

# Biography

WESTERN AREA POWER ADMINISTRATION



## **JOHN D. BREMER**

General Counsel

Western Area Power Administration

John D. Bremer was named WAPA's General Counsel in April 2011. Previously, he represented WAPA's Transmission Infrastructure Program, which supports the construction of new transmission facilities aimed at expanding and modernizing the electric grid.

Bremer began his legal career in 1989 with the U.S. Air Force as an active duty Judge Advocate, rising to the rank of captain. He was stationed at Mather Air Force Base in Sacramento, California until 1993. From 1993 to 1995, Bremer was stationed at Beale AFB, in Marysville, California, where he served as the base claims officer and the area defense counsel. He is a graduate of the Air Force Squadron Officer School and was awarded the National Defense Service Medal and twice received the Air Force Commendation Medal.

Bremer's career at WAPA began in 1996 as a staff attorney focusing on matters relating to the deregulated electricity markets in California. This prepared him for a decade of overseeing WAPA's legal defense against claims arising from the California Energy Crisis of 2000-2001.

In 1999, Bremer was selected to serve as counsel for WAPA's Colorado River Storage Project Management Center. For nine years there, he provided advice on Reclamation law, power and transmission marketing and environmental and water law matters.

During his 21 years with WAPA, Bremer has advised the procurement and personnel offices and supported the organization in litigation. His work has brought him before the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, the Court of Federal Claims and the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals.

In 2008, he graduated from the Office of Personnel Management's Colorado Leadership Development Program. The Department of Energy honored Bremer with its Procurement Executive Award in 2010.

Bremer was first admitted to practice law in December 1988 in the state of Idaho after graduating from the University of Idaho in Moscow. He was subsequently admitted in the District of Columbia and the Court of Military Appeal in 1989, and the Federal District Courts for Colorado and California in 1996 and 2001 respectively. Bremer is a member of the District of Columbia, California and Energy Bar associations.