



**EBC Connecticut Chapter Program
Legislative Briefing on 2016 Connecticut Energy & Environmental Initiatives**

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AGENDA

- 8:00 a.m. **Welcome – John Figurelli, Chair, EBC Connecticut Chapter**
Team Leader, Weston & Sampson
- 8:10 a.m. **Legislative Briefing on 2016 Connecticut Energy & Environmental Initiatives**
- **Robert LaFrance, Esq.**, Director of Governmental Affairs
Office of the Commissioner, CT DEEP
 - **Julie Cammarata**, Program Chair
Principal, Cammarata Government Affairs
- 9:30 a.m. **Adjourn**

BIOGRAPHIES

Julie Cammarata, Principal
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Julie is an active and respected lobbyist in Connecticut with 20 years' experience working in and with Connecticut state government.

In 2012, Julie started her own renewable energy-focused consulting firm, helping clients realize market opportunities while advancing energy policy goals. Since then, CGA was formed to assist clients across a variety of policy areas. But the core philosophy of the firm remains: to help clients navigate the government terrain in a way that makes their businesses or organizations stronger while supporting -- and advancing where possible -- the State's key policy objectives.

Julie served in State government for more than ten years and under two governors in various communications and policy development roles and represented companies in the the public and not-for-profit sectors before the executive and legislative branches. She understands how public policy is made, how it can be shaped and how to communicate effectively with key officials to make a difference.

Julie has an in-depth understanding of energy, particularly the natural gas, liquid fuels and electric markets, including wholesale, retail and “behind-the-meter” regulatory issues. Julie has a reputation for making complex energy and environmental topics easy to understand in a way that helps clients navigate the legislative and regulatory landscape.

Throughout her career, Julie worked cooperatively with state and federal legislators on both sides of the aisle, agency officials, the regulated utilities and key energy stakeholders to achieve results. Julie was instrumental in the first competitive electric procurement for State facilities in 2007, which resulted in an estimated \$18 million in electric cost savings to the State. In addition, Julie successfully fought legislation that would have enacted an electric sales tax and electric generation tax on the municipal electric utilities and their assets.

Julie grew up in Watertown, Connecticut and graduated from Holy Cross High School in Waterbury. She graduated cum laude with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Philosophy from the University of North Carolina at Charlotte and received her Juris Doctorate degree from the University of Connecticut School of Law in 2000.

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Upcoming EBC CT Chapter Programs

- March 3: Connecticut Chapter – Briefing from CT DEEP Deputy Commissioner
- March 3: Connecticut Chapter Program Planning Meeting
- March 23: Connecticut Program – Critical Impact of Stormwater Management
- April 15: Connecticut Program – Update from CT DEEP and U.S. EPA
- **June 16: EBC 23rd Annual EBEE Awards and 26th Annual Meeting**

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