



## **Austin Schlick**

### **Executive Director**

Austin Schlick was appointed Executive Director of CPSC by Chair Alex Hoehn-Saric in January 2024. In this role, Schlick serves as the chief operating officer of the agency, and is responsible for its programmatic, operational, and administrative functions. He also manages the agency's regulatory portfolio and supervises CPSC's efforts to identify and reduce hazards to consumers.

Schlick's oversight includes compliance enforcement, import surveillance, and international programs; as well as the agency's financial management and outreach to the public and stakeholder communities.

Schlick came to CPSC as General Counsel in 2021. Under his leadership, the Office of the General Counsel provided advice and guidance to Commissioners and staff and facilitated the passage of 14 final rules in FY2023, many of which had languished for years.

Before joining CPSC, Schlick served as Director of Communications Law at Google, where he founded and directed Google's global regulatory team, including advocacy and compliance for its communications products and services offerings. His previous positions in the federal government include General Counsel of the Federal Communications Commission and Assistant to the Solicitor General in the Department of Justice, where he argued seven cases before the U.S. Supreme Court.

Schlick began his legal career as a law clerk to Chief Judge Abner Mikva of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit and Supreme Court Justice Sandra Day O'Connor.

Schlick is a graduate of Princeton University and Yale Law School.