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Annual Saratoga Institute on Racing & Gaming
The annual Saratoga Institute on Racing & Gaming Law will be held August 2, 2011. For more information about this event, please click here.

Annual Saratoga CLE Series
The Institute of Legal Studies is pleased to announce their annual Saratoga CLE Seminar Series, offered every Friday in August. The topics are: August 5th: Ethics, August 12th: Estate Planning for New Yorkers in 2011 and Beyond; The New Rules of the Game, August 19th: New York Practice, August 26th: Evidence. For more information contact Lisa Rivage at (518) 472-5888.

Publications

The Albany Government Law Review has published its issue on eminent domain with an impressive list of contributing authors. The articles are available below.

Volume 4, Issue 1: Eminent Domain: Public Use, Just
GLC Blogs

Patricia E. Salkin
"Law of the Land"
A Blog on Land Use Law & Zoning

Amy Lavine
"Community Benefits Agreements"
Linking Good Jobs, Affordable Housing, Social Justice, and Livable Neighborhoods to Development Projects

GLC Research

Government Law Online
A clearinghouse containing government law and public policy articles, studies, papers and reports written by faculty, staff, and students of Albany Law School.

Racing and Gaming Today

Bennett Liebman
The most complete news source in the Racing and Gaming industry, providing you with recent reports, optional email alerts, and news feeds. You will also find an extensive archive of reports

Compensation, & “The Social Compact”

Foreword (Robert S. Barrows)
Introduction: The Judicial Reaction to Kelo (Ilya Somin)
"Fairness and Equity," or Judicial Bait-and-Switch? It’s Time to Reform the Law of "Just" Compensation (Gideon Kanner)
The Trouble With Eminent Domain In New York (Norman Siegel, Steven Hyman, and Philip van Buren)
Urban Revitalization and Eminent Domain: Misinterpreting Jane Jacobs (Steven J. Eagle)
Moving the Cat Into the Hat: The Pursuit of Fairness in Condemnation, or, Whatever Happened to Creating a "Partnership of Planning?" (Michael Rikon)
Evaluating Economic Development Takings: Legal Validity Versus Economic Viability (David Schultz)
From Slum Clearance to Economic Development: A Retrospective of Redevelopment Policies in New York State (Amy Lavine)
The Rise of Robert Moses and the Fall of New York Constitutional Protections Against Eminent Domain (Christopher Dunn)
Stacking the Deck: New York’s Unique Approach to Eminent Domain (Robert McNamara)
The EDPL Revised (M. Robert Goldstein)
Municipal Accountability in Domestic Violence: A Promising New Case (Lela Gray)

Recent Events

2011 Warren M. Anderson Breakfast Seminar Series
The 2011 Warren M. Anderson Breakfast Seminar Series
covered the topics of Indian gaming, redistricting, consolidating services and the education budget. The 2011 series featured speakers from both public and private practice and industry. The GLC thanks our sponsors for their help putting on a wonderful series this year! Presentations are available online, follow the links here.

2011 Edwin L. Crawford Memorial Lecture on Municipal Law

The 2011 Edwin L. Crawford Memorial Lecture on Municipal Law was delivered by Clayton Gillette, Max E. Greenberg Professor of Contract Law at New York University School on “Insolvency: What Can a Municipality Do?” A recording of this lecture is now available here.

Public Authorities and Municipalities: The Implications of Dodd-Frank Act on their Fiscal Operations

On April 15, 2011 the GLC hosted a panel discussion entitled “Public Authorities and Municipalities: The Implications of Dodd-Frank Act on their Fiscal Operations.” This program discussed the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and
Consumer Protection Act and its impact on municipalities and public authorities. Panelists included Martha Mahan Haines, Chief, Office of Municipal Securities, and Assistant Director, Division of Trading and Markets, Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC), Malcolm Northam, Director, Fixed Income Securities Group, Sales Practice Policy Division, Financial Industry Regulatory Authority (FINRA), Karen Du Brul, Associate General Counsel, Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board, Kenneth Roberts, Partner, Hawkins Delafield & Wood LLP and Lauren Trialonas, Public Finance Department, Squire, Sanders & Dempsey (US) LLP. Professor Christine Chung and GLC Advisory Board member Scott Fein moderated the program. A recording of this lecture is now available here.

**2011 Senior Citizens’ Law Day**

Senior Citizens’ Law Day was held this year on April 2nd. Seminars offered throughout the day included Future Care Planning for Adult Disabled Children; Health Care Proxies and Living Wills; Medicaid; Medicare; Powers of Attorney; Putting Your Affairs in Order; Small Estates; Securities Fraud; and Trusts. The Nancy M. Sills ’76 Memorial Lecture was delivered by Dr. Patricia A. Bomba, Vice President and Medical Director of Geriatrics at Excellus BlueCross BlueShield. For more information about Senior Citizens’ Law Day or the Center’s Aging Law and Policy Program, please click here. The Government Law Center would like to thank our sponsors for this event, including: CSEA, Cohoes Savings Foundation, the Albany County Bar Foundation, Shrader & Shrader, The Times Union and The Troy Record.
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Faculty Affiliate News

This April, GLC faculty affiliate Professor Rosemary Queenan taught a course for Administrative Law Judges at the NYS OTDA on decision writing. Professor Robert Heverly took part in a panel discussion on cyber security for Smart Grids at the College of Nanoscale Science and Engineering on April 21st, presented in coordination with The Energy & Environmental Technology Applications Center as part of its Entrepreneurial Bootcamp. On April 27th, Professor Elizabeth Renuart presented at the Harvard Club on the roles played by the banking agencies over the last 20 years in the degradation of consumer protections and in supporting the reigning paradigm that disclosure is sufficient to regulate the financial markets at a program entitled "A Federal Reserve for the 21st Century: Maximizing Employment, Stability, and Sustainable Growth."

Upcoming Presentations

On May 26, 2011, GLC Director Patricia Salkin will present at the The Dutchess County Planning Federation short course entitled “Preventing and Defending RLUIPA Lawsuits: What Every Planner, Municipal Official and Attorney Needs to Know.” This program will be held from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. at the Dutchess County Farm and Home Center in Millbrook, NY. To register online, please click here.
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by Amy Lavine
4 Alb. Gov. L. Rev. 212 (2011)

Integrating Sustainable Development Planning and Climate Change Management: A Challenge to Planners and Land Use
by Patricia Salkin and John R. Nolon

Regulating Controversial Land Uses
by Patricia Salkin

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Congratulations to GLC Commencement Prize Winners: Jennifer Clark, Amanda Connors and Ken Jello!

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