course for Energy Law, and is a frequent winner of the McCombs School MBA Teaching Honor Roll.

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## Industry Expertise

Energy, Oil and Gas, Judiciary, International Trade and Development, Environmental Services, Public Policy, Utilities

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## Topics

Corporate Social Responsibility, Sustainability, Renewable Energy, Climate Change, Business Ethics, Government Regulation of Business, Business Law, Energy Policy and Law, Environmental Policy and Law, Fracking, Green Policies

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## Affiliations

New York State Bar, American Bar Association, American Political Science Association, Midwest Political Science Association, UCLA Sustainable Los Angeles Grand Challenge: Technical Advisor, Univ. of Michigan Graham Center on Sustainability, Hydraulic Fracturing in Michigan: Peer Reviewer, The Washington Campus: Board Member

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## **Past Talks**

### **EPA's Clean Power Plan**

Central Texas Association for Energy Economics and UT Energy Institute

### **The Regulatory Contract in the Marketplace**

UCLA School of Law, Climate Change Seminar

### **State-Local Conflict Over Hydraulic Fracturing**

University of California at Berkeley School of Law Presentation

### **The Energy-Environment Nexus**

Stegner Symposium, University of Utah College of Law

### **Smart Grid Regulatory Barriers**

Searle Center Conference, Northwestern University School of Law

### **Panel Moderator, Risks and Rewards of More Texas Wind and Solar**

SXSW Eco Conference

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## **Education**

### **Duke University**

Ph.D. Political Science

### **University of North Carolina School of Law**

J.D. Law

### **Gettysburg College**

B.Sc. History

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## **Accomplishments**

### **Fawn and Vijay Mahajan Teaching Excellence Award**

For Executive Education.

### **McCombs School MBA Teaching Honor Roll**

Awarded by the McCombs School of Business at the University of Texas at Austin, 2002, 2003, 2008 and 2011.

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CIBER**

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**Testimonials**

**David Wenger**

David Spence refuses to be drawn to sides in the debate over energy policy and regulation, choosing instead to be the illuminating voice of fact and reason. His expertise in political science, law, energy and the environment allows him to speak relevantly on today's most volatile conversations about business and public policy.

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