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New Jersey's Environmental Justice Law Update

Sean Moriarty, DEP Deputy Commissioner Legal, Regulatory and Legislative Affairs

Sean Moriarty serves as Deputy Commissioner for Legal, Regulatory and Legislative Affairs to Commissioner Shawn M. LaTourette. He leads DEP's internal legal team and serves as its general counsel on all matters of regulatory compliance and rule-making, and will oversee the newly created Office of Enforcement Policy.

Previously, Sean served as Chief Advisor for Regulatory and Legislative Affairs. Before assuming this position, he was the Director of the Office of Legal Affairs after several years as a Regulatory Officer with the Bureau of Legal Services and Stewardship for the DEP's Green Acres Program. Before joining DEP, Sean represented the department as a Deputy Attorney General.



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Julia Wong, Office of the DEP Deputy Commissioner Legal, Regulatory & Legislative Affairs

Julia Wong works in the Office of the Deputy Commissioner, Legal, Regulatory, and Legislative Affairs advancing the Department's policy goals, specifically surrounding environmental justice, climate change, and solar energy. She previously worked at NJDEP in the Office of Environmental Public Health and Safety as a data analyst and in the Office of Brownfield and Community Revitalization, largely supporting the Community Collaborative Initiative.



Implementing the Environmental Justice Act Discussion Panel

Moderator: Kimberly Mutcherson, Co-Dean and Professor of Law *Rutgers Law School*

Kimberly Mutcherson is an award-winning professor whose scholarship focuses on reproductive justice, bioethics, and family and health law. She has presented her scholarship nationally and internationally and publishes extensively on assisted reproduction, families, and the law. As co-dean of Rutgers Law School in Camden, she leads New Jersey's public law school, with a globally respected faculty.



Implementing the Environmental Justice Act Discussion Panel

Dennis Hart, Executive Director Chemistry Council of New Jersey

Dennis Hart joined the Chemistry Council of New Jersey as its executive director on November 14, 2016. His career spans more than four decades with most of it spent at the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, where he started as an enforcement case manager in the Division of Water Resources, rising to the rank of assistant commissioner of Environmental Regulation, and later administrator of the New Jersey Water Supply Program.

Prior to joining the Chemistry Council of New Jersey, Dennis worked in various leadership positions with the Utility and Transportation Contractors Association of New Jersey (UTCA of NJ. Dennis served as the state and federal government relations representative concerning water and utility regulatory and legal issues.



Implementing the Environmental Justice Act Discussion Panel

Robert Baranowski, Jr., Partner Hyland Levin Shapiro

Robert Baranowski concentrates his practice on environmental and land use matters. Bob represents clients in connection with development applications, zoning and land use litigation, appellate matters, redevelopment, eminent domain and inverse condemnation actions, and administrative proceedings.

Before entering private practice, Bob served as Deputy Attorney General with the State of New Jersey in the Division of Law, where he represented the Department of Environmental Protection.



Implementing the Environmental Justice Act Discussion Panel

Carlos Rodrigues, Principal Design Solutions, LLC/American Planning Association NJ Chapter

Carlos Rodrigues is principal of Design Solutions for a Crowded Planet, LLC and a Princeton, NJ based urban designer, planner and educator. He represents public, private, and non-profit clients on a wide range of planning, sustainability, design, research, and educational initiatives of merit.

He is a charter member of the Congress for a New Urbanism, Past President of the American Planning Association NJ Chapter, past board member of the Society for American City and Regional Planning History and of Downtown New Jersey, and former chair of the Princeton Township Zoning Board of Adjustment.



Closing Remarks

Jane Asselta, Vice President SNJDC

Jane Asselta serves as Vice President of the Southern New Jersey Development Council (SNJDC), a non-profit business association charged with promoting responsible economic development in South Jersey through efforts in hands-on economic development, content that supports business retention and expansion, and advocacy activities. With over 20 years of experience in development and community/ government affairs, Jane directs membership services, marketing and outreach activities as well as advocacy and legislative affairs. Jane maintains regular contact with SNJDC members to ensure a meaningful relationship between the Development Council and its membership. GEI specializes in urban area redevelopment, elimination of combined sewer outfalls, green infrastructure, climate resilience, wetlands restoration, and ecological services.



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