

Stefanie A. Brand, Director
Division Of Rate Counsel



Stefanie A. Brand serves as the Director for the Division of Rate Counsel, a position she has held since October 1, 2007. The Division of Rate Counsel represents the interests of consumers of regulated electric, natural gas, water/sewer, telecommunications, cable TV service, and insurance (residential, small business, commercial and industrial customers). The Division's website is <http://www.state.nj.us/rpa>

Rate Counsel's mission is to make sure that all classes of utility consumers receive safe, adequate and proper utility service at affordable rates that are just and nondiscriminatory. Rate Counsel is a member of several state utility policy making groups and also represents consumers in setting energy and telecommunications policy that will affect the provision of services into the future. Stefanie also serves on the Executive Committee of the National Association of State Utility Consumer Advocates.

Prior to joining Rate Counsel, Stefanie was the Assistant Attorney General in Charge of Litigation for the Division of Law within the Department of Law and Public Safety. In this position she oversaw all civil litigation for the state. Her tenure with the Division of Law included work on a variety of issues such as child welfare, environmental regulation, human services, employment and tort law.

Stefanie brings almost 30 years of legal experience to the Division. She has spent 22 years advocating on behalf of the people of New Jersey. After 5 years in private practice, she joined the Division of Law in 1992. She worked as a Deputy Attorney General for 10 years, focusing on solid waste, environmental cases and federal litigation. In 2002, Stefanie was named Deputy Attorney General in Charge of Litigation and in 2003, she was named Assistant Attorney General. She joined the Department of the Public Advocate in 2007.

Stefanie graduated from Columbia University School of Law in 1986, and clerked for Associate Justice Gary Stein of the New Jersey State Supreme Court.