



EBC & RISEP Evening Program: Updates from Rhode Island DEM & OER

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AGENDA

6:00 p.m. **Welcome – Rick Mandile, Chair, EBC Rhode Island Chapter**

Program Introduction and Overview

Christian F. Capizzo, Program Chair & Moderator
Counsel, Partridge Snow & Hahn LLP

6:10 p.m. **Update from the Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management**



Janet Coit, Director
Department of Environmental Management
State of Rhode Island

6:30 p.m. **Update from the Rhode Island Office of Energy Resources**



Carol Grant, Commissioner
Office of Energy Resources
State of Rhode Island

6:50 p.m. **Moderated Discussion**

Moderator: **Christian Capizzo**, Partridge Snow & Hahn LLP

7:30 p.m. **Adjourn**

PROGRAM CHAIR & MODERATOR

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Recognized for his ability to unify disparate groups and facilitate change, Christian concentrates his practice in the areas of environmental and energy law, land use, civil litigation, and public sector/governmental services. With over 15 years of experience, Christian is uniquely positioned to navigate clients throughout New England through the complex ever-changing world where environmental regulation and business intersect. His experience includes a diverse range of complex environmental matters including enforcement, regulatory and compliance issues, renewable energy projects, real estate development, environmental remediation including brownfields, construction and contractor claims, coastal permitting and waterfront property rights. He has represented clients before the Coastal Resources Management Council, the Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management, the Rhode Island Public Utilities Commission, the Energy Facility Siting Board, the Rhode Island Contractor's Registration and Licensing Board and the Rhode Island Department of Labor and Training.

He has represented landowners and project developers in real estate transactions, renewable energy development deals, and financing transactions associated with these projects. He plays an integral role evaluating and mitigating environmental risks relating to development projects and business transactions, as well as providing key strategy on renewable energy projects.

Christian served in the Rhode Island Attorney General's Office where he had a proven track record of successfully litigating high profile criminal and civil cases. He led the Environmental Crimes Task Force, handling litigation on environmental issues impacting Rhode Island. Christian worked closely with the Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management as outside legal counsel handling enforcement matters, drafting legislation, and negotiating diverse environmental matters. Christian has also worked closely with the U.S. Department of Justice, Environmental Protection Agency, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration, U.S. Coast Guard, U.S. Fish and Wildlife, U.S. Department of Agriculture and various state agencies and attorney generals throughout the United States.

SPEAKERS

Janet Coit, Director

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Janet Coit is Director of the Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management (RIDEM), a position she has held since 2011. Coit serves as chair of the State's Executive Climate Change Coordinating Council and the Rhode Island Seafood Marketing Collaborative. Prior to coming to RIDEM, she worked for ten years at The Nature Conservancy as Director of the Rhode Island Chapter. Before that, Coit served as counsel to the U.S. Senate Committee on the Environment and Public Works. Coit's background also includes working for three New England Senators and stints at

the Department of the Interior and the Department of Justice. Coit is dedicated to protecting the quality of the environment and the natural systems critical to the health, safety and well-being of Rhode Islanders as she leads the RIDEM. She serves on the board of the Boy Scouts of America's Narragansett Council. A graduate of Dartmouth College, Coit holds a J.D. from Stanford Law School, where she was president of the Environmental Law Society. She is married with two children.

Carol Grant, Commissioner
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Carol J. Grant currently serves as Commissioner of the Office of Energy Resources for the State of Rhode Island. Previously she was Senior Vice President-External Affairs at First Wind/SunEdison with responsibility for external affairs including public affairs, public relations and communications. Ms. Grant served as Chief of Operations for Mayor David Cicilline in the City of Providence from 2003 to 2007, leading ten departments and two strategic initiatives in the areas of neighborhood services and economic growth. She was previously Vice President of Human Resources for Textron. From 1983 to 1997, Ms. Grant held executive positions in law, external affairs, and operations for NYNEX, including leadership of the entire business in Rhode Island. She also served as the founding Chair of the Rhode Island Airport Corporation during the period that the quasi-public organization was created and the new terminal at T.F. Green Airport was built. Ms. Grant has held a wide variety of civic leadership roles, including Chair of the Greater Providence Chamber of Commerce and membership on the Governor's Economic Policy Council and the Board of the Rhode Island Foundation. Ms. Grant received her Juris Doctorate from the University of Michigan, School of Law and a Bachelor's Degree from the University of Missouri. Her honors include the Athena Award, and the New England Council's Women in Leadership Award.

UPCOMING EBC PROGRAMS

MAY 2018

May 2 – Rhode Island Program: Stormwater Management and Climate Change

May 3 – New England Regional Conference of State Solid Waste Directors

May 8 – Energy Resources Program: – Electric Vehicle Seminar

May 10 – Ascending Professionals: Communicating with Municipal Officials

May 15 – Briefing from U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Colonel Conde

May 16 – Evening Program with Newly Appointed U.S. EPA Regional Administrator Alexandra Dunn

May 18 – Briefing from the Massachusetts Clean Energy Center Leadership

May 24 – Ocean and Coastal Resources Program: Briefing from State and Federal Agencies

JUNE 2018

June 8 – Climate Adaptation Forum: Design World Views on Adaptation and Resiliency

June 12 – Solid Waste Management Program: Organics Processing in New England

June 14 – Site Remediation Program: Asbestos Management and Disposal

June 15 – Review of Environmental Programs & Opportunities at the U.S. Department of Defense

June 27 – 25th Annual EBEE Awards and 28th Annual Meeting

JULY 2018

July 10 – Rhode Island Chapter Program Planning Meeting