

## **The Lengthy Life Expectancy of Executive Order 12291**

“ When President Reagan called for an expansion of the economic analysis of federal regulations in Executive Order (EO) 12,291—issued a mere 28 days after inauguration—it was widely seen as an overtly political order that would not stand the test of time. Thirty years later, the mainstream view is that the core cost–benefit elements of E.O. 12,291 have been embraced by both Democratic and Republican administrations.”

“Thus, the Bush administration issued a number of specific directives aimed at changing agency practices, with some degree of enforcement, whereas both the Clinton and Obama administrations have taken a more cooperative approach of encouraging better practices, generally with limited enforcement efforts.”

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