

Going Green is on the Agenda

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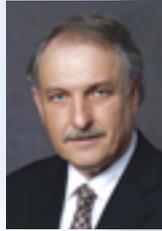
THE COMMERCE and Industry Association of New Jersey (CIANJ) and *COMMERCE* held their inaugural Environmental Leadership Medal

awards breakfast reception in April, showcasing New Jersey's "Environmental Rock Stars" and coinciding with Earth Day. A big thank you to all of our sponsors!

The event and our April issue showcased extraordinary efforts in recycling; pollution prevention programs; green building design; solar investments; environmental and energy conservation; ecology (water, plants, animals, insects); community impact and employee participation; process and manufacturing innovations; "green" leadership; and brownfield redevelopment.

More than 150 consultants, attorneys, accountants, engineers, LSRPs and others, who work in the environmental sector, gathered at the Glen Ridge Country Club in Glen Ridge, New Jersey, to celebrate the achievements of the state's leading environmental companies and professionals. In addition to honoring the 2019 Environmental Leadership Medal winners and honorees, three environmental professionals were inducted into the newly formed CIANJ Environmental Hall of Fame for lifetime achievement—Edward A. Hogan, Lanny Kurzweil and Tracy Straka.

Edward A. Hogan, Esq., is co-chair of the Environmental Law Group at Norris McLaughlin, P.A., and represents developers, redevelopers, manufacturers, commercial entities and highly-regulated service businesses in all aspects of environmental law and litigation.



Three environmental professionals were inducted into the newly formed CIANJ Environmental Hall of Fame—Tracy Straka (left); Lanny S. Kurzweil (right); and (inset) Edward A. Hogan.

He is a Fellow of the American College of Environmental Lawyers and is listed in four categories in the current edition of *The Best Lawyers in America*: Environmental Law, Energy Law, Litigation—Environmental and Natural Resources Law. He has been included in the Environmental Law section since 1993. Hogan was selected for inclusion in the International *Who's Who of Environment Lawyers 2018* by *Who's Who Legal*. He was ranked Band 1, the highest ranking an attorney can receive, in the Environment section by *Chambers USA*, one of the oldest and most prestigious legal listings in the world. He was also moderator of CIANJ's EBC Roundtable.

Lanny S Kurzweil, Esq., co-chair of CIANJ's EBC, the current moderator of CIANJ's EBC Roundtable and an active member of EBC's steering committee, is a partner with McCarter & English, LLP. He helps clients address complex environmental litigation, navigate regulatory matters and assists them with environmental issues involved in business transactions. A frequent lecturer on environmental topics, he often speaks on New Jersey's NRD Program, environmental law and trial topics. He has received CIANJ's EBC Service Award and the CIANJ Chairman's Outstanding Volunteer Award and Outstanding Leadership Award. He has also been recognized as one of *Chambers USA's* "Leaders in their Field," 2007-2019 (in Band 1 since 2008); ranked as a *New Jersey Super Lawyer*, 2005-2019; listed in *The Best Lawyers in America*, 2015-2019; and named *Best Lawyers'* 2015 and 2018 Environmental Law "Lawyer of the Year" for Newark.



The 2019 Environmental Leadership Medal honorees received awards made from recycled wood.

Tracy Straka, senior vice president of Creamer Environmental, Inc., has more than 30 years of operational and technical experience in the environmental industry. She is co-chair of CIANJ's EBC and was the first woman to serve as CIANJ chairman. Straka was the first employee at Creamer Environmental, Inc., one of the country's top 200 environmental firms and has many awards including the 2005 Point of Light Award for outstanding leadership and service to the New Jersey Environmental Business Community; the 2005 Environmental Engineering Excellence Award from APL; chair of the 2005, 2007, 2009 and 2012 Innovative Environmental Technology Conferences; recognized several times in *Who's Who in Environmental Professionals*; and many industry-leading publications and technical presentations. In 2012 Tracy was selected as one of the Best 50 Women in Business.

Congratulations to all of our winners, our Environmental Hall of Fame inductees and to New Jersey's environmental business community for making contributions to our state and our environment. Today, going green is not only on the agenda for many firms, it's good for their bottom lines, as well. ■