



EBC Climate Leadership Webinar

Massachusetts Climate Programs & Priorities for 2020

Keynote Presenter: David Ismay

Climate Change Undersecretary
Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs
Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Wednesday, May 20, 2020

AGENDA

3:00 p.m. **Welcome: Daniel Moon, President & Executive Director, EBC**

3:15 p.m. **Program Introduction – What You Will Learn**

- Ruth Silman, Moderator
Chair, EBC Climate Change & Air Committee
Partner, Nixon Peabody LLP

3:20 p.m. **Keynote Presentation**

Massachusetts Climate Change Programs & Priorities - Challenges for 2020



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3:50 p.m. **Moderated Discussion**

Moderator: Ruth Silman, Chair, EBC Climate Change & Air Committee
Partner, Nixon Peabody LLP

4:20 p.m. **Networking Opportunity**

5:00 p.m. **Adjourn**

KEYNOTE SPEAKER

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Prior to joining the Baker Administration, David Ismay was a Senior Attorney for the Conservation Law Foundation in Boston where he focused on Massachusetts energy and climate policy and New England's wholesale electricity and gas markets. He was also an adjunct lecturer in energy law and policy at Northeastern University School of Law and a senior advisor to the U.S. Deep Decarbonization Pathways Project.

Before joining CLF, Mr. Ismay was a senior associate at Farella Braun + Martel LLP in San Francisco, where he practiced infrastructure, renewable energy and land-use law. Before law school, he served both as a Surface Warfare and as Special Warfare officer in the U.S. Navy.

Mr. Ismay holds a B.S. in History with Honors from the United States Naval Academy, an M.A. in Philosophy, Politics and Economics from Oxford University (Queen's College) where he was a Rhodes Scholar, and a J.D. from Berkeley Law School (Boalt Hall).

MODERATOR

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Ruth Silman concentrates her practice on complex environmental and land use matters. She leads Nixon Peabody's Climate Change Team, a group of lawyers and environmental scientists/engineers who are assisting the firm's energy, industrial, and financial clients to meet the challenges and seize the opportunities emerging from legislative, regulatory, and judicial responses to the issue of climate change. Ruth represents clients concerning the land use implications of complex real estate transactions, including zoning, environmental impacts, permitting, and compliance. Her extensive environmental experience includes addressing air quality, hazardous waste assessment and remediation, brownfields redevelopment, wetlands protection, stormwater, wastewater, septic system, and water quality issues at the federal, state, and local level. Ruth advises clients regarding environmental management systems and environmental audits.

Ruth provides support to real estate transactions, including due diligence and advice regarding appropriate contractual protections and environmental insurance. Ruth has represented clients before state and federal courts and administrative agencies in environmental and land use litigation matters. She is involved in renewable energy efforts, including representing solar energy and wind power developers. Her experience spans various subjects including the development, permitting, construction, and operation of renewable energy facilities.

Ruth previously worked for the Massachusetts Office of the Attorney General in the Environmental Protection Division and analyzed the legality of potential policies under the federal Clean Air Act for the Northeast States for Coordinated Air Use Management (NESCAUM).