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Biographical Sketch

David C. Vladeck is the Director of the Federal Trade Commission's Bureau of Consumer Protection. The Bureau works to protect consumers against unfair, deceptive, or fraudulent practices. The Bureau conducts investigations, sues companies and people who violate the law, develops rules to protect consumers, and educates consumers and businesses about their rights and responsibilities. The Bureau also collects complaints about consumer fraud and identity theft and makes them available to law enforcement agencies across the country.

While at the FTC, Vladeck is on leave from Georgetown University Law Center, where he is a Professor of Law. He has taught courses in federal courts, government processes, civil procedure, first amendment litigation, and co-directed the Institute for Public Representation, a clinical law program at the Law Center where he handled a broad array of civil rights, first amendment, and regulatory litigation. Prior to joining the Georgetown faculty in 2002, Vladeck spent nearly 30 years with Public Citizen Litigation Group, serving as its Director from 1992 to 2002. He has handled a wide range of complex litigation, primary in federal courts, including first amendment, health and safety, civil rights, class actions, preemption and open government cases. He has argued a number of First Amendment and civil rights cases before the United States Supreme Court, and more than 60 cases before the federal courts of appeal and state courts of last resort. Vladeck has testified frequently before Congress, advised Members of Congress on legal matters, and written on administrative law, preemption, first amendment, legal ethics, and access to justice issues. Vladeck received his undergraduate degree from New York University, his law degree from Columbia University School of Law, and an LL.M. degree from Georgetown University Law Center. In May 2008, *Legal Times of Washington* recognized him as one of 30 "champions of justice," and one of the 90 greatest lawyers in Washington, D.C., over the past 30 years.