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Before joining ELCON, Mr. Acquard served for almost twenty years as Executive Director of the National Association of State Utility Consumer Advocates (NASUCA), an organization comprised of agencies designated by state law to represent mostly residential utility consumers before state public utility commissions and the courts. Prior to joining NASUCA, Mr. Acquard was a Senior Legislative Representative for the American Public Power Association, Legislative Assistant to a Member of Congress from Texas, and a crime reporter for the Arlington, Texas, Daily News.

Mr. Acquard was a University Scholar at Southern Methodist University where he received degrees with honors in Political Science and Journalism. He is also a graduate of SMU's Dedman School of Law and a member of the Maryland and Pennsylvania bars. He lives in Laurel, Maryland, with his wife Geraldine, a high school psychology teacher, and three college-age sons.