

Alexander J. Cochis

Senior Consultant

Alexander Cochis joined La Capra Associates in 2008, bringing eight years of experience in energy regulatory investigations with expertise in regulatory requirements, and over thirteen years of experience as an accomplished litigation professional. His energy industry background includes retail rate cases, capital plans, regulatory theory, specialized cost recovery mechanisms, mergers, restructuring, and wholesale power markets. Alex has project experience in regulatory strategy and compliance. He holds a Juris Doctor from the Western New England College School of Law in Springfield, Massachusetts, and a Bachelor of Arts in Economics from Vassar College. He held the position of Assistant Attorney General in the Utilities Division of the Massachusetts Attorney General's Office for eight years.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE as Testifying Witness

- *Connecticut Natural Gas Company, Docket No. 13-06-08 (gas infrastructure replacement program) (2013)*

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE in Representative Matters

Specialized Cost Recovery Programs and Mechanisms

- *NSTAR Electric, D.T.E. 05-85 (2006) (Capital project replacement scheduling program)*
- *National Grid, D.P.U. 09-38 (2009) (utility scale solar plant cost recovery mechanism)*
- *Bay State Gas Company, D.T.E. 12-25 (2012) (capital asset replacement plan and mechanism)*
- *Equitable Gas Company, LLC, Docket No. P-2013-2342745 (2013) (long term gas capital plans and tariff recovery mechanism)*
- *Bay State Gas Company, D.T.E. 11-37 (2014) (bare steel replacement asset plan annual reconciliation filing)*
- *National Grid, D.T.E. 11-56 (2013) (storm restoration cost recovery expenditures)*
- *Bay State Gas Company, D.T.E. 13-75 (2014) (bare steel replacement plan and mechanism)*
- *Duke Energy, IURC Cause No. 44526 (2014) (distribution and transmission capital plan model)*

EMPLOYMENT

La Capra Associates, Inc.

Senior Consultant

Consultant

Boston, MA

2014- Present

2008-2014

- Analyze energy filings for regulatory requirements, evaluate case strategy and ensure technical information satisfies regulatory needs.

- Draft testimony, answers to discovery, briefs and reports, and support regulatory proceedings.
- Collaborate with other staff consultants and technical subcontractors to create analyses, reports and testimony.

Massachusetts Attorney General's Office

Assistant Attorney General, Utilities Division

Boston, MA

2000 – 2008

- Designated lead counsel to manage major rate cases, settlement proceedings and appeals.
- Analyzed filings to support utility proceedings and developed litigation plans.
- Drafted regulatory briefs, settlements and comments for administrative proceedings.
- Coordinated with outside consultants and staff experts on strategic and tactical goals.

Smith & Brink, PC

Civil litigation Associate

Quincy, MA

1995 – 2000

- Litigated insurance contract cases in state and federal court.

EDUCATION

Western New England College School of Law

Juris Doctor

Springfield, MA

1994

Suffolk University Law School

Visiting JD Student

Boston, MA

1993

Vassar College

Bachelor of Arts, Economics

Poughkeepsie, NY

1989

With Distinction on Departmental Comprehensive Economics Examination

EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS

Financial Accounting Institute

Utility Finance and Accounting for Attorneys

Tenafly, NJ

2005

Michigan State University

Annual Regulatory Studies Program

East Lansing, MI