The Sherrill Orders: Navigating the 2026 Executive Orders and the Ongoing Shifts in New Jersey's Energy Policy

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Greenbaum partners Barbara J. Koonz, John P. Gray, and Kenneth J. Sheehan will present the program "The Sherrill Orders: Navigating the 2026 Executive Orders and the Ongoing Shifts in New Jersey's Energy Policy" at the Association of Corporate Counsel New Jersey Chapter's 24th Annual All-Day CLE Conference, which will be conducted as a virtual event throughout the month of September 2026.

The firm's presentation is scheduled for Tuesday, September 22, 2026, from 9:00am – 10:00am as a live webinar. ACCNJ board member Hugh Welsh, President and General Counsel at DMS Firmenich, will join Greenbaum as a panelist for this program.

As the nation's energy landscape continues to rapidly change, volatility in energy commodity markets and shifting environmental regulations at the federal and state levels are creating significant pressures to which corporations must adapt.

This timely session will explore how New Jersey's energy policy under the new Sherrill Administration, including the emphasis on streamlining the state's permitting process, are contributing to a perfect storm of both opportunity and risk. The panel will share their insights on how corporations can navigate through these challenges by exploring risk matrixes to help C-level executives and other decision makers determine if now is the time to taper capital expenditures or accelerate energy projects.

Barbara leads the firm's Energy & Renewable Resources practice. She practices at the intersection of energy, infrastructure, and Environmental law, providing strategic representation to a full spectrum of energy industry stakeholders, from traditional power generation and LNG facilities to data center developers and renewable

energy investors. As a highly tactical advisor, she seeks to address and mitigate the risks associated with complex projects.

John brings a wealth of expertise to assisting clients, particularly in navigating the complexities of Environmental and agency approvals for development projects, including data centers. His practice is characterized by a commitment to innovative problem-solving and strategic foresight. With nearly 24 years of experience, including significant roles at the NJ Department of Environmental Protection and NJ TRANSIT, he has strong skills in related to regulatory compliance and strategic planning.

Ken advises clients on regulatory, legislative and transactional issues associated with initiatives involving highly regulated utilities, including clean and solar energy, electric and gas, solid waste, water and wastewater, and cable and telecommunications. His broad-based experience in both the public and private sectors has provided him with a deep understanding of public utility law and administrative law.

Hugh is a business focused legal executive with experience encompassing ethics & compliance, governance, risk management, government affairs, mergers, acquisitions & divestitures, securities, commercial contracting, communications, investor relations, Litigation management, IP, labor, Tax and regulatory affairs in the nutrition, food & beverage, pharma, biotechnology, medical device, chemicals, engineering plastics, clean energy and defense contracting industries.

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