EBC Energy Resources Program: Briefing by the DOER Division Directors

Creating a Cleaner Energy Future for the Commonwealth

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AGENDA

8:00 a.m. Welcome: John Wadsworth, Chair, EBC Energy Resources Committee
Partner, Brown Rudnick LLP

Introduction and Overview: Julie Barry, Program Chair and Moderator
Partner, Prince Lobel Tye LLP

8:10 a.m. Presentations and Panel Discussion from the DOER Directors

Moderator: Julie Barry, Prince Lobel Tye LLP

DOER Directors:

- Arah Schuur, Director of Energy Efficiency
- Mike Judge, Director of Renewable and Alternative Energy
- Joanne Bissetta, Green Communities Deputy Director
- Will Lauwers, Director of Emerging Technology
- Jillian DiMedio, Assistant Director of Leading By Example Office

10:00 a.m. Adjourn

PROGRAM CHAIR

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Julie Pruitt Barry is a trial and appellate attorney with more than 20 years of experience in state and federal courts, including the Massachusetts Appeals Court, Superior Courts, Land Court and Probate Courts, and the U.S. District Court, and First Circuit Court of Appeals. She represents developers, commercial and residential property owners, businesses, and individuals. She is also experienced in state and federal administrative proceedings before the Department of Environmental Protection, the
Housing Appeals Committee, the state Building Code Board of Appeals the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

Julie's practice focuses on real estate and land use litigation and permitting, including real estate acquisition and title litigation, prescriptive easements and adverse possession claims, zoning and subdivision permitting and litigation, wetlands, tidelands, and Title 5 adjudicatory appeals and litigation, affordable housing permitting and development, historic districts, and state and federal environmental matters including MEPA, 21E, CERCLA, and RCRA permitting and litigation. She also represents clients in commercial real estate disputes, title and easement disputes, construction litigation, insurance coverage disputes, and product liability, and in mediation and arbitration.

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Joanne Bissetta was recently appointed to the position of Acting Director of the Green Communities Division at the MA Department of Energy Resources. No stranger at DOER headquarters, Joanne served as Deputy Director and was a Green Communities Regional Coordinator for the past seven years. She brings over two decades of local and state government to her new role. She created and implemented an award-winning water conservation program in the Town of Concord, established the state’s first full-scale multi-family recycling program in the City of Cambridge, and worked in several compliance assistance positions at MassDEP. Joanne earned a BS in communications at Emerson College and a MA in Urban and Environmental Policy at Tufts University.

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Jillian DiMedio is the Assistant Director of the Massachusetts Leading by Example Program (LBE), a “Greening the Government” effort established by a 2007 Executive Order. LBE works with all of state government to identify, plan, and implement clean energy and sustainability projects across a diverse portfolio of state facilities, ranging from large college campuses and prisons to small visitor centers and seasonal park facilities. In this role, Jillian provides managerial and strategic planning support to the LBE Director, including the oversight of a five-year, $30 million budget for LBE programs, and works closely with state government partners on a wide range of clean energy initiatives. Prior to joining DOER, she worked in both the private and non-profit sectors in sustainability and clean energy advocacy. Jillian holds Master's degrees in Environmental Science and Policy and Business Administration from Clark University.

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Michael Judge has served as the Director of the Renewable and Alternative Energy Division at the Department of Energy Resources (DOER) since October 2015. As Director, Michael manages the Division as it designs and implements renewable and alternative energy policy and programs for the Commonwealth. Before his appointment as Director, he served in various other roles at DOER,
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