

# FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

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## DAVID M. MASON COMMISSIONER

David M. Mason was nominated to the Federal Election Commission by President William Clinton on March 4, 1998, and confirmed by the U.S. Senate on July 30, 1998.

Prior to his appointment, Mason served as Senior Fellow, Congressional Studies, at the Heritage Foundation. He joined Heritage in 1990 as Director of Executive Branch Liaison, promoting Heritage programs and publications to government officials. In 1991 he assumed additional responsibilities as Director of the Foundation's U.S. Congress Assessment Project. In 1995 he was promoted to the position of Vice President, Government Relations, in which he supervised Heritage's legislative and executive relations efforts in addition to overseeing the Government Reform Project, which conducts research on Congress, term limits, the federal grants process and labor unions. In 1997 Mason was designated Senior Fellow to give concentrated attention to research, writing and commentary on Congress and national politics.

David Mason served as Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense, where he managed the Pentagon's relations with the U.S. House of Representatives. One of his major accomplishments there was guiding base closing legislation to a successful conclusion.

Mason served on Capitol Hill, as a Legislative Assistant to Senator John Warner, Legislative Director to Representative Tom Bliley, and Staff Director to then-House Republican Whip Trent Lott. He was active as a staffer and volunteer in numerous Congressional, Senate, Gubernatorial and Presidential campaigns, and was himself the Republican nominee for the Virginia House of Delegates in the 48<sup>th</sup> District in 1982.

Commissioner Mason attended Lynchburg College in Virginia and graduated *cum laude* from Claremont McKenna College in California. He is active in political and

community affairs in northern Virginia and in the home education movement nationally. He and his wife reside in Lovettsville, Virginia with their six children.

TERM SUMMARY

CURRENT APPOINTMENT:	March 4, 1998, by President Clinton
SENATE CONFIRMATION:	July 30, 1998
SWORN IN:	August 6, 1998, by Circuit Judge J. Michael Luttig
TERM:	April 30, 2003

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