The Government Law Center kicks off its 30th Anniversary celebration on June 3, 2008 at the State House in Albany with a special luncheon program recognizing the significant contributions of Albany Law School alumni to all levels of government. Through a public solicitation for nominations, an awards committee has selected thirty outstanding government lawyers to receive the Excellence in Government Service Award. This highly competitive honor is typically bestowed on one or two lawyers during Albany Law School's annual Alumni in Government Reception. In honor of the Center's special anniversary, it was decided to expand the breadth of honorees for 2008 only, and to bestow the honor on thirty outstanding government lawyers to receive the

U.S. Attorney for the Southern District, Michael Garcia '89, also an Albany Law School alumnus, will deliver the keynote address at the luncheon.

The 2008 honorees, in alphabetical order are: Glen Bruening '89, Counsel, Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation; Assemblymember Kevin Cahill '80; Philip Calderone '81, Deputy Mayor, City of Albany; Robert Conway '76, Counsel, NYS Division of Military and Naval Affairs; Col. Holly O'Grady Cook '87, U.S. Army; Richard Curreri '76, Director of Conciliation, NYS Public Employment Relations Board; Brien Downes '79, Counsel, NYS Assembly Ways and Means Committee; Theresa Egan '86, Deputy Commissioner for Safety, NYS Department of Motor Vehicles; June Eustis Egeland '91, Legislative Counsel, NYS Department of Civil Service; Robert Fleury '82, Real Property Bureau Chief, NYS Department of Law; Mary Ann Gadziala '78, Associate Director, U.S. Securities & Exchange Commission; Astrid Glynn '75, Commissioner, NYS Department of Transporta-tion; Andrew Goldsmith '83, First Assistant Chief of the Environmental Crimes Section, U.S. Department of Justice; Kristine Hamann '77, Inspector General, State of New York; Col. Charlie Johnson '87, U.S. Air Force; George King '73, Inspector General, Office of the State Comptroller; Sharon Landers '77, Interim CEO, Orange County (CA) Parks; Karen Lewis '74, Head, Administrative Law Section, American Law Division, Congressional Research Service, Library of Congress; Mimi Mairs '96, Staff Attorney, Office of the Chief Medical Examiner, New York District Attorney's Office; Mitchell Morris '76, Associate Counsel, Office of the State Comptroller; Robert Mujica '05, Director of Finance Committee, NYS Senate; Michael Novack '71, Chief Clerk, NYS Appellate Division, Third Department; William Pelgrin '80, Director, NYS Office of Cybersecurity and Critical Infrastructure; Amelia Foell Stern '81, Acting Deputy Director and Counsel, Governor's Office of Regulatory Reform; Charles Sullivan '75, Director of Enforcement, NYS Department of Environmental Conservation; John Tauriello '80, General Counsel and Deputy Commissioner, NYS Office of Mental Health; Val Washington '75, Deputy Commissioner for Remediation and Materials Management, NYS Department of Environmental Conservation; George Weissman '79, Associate General Counsel, NYS Dormitory Authority; Molly Wilkinson '96, Chief of Staff, U.S. Small Business Administration; and Jamie Woodward '80, Deputy Commissioner of Processing and Taxpayer Services, NYS Department of Taxation and Finance.

A luncheon program will include detailed examples of the remarkable accomplishments of each of these alumni.


Seating is limited. To reserve a ticket or for more information, call the Government Law Center at 518-442-3300.
GLC CALENDAR OF EVENTS

APRIL 15
Anderson Breakfast Series
Topic: Government Consolidation: Is the State Finally Ready?
Featuring: Luke Bierman, Sen. Elizabeth Little, Assemblymember Sam Hoyt
8-9 a.m., Assembly Parlor, State Capitol

APRIL 22
Shared Municipal Services Program
Featuring: Former Lt. Gov. Stan Lundine
9 a.m.-1 p.m., Jackson Center, Jamestown

MAY 6
Race and Education Forum
Co-sponsored with NYSUT & NYSBA
6-9 p.m., State Bar Center, Albany

MAY 15 & 16
40th Anniversary of the Taylor Law Conference
Co-sponsored with PERB
8 a.m.-5 p.m., The Desmond, Albany

MAY 20
Anderson Breakfast Series
Topic: Public Authorities: Evaluating the Reforms
Featuring: Scott Fein, Esq.
8-9 a.m., Assembly Parlor, State Capitol

JUNE 3
GLC 30th Anniversary Luncheon
Honoring: 30 government attorneys in celebration of the GLC’s 30th Anniversary
State Room, Albany

JUNE 10
Presentation by Prof. Evelyn Brody on the American Law Institute’s Project on Principles of the Law of NonProfit Organizations
Co-sponsored w/ The Community Foundation for the Capital Region
8:30-11:30 a.m., Wolferts Roost

AUGUST TBA
8th Annual Saratoga Institute on Racing & Gaming
Saratoga Springs, NY

OCTOBER 2-3

OCTOBER 25
15th Annual Senior Citizens’ Law Day & 6th Annual Nancy M. Sills ’76 Memorial Lecture
9 a.m.-2 p.m.

From the Director

Thirty years of linking law and public policy. It feels like it was only yesterday that we gathered to celebrate our 25th anniversary. A lot has happened over the past five years as the Center has grown and matured into the leading national law school-based think tank on government law and policy. Deans and law faculty from sister institutions continue to make inquiries about the Center and continue to send faculty and staff to visit with us so that they can learn first-hand from our experiences. Entering into the “blogosphere” this past year with two Center-supported blogs has contributed to enhanced visibility for the Center nationally and internationally.

As many of you know, I was on a sabbatical from July 1, 2007 through December 31, 2007. First, I want to thank my wonderful colleagues at the Center, including Acting Director Bennett Liebman and Assistant Director Barbara Mabel, who together made my absence invisible to all of you. The Center thrived and flourished during these six months, and we are all grateful for their leadership.

Although many people thought I spent (or should have spent) my sabbatical traveling through Europe or Asia, or relaxing (what does that word mean?) on a Caribbean Island, the reality is that working at my own pace I was able to complete a substantial number of writing projects including books, law review articles and other scholarly publications. The sabbatical gave me focused time to more thoroughly immerse myself in the subject matter (almost all of it land use) without the daily administrative distractions and diverse topics addressed routinely at the Center. This enabled me to further hone my analysis and scholarship in the land use law arena, and to sharpen my teaching skills on this subject matter. I want to thank Dean Thomas F. Guernsey for affording me the time, and for reinforcing that it would be a good thing to “let go” of the Center for the six months (this was a hard thing to do).

I am also pleased to announce that we have restructured our administrative team at the Government Law Center. I am deeply honored that Dean Guernsey has appointed me as the Raymond and Ella Smith Distinguished Professor of Law. I will remain as Director of the Government Law Center. Bennett Liebman has been named as Executive Director and Barbara Mabel has been named as Administrative Director for the Center. These administrative changes reflect well deserved promotions and will increase efficiency and scholarly productivity at the Center.

I am happy to be back with the team for 2008 and for our 30th anniversary celebration year. Thank you all for your continued support and involvement. We have all built and nurtured something special.

Patricia E. Salkin
GLC Co-sponsors Conference on 40th Anniversary of Taylor Law

The 40th anniversary of the Taylor Law—the statute governing labor relations between unions and government in New York State—will be commemorated at a statewide conference in Albany on Thursday and Friday, May 15-16, 2008.

The two-day conference, to be held at the Desmond Hotel in Albany, is sponsored by the New York State Public Employment Relations Board (PERB), and co-sponsored by the Government Law Center at Albany Law School, the Labor and Employment Law Section of the New York State Bar Association, the New York City Office of Collective Bargaining, and Cornell University’s School of Industrial and Labor Relations (ILR).

The Taylor Law, which gives public employees the right to form unions and to bargain with their government employers, was enacted following a series of strikes by public employee unions during the mid-1960s. In January 1966, just three days after a strike against the New York City Transit Authority by 30,000 employees was settled, Governor Nelson Rockefeller established a Governor’s Committee on Public Employee Relations to prepare legislative proposals “for protecting the public against the disruption of vital public services by illegal strikes, while at the same time protecting the rights of public employees.” On April 21, 1967, Governor Rockefeller signed the law we know today as the Taylor Law, named for the chairman of the Governor’s Committee, George W. Taylor, a noted Professor of Industry at the University of Pennsylvania. It incorporates the fundamental ideas identified in the Taylor Committee’s final report, principally the idea of balancing the ban on public employee strikes with the correlative duty of public employers to bargain terms and conditions of employment with the recognized or certified bargaining agents of their workers.

The conference will draw on the lessons learned over the past 40 years regarding the balancing of these two goals in order to prepare the public sector labor relations community for the challenges ahead. Employment issues that arise from shared governmental services, mergers and consolidations of governments, the creation of quasi-governmental or joint private-public entities, and escalating health care and post-employment benefit costs, require exploration of the most effective ways for these concerns to be resolved.

PERB’s Chairman Jerome Lefkowitz, participated in the original drafting of the Taylor Law, and will open the program with a commentary titled: “The Taylor Law and Public Sector Collective Bargaining Through the Years; the History and Future Direction of PERB and the Law.” Several scholars will then present papers on various aspects of public sector labor relations, which will be responded to by leading representatives of labor and management. Confirmed presenters include Albany Law School Professor Vincent Bonventre, who will discuss the impact of recent Court of Appeals’ decisions on Taylor Law issues; prominent Chicago labor attorney R. Theodore Clark, who will examine alternative statutory systems used in other jurisdictions; and Professor Thomas A. Kochan, co-director of MIT’s Workplace Center and Institute for Work and Employment Research, who will examine the impact of compulsory interest arbitration and other impasse procedures on the bargaining process, updating the original “Kochan Report” he co-authored over thirty years ago. A variety of interactive panel sessions, on topics dealing with health care challenges, retirement issues, pattern bargaining, collaborative enterprises, “Triborough” impact, strike penalties and others having broad appeal, will round out the program.

The program is designed to bring together labor negotiators, school superintendents, city, county, town and village officials, legislators, employee representatives, students and members of the general public having an interest in labor relations. Persons interested in attending should contact the Cornell ILR office at (585) 262-4440 or PERB’s Albany Office at (518) 457-2676.

Lauren DiPace Selected as 2008 Sandman Fellow

Lauren DiPace, Albany Law School Class of 2009, has been selected as the recipient of the Government Law Center’s Edgar & Margaret Sandman Fellowship for 2008. Established in 1993, the Fellowship provides Albany Law students the opportunity to explore an area of elder law in depth for a year, present findings at a stakeholders’ roundtable discussion, and publish a report to educate law and policy makers and advocates in New York State and across the country on a particular issue. This year’s study will focus on using land use regulatory tools to provide an array of housing options for seniors.

A lifetime resident of the Capital District, Ms. DiPace is originally from New Baltimore, New York. In the summer of 2007 she was an intern with the Office of the Attorney General’s Office, in Albany, which was a great experience. She is currently a Teaching Assistant at the Albany Law School. She has a strong interest in Elder law and hopes to practice in the field and perhaps teach the subject at the undergraduate level. Ms. DiPace received her Bachelor’s of Science in interdisciplinary studies, Business and Psychology, from The Sage College of Albany in 2005.

For more information about the Sandman Fellowship Program, please contact Rose Mary Bailly, Esq. at (518) 472-5858.
Lobbying Highlighted in Lead Off Anderson Breakfast Seminar

“The Legacy of the Lobbying Commission” was the subject of a panel discussion taking place the morning of February 26 to lead off The 2008 Warren M. Anderson Legislative Breakfast Seminar Series. It featured Patrick Brown, Esq., Brown McMahon & Weinraub, LLC; James Featherstonhaugh, Esq., Featherstonhaugh, Wiley & Clyne, LLP; and David Grandeau, Esq., David Grandeau and Associates, Former Executive Director, NYS Lobbying Commission. Fred LeBrun, Albany Times Union, moderated the session.

The Series continued with “The State of Racing and Gaming in New York” on March 18, featuring remarks by Bennett Liebman, Esq., head of the Racing & Gaming Program, Government Law Center at Albany Law School. A talk on “Government Consolidation: Is the State Finally Ready?” will be held on April 15, and will feature Luke Bierman, Esq., General Counsel to the NYS Comptroller; NYS Assemblymember Sam Hoyt; and NYS Senator Elizabeth Little. Scott N. Fein, Esq. of Whiteman Osterman and Hanna LLP will speak on “Public Authorities: Evaluating the Reforms” on May 20. These programs will take place also from 8-9 a.m. in the Assembly Parlor of the State Capitol.

The Warren M. Anderson Legislative Breakfast Seminar Series, which is now in its seventeenth year, provides one hour presentations on legal aspects of policy decisions facing State lawmakers. Presenters well versed on the topic provide an overview of the various viewpoints and answer questions from the audience.

The 2008 Anderson Series sponsors are: The Civil Service Employees Association; Featherstonhaugh, Wiley & Clyne LLP; Hinman, Howard & Kattell, LLP; Hinman Straub PC; Hiscock & Barclay, LLP; New York State Association of Counties; Pitta, Bishop, Del Giorno & Dreier LLP; State Academy for Public Administration; and Wilson, Elser, Moskowitz, Edelman & Dicker LLP.

Attorneys may receive Continuing Legal Education credits for attending a program, with each seminar accredited for one hour of transitional and non-transitional CLE credit in the area of “Professional Practice.” The Anderson Series is free of charge, but space is limited. Please call the GLC at (518) 445-3287 to register.

Comments from the Former Acting Director

It was my great privilege to serve as the Acting Director of the Government Law Center for the last six months of 2007 when Dean Salkin was on sabbatical. I need to thank all of the constituents of the Government Law Center who assisted me during this time period and for putting up with me during this period. Perhaps most importantly, I must thank the staff of the Government Law Center for making me look as good as possible during my tenure.

When you oversee the Government Law Center, you encounter the amazingly wide range of the activities of the GLC. One week you’re talking about horse racing, and the next week you’re focusing on Senior Law Day, not-for-profits, procurement lobbying, the Albany Police Review Board, or government ethics. It is hard to envision any area of public law with which we are not involved. I had thought initially we were not involved in admirality law, but we do help provide CLE to the Waterfront Commission. The fact is that if it’s government, it involves the Government Law Center.

The one aspect of the job that I was thoroughly unprepared for was the fact that you cannot hide at all on this job. You can’t sit still. You can’t just sit at your desk and close the door or head off to do some research at the library. As much as I wanted to, I was unable to just tell people, “Call back in January, when Patty gets back.”

You’re always in demand. People want you to show up. You have to make appearances. My dry cleaning bill increased exponentially. I have never spoken on as many subjects on which I knew so little before I got into it.

I began to think that I had become Albany Law School’s answer to the old vaudevillian and comic George Jessel. Jessel, for those of you old enough to recall, was the master of ceremonies at so many political and entertainment gatherings that he came to be known as the “Toastmaster General of the United States.” If there was a public gathering or even a continuing legal education program in the Capital District, you could find me there doing the Jessel: introducing elected officials, law school professors, commissioners, and other dignitaries. I should have gotten used to this. I think by December my brief case contained short bios of half the residents of Albany.

But even on this aspect of the job, my performance fell far short of ideal. After a botched introduction of Albany Mayor Jerry Jennings, I found myself obligated to fall back on calling the mayor “a man who obviously needs no introduction.”

And now in 2008, I can legitimately say that if you want to call the Government Law Center, you will need no introduction from me to call upon Dean Salkin.
The work that we have done with Albany Law School Government Law Center has proven to be effective and meaningful for local officials,” said Secretary of State Lorraine Cortés-Vázquez. “We look forward to expanding our partnership with the Albany Law School and other academic institutions as well as local planning organizations and local business groups. As part of this partnership, we will be looking to expand our library of case studies, sample shared service agreements, and other pertinent resource tools.”

The SMSI program, now in its third year, is funded at an appropriation level of $25 million—including $1.3 million allocated to the Department of State to continue development of additional technical assistance capacity. Over 500 applications for aid were received in the first two years, with 88 projects receiving funding.

The GLC’s SMSI technical assistance project has so far produced a rich array of materials to aid local officials seeking to learn more about the opportunities for sharing municipal services and applying for an SMSI grant. Project Director Paul D. Moore provided several examples of the new content that has been produced and delivered to the Department of State:

• 25 case studies and research reports on various shared service initiatives, as well as a summary of the lessons learned and pitfalls to avoid;
• A technical assistance manual for local officials;
• A prototype of a costing template to help officials analyze the fiscal implications of shared highway service arrangements; and
• Dozens of studies, articles, statutes and other materials as content for an electronic clearinghouse of information.

The contract extensions have allowed the GLC to produce additional case studies, add content in support of the DOS’s electronic clearinghouse, and expand and build upon the collaborations with leading academic institutions developed earlier in the project. Of particular importance were a series of nine regional SMSI technical services conferences that coincided with preparation of applications for the 2007-08 SMSI grant cycle. The programs provided direct help to local officials in considering shared service opportunities.

The programs were a collaborative effort between the GLC, the Department of State, and the consortium of eleven academic institutions that have contributed to the development of the SMSI case studies. The statewide associations representing New York’s counties, cities, towns, villages, school districts and fire districts also supported these conferences and helped promote them. “These events proved very useful and popular,” said Robert Elliott, Deputy Secretary of State for Local Government. “We had to add additional programs to meet requests from other parts of the State, and we will certainly repeat these events next fall.”

The extensive collaboration with academic institutions, statewide local government associations, state agencies, and other interested parties have been a hallmark of the GLC’s technical assistance project. “One of the most lasting accomplishments of this project, and one of the most personally rewarding,” said Patricia Salkin, Associate Dean and Director of the GLC, “has been the extraordinary level of cooperation and information sharing exhibited by these groups.” Part of the GLC’s expected contributions moving forward will be to continue to increase the full capabilities of this effort.

Referred to as the Shared Municipal Services (SMSI) Information Network, members provide a portal to share relevant research and technical assistance products they produce (or have produced) with other members of the network. Examples of the content shared include:

• The SMSI Technical Assistance Manual;
• Case study write-ups prepared by network members utilizing a common template developed by the GLC;
• An extensive, and updateable set of web links to national, state and local sites that provide helpful information; and
• An annotated bibliography of useful resources that can also be easily updated and shared.

Students at the Albany Law School have also benefitted from the SMSI Technical Assistance Project. “I’m pleased that the project has been so well received and is making a positive contribution to this important public policy initiative,” said Albany Law School Dean Thomas Guernsey. He added, “I’m equally delighted at the opportunity this project has provided our students for learning and scholarship.”

Seven Albany Law students have participated in the project, including working with staff from the State Legislature; one authored an article published by the NYS Government Finance Officers’ Association; and students edited 12 articles dealing with sharing local government services submitted for the January 2008 issue of the Government, Law and Policy Journal, the second most widely distributed State Bar publication after the State Bar Journal.

In January, the New York State Assembly announced that the new resource, The Legal Framework for Providing Local Government Services, was available on the Assembly website. Assemblyman Darrel J. Aubertine, Chair of the New York Assembly,
Historical Issues of the Second Amendment, including the relationship between the right to bear arms and the influence of the militia in early America, were addressed at a two-day symposium held at Albany Law School on October 18-19, 2007. “Firearms, the Militia and Safe Cities: Merging History, Constitutional Law and Public Policy,” was organized by Paul Finkelman, President William McKinley Distinguished Professor of Law and Public Policy and Senior Fellow in the Government Law Center at Albany Law School. The Government Law Center, Albany Government Law Review, and Ohio State University served as event co-sponsors.

Professor Finkelman and Margaret Dougherty ’07, Managing Editor of Symposia for the Albany Government Law Review, provided opening remarks on both days. In the morning on day one, Sanford Levinson, who holds the W. St. John Garwood Jr. Centennial Chair in Law at the University of Texas at Austin School of Law, presented the keynote address, “Arms, Militias and Constitutional Design: Reflections on the American Past and the Iraqi Future. This was followed by presentations by Saul Cornell of The Ohio State University, who spoke about his recent book, A WELL REGULATED MILITIA: THE FOUNDING FATHERS AND THE ORIGINS OF GUN CONTROL IN AMERICA in his remarks on “The Ironic Second Amendment”; Robert J. Spitzer, Distinguished Service Professor of Political Science at the State University of New York at Cortland, on “Cornell’s Second Amendment: Why History Matters”; and David Konig, Professor of History and Law at Washington State University, on “The Other Founders and the ‘Right of the People to Keep and Bear Arms’: Thomas Jefferson on Armed Citizenry and the Well Constituted Militia.”

The afternoon session of the first day offered talks by Richard Feldman, President of MLS Communications LLC and author of RICHOCET: CONFESSIONS OF A GUN LOBBYIST on “Confessions of a Gun Lobbyist”; Mark Tushnet, William Nelson Cromwell Professor of Law at Harvard Law School, on “Why the Constitution Won’t End Our Fights Over Guns”; and Brannon P. Denning, Associate Professor at the Cumber-land School of Law at Samford University, on “Defending a Thin Second Amendment: Culture, the Constitution and the Gun Control Debate.”

Day two began with a presentation on “The Second Amendment, The Slaughterhouse Cases (1873), and U.S. v. Cruikshank (1876)” by Leslie F. Goldstein, Judge Hugh M. Morris Professor of Political Science and International Relations at the University of Delaware and, followed by a talk by Carl Bogus, Professor of Law at Roger Williams University School of Law, on “Gun Control and America’s Cities: Public Policy and Politics.” Timothy D. Lytton, Professor of Law at Albany Law School, moderated a mid-morning panel on “Public Policy, Public Health & Gun Control,” featuring remarks by three panelists: Matthew Bennett, Vice President for Public Affairs at Third Way, on “Misfire: How the Debate Over Gun Rights Ignores Reality”; Joshua Horwitz, Executive Director of The Coalition to Stop Gun Violence, on “Invitation to an Insurrection: How Parker v. D.C. Could Destroy American Democracy”; and Stephen Teret, Professor and Director of the Center for Law and the Public’s Health at Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health, on “Firearms as a Public Health Issue.”

The symposium closed with the 2007 Edwin L. Crawford Memorial Lecture presented by Dennis W. Archer, Chairman of Dickinson Wright, PLLC and former mayor of Detroit, on “Guns & the City.” Support for the Crawford Lecture was provided by the Association of Towns of the State of New York; New York State Association of Counties; New York State Conference of Mayors and Municipal Officials; and Saratoga Associates.

Stan Lundine to Headline April 22nd Shared Services CLE Seminar In Jamestown

Shared Services: What You Need to Know is a continuing legal education seminar scheduled for 9 a.m to 2 p.m. on Tuesday, April 22 at the Robert H. Jackson Center, Jamestown. Stan Lundine, Chair, of the Commission on Local Government Efficiency and Competitiveness, is the keynote speaker. The program will also include Kenneth W. Bond, from Squire, Sanders & Dempsey L.L.P. and a member of the adjunct faculty at Albany Law School, and Carolyn Lisa Miller, Director of Enforcement from the NYC Conflicts of Interest Board who will deliver a one-hour ethics component. Eddie Abramowski, former trainer for the Buffalo Bills and author of “Tale of the Tape: A History of the Buffalo Bills from the Inside,” is the luncheon speaker.

The seminar and luncheon are free of charge; four (4) CLE credits are available.

Developed primarily as a continuing legal education seminar for attorneys, the seminar will appeal to a cross-disciplinary audience of lawyers, municipal officials, business leaders, school administrators, bankers, and insurance and investment company professionals.

In an effort to streamline government at every level and bring relief to New York’s 4,200 taxing jurisdictions, Governor Spitzer signed an April 2007 executive order creating the Commission on Local Government Efficiency and Competitiveness. Former New York Lieutenant Governor, Congressman and Jamestown Mayor, Stan Lundine was appointed to chair the commission, which is charged with making recommendations for local government merger, consolidation, shared services, smart growth and regional services. The committee’s recommendations are due on April 15, 2008, one week prior to the seminar.

Seminar sponsors include the Government Law Center of Albany Law School; Buffamante Whipple Buttafaro, P.C.; Chautauqua Region Community Foundation; County of Chautauqua Industrial Development Agency; Phillips Lytle, L.L.P.; Robert H. Jackson Center; Squire,Sanders & Dempsey L.L.P.; The Chautauqua Abstract Company; and Vineyard Group, L.L.C.

For more information or to register, contact Carol Drake at (716) 483-6646 or cdrake@roberthjackson.org.

GLC Joins with NYSUT and NYSBA to Present Program on Race and Education

The Government Law Center will co-host a forum on race and education from 6-9 p.m. on May 6 at the New York State Bar Association headquarters. The program, “A Rehearing of Brown v. Board of Education,” is being co-sponsored by the New York State Bar Association, the New York State United Teachers, and the Capital District Black and Hispanic Bar Association.

The U.S. Supreme Court’s decision in Brown v. Board of Education is widely considered one of the most significant court rulings in the last one hundred years. For all of Brown’s promise to create integrated and equal public schools, however, public schools in New York State are considered today among the most segregated in the country. Was the Court’s ruling in Brown correct in requiring desegregation as the remedy for unequal education correct? If so, what has gone wrong and why are so many public schools in New York and elsewhere largely separate, unequal, and failing students of color?

A distinguished panel of scholars and educators will speak on the topic of race and education and offer solutions for closing the achievement gap. Speakers confirmed to date include: Professor Anthony Farley, Esq., Professor, Albany Law School; Fadhilika Atiba-Weza; Superintendent of the Enlarged City School District of Troy, NY; Jay Worona, General Counsel, NYS School Boards Association; Donna Young, Esq., Professor, Albany Law School; and Alan Lubin, Executive Vice President, NYSUT.

Registration begins at 5:30 p.m. Light refreshments will be served. Attendees must reserve a seat with a non-refundable payment of $20, made payable to the New York State Bar Association. This program has been approved for 1.5 CLE credits. Please register online now at http://www.nysba.org/RaceAndEducationForum or you may call (800) 582-2452.
Struggling with Religious Institutions as Neighbors – Fall Symposium Debates Religious Land Use Act’s Constitutionality

The Albany Government Law Review will present “God and the Land: Conflicts Over Land Use and Religious Freedom,” in a two-day symposium on October 2-3, 2008. This politically relevant topic has taken center stage in the United States through the passage of the Religious Land Use and Institutionalized Persons Act (RLUIPA) and the lower courts’ ensuing struggles to interpret it. The conference will offer a varied look at what defines religion in our society, both historically and at present, the political and constitutional implications arising from the intersection of religion and land use, and a multi-viewed legal perspective in the wake of a fury of litigation concerning RLUIPA.

The conference will include an impressive lineup of speakers who are experts in the field of land use law and religion, including: Prof. Angela Carmella, Seton Hall Law School; Daniel Dalton, Esq., Tomkiw Dalton, PLC; Prof. Frederick Mark Gedicks, Brigham Young University Law School; Prof. Leslie Griffin, University of Houston Law Center; Dr. T. Jeremy Gunn, ACLU Program on Freedom of Religion and Belief; Prof. Marcia Hamilton, Cardozo School of Law; Wendie Kellington, Law Office of Wendie Kellington; Rev. Barry W. Lynn, Americans United for Separation of Church and State; Dwight Merriam, Esq., Robinson & Cole; Hon. Michael McConnell, 10th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals; Associate Dean Shelly Ross Saxer, Pepperdine University School of Law; Julie Tappendorf, Esq., Ancel, Glink, Diamond, Bush, DiCianni & Krafthefer, P.C.; Chief Justice Randall T. Shepard, Indiana Superem Court; and Prof. Nelson Tebee, Brooklyn Law School. The scholarship received from the event will be published in the Journal’s Spring 2009 issue.

For more information, please e-mail the Albany Government Law Review at govlawreview@albanylaw.edu.

GLC Introduces Two Blogs

The Government Law Center recently introduced two new blogs by Director Patricia E. Salkin and by Staff Attorney Amy Lavine.

Since its launch on August 1, 2007, “Law of the Land,” authored by Salkin, has been generating more than 1,000 page views per week to log more than 35,000 total hits in its first six months. The online journal is designed to provide a forum for the discussion of current laws, policies and decisions that affect the use of land. It highlights new court decisions, new state and federal laws and policies, and actions at the local government level that guide or impact land use and community development.

Community benefits agreements, or CBAs, are the topic of Lavine’s new blog of the same name, established in January 2008. Discussion focuses on the growing nationwide movement of private contracts between a developer and a community coalition that set forth the benefits that the community will receive from the developments—such as living wages, local hiring and training programs, affordable housing, and funds for community programs—negotiated to ensure that the projects bring measurable improvements to the lives of neighborhood residents.

“Law of the Land” readers may subscribe to the daily email to receive news of the “case or development of the day,” and to watch developments in more than 50 specific areas of the law, such as religious land uses, historic preservation, due process and takings. Readers of “Community Benefits Agreements” may subscribe by email to stay informed of developments in the CBA across the country and to find links to CBAs in effect, CBA campaigns, and other useful related websites.

The blogs may be used by faculty and students of law and planning to stimulate classroom discussion on new developments in these areas, as well as to generate ideas for paper topics and course presentations. The authors welcome all views and opinions in the form of comments to individual postings.


Technical Assistance Project

State Legislative Commission on State-Local Relations, called it “a user-friendly resource for those local officials interested in streamlining services,” and noted that more information would be added to the site as the research is completed.

For additional information, please contact Paul Moore, SMSI Project Director, at (518) 445-3256.
GLC Anniversary Celebration in 2008: Looking Back on the Past Five Years

From its beginning, the Government Law Center has been a leader in bringing together government decision makers, scholars and other experts to discuss topics newly emerging in government. The Center has also published acclaimed research studies and reports on a number of law and policy topics in the last three decades. Albany Law School faculty work with staff and students (who participate in internships and Fellowships), and investigate law and policy matters for GLC publications and programs. Albany Law School alumni have also played meaningful roles in Center enterprises.

The 30th Anniversary Year

A number of law and policy matters of importance are on the GLC’s 2008 agenda. Our spring events, described throughout this newsletter, kicked off in February with a spirited discussion on lobbying at The 17th Annual Warren M. Anderson Breakfast Seminar Series which will continue with programs through May on racing and gaming, public authority reforms, and government consolidation. Streamlining municipal services issues will be examined at a GLC co-sponsored program in Jamestown featuring former Lieutenant Governor Stan Lundine. The GLC will join the New York State United Teachers and the New York State Bar Association as a co-sponsor of a program on race and education and, together with the New York State Public Employment Relations Board, we will present a conference on the 40th Anniversary of the Taylor Law. State Comptroller Thomas P. DiNapoli will be the special guest at the Center’s spring Government Law Networking Breakfast. The Center has also launched a substantive research initiative on the subject of public authorities with the support and leadership of attorney Scott Fein.

The 2008 Distinguished Alumni in Government Awards will recognize 30 government attorneys at a special GLC 30th Anniversary luncheon tribute and celebration. Substantive programs will include a discussion on ethics for non-profit organizations and upcoming Center activities. GLC staff have also launched two national blogs – one on land use law and one on community benefits agreements – introducing readers from across the country to the varied work of the Center.

Contact the GLC at (518) 445-2329 for more information on our 30th Anniversary year activities.

GLC Anniversary Celebration in 2008: A Brief Look Back at the Past Five Years

An overview of the Government Law Center’s first 25 years was printed for its silver anniversary in 2003. Below is a brief update on the GLC’s accomplishments from that time to the end of last year.

Year: 2003

The GLC commemorated its 25th anniversary at several events throughout 2003. Two of the most memorable programs were held at the Desmond Hotel in autumn of that year. The Center, along with the law firm of Whiteman Osterman & Hanna LLP, presented a program on “The Office of Counsel to the Governor: Its Operation and Impact,” which brought together individuals who served in the Governor’s Counsel’s office in four administrations. That evening, the GLC hosted a gala dinner featuring then-Governor George E. Pataki and then-Lieutenant Governor Mary O. Donohue, attended by around 300 guests and sponsored by 15 law firms, businesses and organizations. The GLC held a 25th birthday party, a festive gathering of GLC staff, Albany Law School faculty and staff, and the GLC’s friends in the community, earlier that year.

The first half of the year, the GLC was involved in programs with important local, state and national impact. It co-hosted “The Hudson River–Past, Present and Future,” with the Environmental Alumni Society of Albany Law School and the Albany Law Environmental Outlook Journal, featuring Patricia Salkin as a moderator and former Albany Law School faculty Joan Leary Matthews and Gregory Mandel as speakers. It hosted The Center for American and International Law’s national conference on land use law at Albany Law School, a forum which is presented annually in Dallas, TX, and San Francisco, CA, and was held in Albany for the first time. Jurists and practitioners from across the state met at Albany Law School for a symposium sponsored by the New York State Federal Judicial Council and its advisory group on “The Use of Legislative History in Interpreting New York State and Federal Statutes.” Some of the nation’s leading experts on takings law spoke at a day long conference examining what is happening in this vibrant and contested area of current law, through a program organized by Professor Stephen Gottlieb of Albany Law School. The 2003 Warren M. Anderson Legislative Breakfast Seminar Series focused on four pressing concerns for the Legislature: The Lower Manhattan Redevelopment Project, casino gaming and the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act, Superfund reauthorization, and state policies with respect to adult homes.
The summer successfully concluded with the 3rd Annual Saratoga Institute on Racing and Gaming Law at the Gideon Putnam Hotel in Saratoga Springs, covering the issues of the day and featuring dozens of top names in the field. Jerry Bilinski, DVM, former Chairman of the NYS Racing and Wagering Board, and Mary Ann McGinn, Esq., Senior Vice president, Legal Affairs Integrated Alarm Services Group, agreed to serve as co-chairs of the newly formed Racing and Gaming Law Advisory Committee, with around a dozen attorneys interested in racing and gaming law and policy issues comprising the initial membership of the Committee.

In the fall, former Governor George E. Pataki was the featured luncheon speaker at a landmark conference presented by the GLC and the NYS Bar Association on “Looking Forward 30 Years–30th Anniversary of the Adirondack Park Agency Act and Examining the Private Land Use and Development Plan,” in Lake Placid, which included presentation of the Governor’s 30th Anniversary Awards for contributions to the Adirondack Park and recognition of six former chairmen of the Adirondack Park Agency who attended as honored guests. The GLC presented the Edwin L. Crawford Memorial Lecture on Municipal Law, with David L. Callies, FAICP, Benjamin A. Kudo Professor of Law at the University of Hawaii’s William S. Richardson School of Law, at Albany Law School, addressing “Land Development Conditions: What’s Legal and What’s Not?” The GLC co-sponsored the first joint meeting of the American Bar Association’s Section on State and Local Government Law and the New York State Bar Association’s Municipal Law Section, making it the largest gathering of state and local attorneys in the Northeast. Then-NYS Attorney General Eliot Spitzer spoke at the GLC’s Law and Policy Forum at the University Club in New York City, a series co-chaired by GLC Director Patricia Salkin and Kenneth W. Bond, Esq., Squires, Sanders & Dempsey, and a member of GLC Advisory Board. It joined with the New York Farm Bureau for a second time to offer a CLE program for agricultural and municipal attorneys aimed at fostering a better understanding of the laws and regulations that pertain to the agricultural industry in New York State. The Center joined with the Albany Law School Environmental Alumni Group, Environmental Law Society and Environmental Outlook Journal to present a forum at Albany Law School on “Personal Watercraft, Snowmobiles, and ATVs–Recent Developments to Curb Emissions and Use.” The GLC collaborated with Albany Medical College and the University Heights Association to present “Clinical Trials and Informed Consent,” a CLE on legal issues surrounding drugs in development, as part of the 5th Annual Gary Schwartz Health and Law Forum and featuring Professor Dale Moore of Albany Law School as moderator.

Annual law day events presented by the GLC continued with Mary O. Donohue ’83, then Lieutenant Governor, delivering the Nancy M. Sills ’76 Memorial Lecture at the 10th Annual Senior Citizens’ Law Day and the GLC and Albany Law School’s Civil Rights and Disabilities Law Clinic teaming up for a second time to present Disability Law Day on the law school campus.

The Center marked the 10th Anniversary of the Edgar & Margaret Sandman Fellowship in Aging Law & Policy by hosting a number of former Fellowship participants at a special reunion luncheon held at Albany Law School. That year’s Sandman Fellows, Crystal Doolity ’04 and Melina Greenberg ’03, hosted a roundtable discussion on “Adult Protective Services: A Response to Financial Exploitation of Vulnerable Adults,” attended by experts on the subject from around New York State.

The Center hosted a welcoming reception for Robert C. Batson, Esq. ’75, its second Government Lawyer in Residence, who previously served for many years in State government as a specialist in New York State municipal law and Indian law. Hon. James P. King ’59, Albany Law School’s first Government Lawyer in Residence at the GLC, a member of its adjunct faculty, and a former three-term NYS Assemblyman, received the Distinguished Alumni in Government Award at the annual Alumni in Government Reception at the Executive Mansion in Albany, an event co-sponsored by the GLC, National Alumni Association and Alumni in Government Group.

Alumni participated in GLC activities throughout the year, including a visit by Michael J. Garcia ’89, then Acting Assistant Secretary for the Department of Homeland Security’s Bureau of Immigration and Customs Enforcement, who participated in a variety of events for students and fellow alumni at Albany Law School. Michael J. Hoblock Jr. ’67, then Chairman of the NYS Racing and Wagering Board, was the featured guest at the Center’s Networking Breakfast held at the Nelson E. Rockefeller Empire State Plaza. It co-hosted, with Career Planning and the Office of Alumni Affairs, a series of career forums for law students featuring: Robert Batson, Esq. ’75, Government in Residence, and Paul Keitzman ’72, then with the NYS Office of Mental Retardation and Development Disabilities. The annual Government Careers Program Series featured panels of alumni discussing jobs in state agencies and in the state legislature.

Five Albany Law School students participated in the Semester in Government Program working 30 hours per week in the counsel’s office of state agencies in Albany and Washington, D.C., through a joint initiative of the GLC and the Albany Law Clinic and Justice Center. Seven members of the Albany Citizens’ Police Review Board, the GLC’s staff attorney, and an Albany Law School student attended the three-day Annual Conference of the National Association of Civilian Oversight of Law Enforcement (NACOLE) in Cambridge, MA.

The GLC issued a number of reports in 2003 authored by students participating in the Edgar & Margaret Sandman and Fiandach Fellowships: “Guardianship Mediation: Issues and Concerns,” by Barbara S. Hancock ’00 and M. Tracey Brooks ’00; “The High Cost of Prescription Drugs for the Elderly,” by Elizabeth Adelman ’01 and Lydia Meunier ’01; “The Need for Guardianship Services for Aging and Disabled Adults: Issues and Concerns,” by Elsie Chun ’02 and Robyn Ginsberg ’02;
"Guardianship Services Within New York State—Assessing the Not-For-Profit Corporation," by Jennifer Montthie ’03; and “Subsidized Guardianship As A Kinship Care Option,” by Janet Kealy ’03. The Fall 2003 edition of Government, Law and Policy Journal, a publication of the NYSBA Committee on Attorneys in Public Service produced by the GLC, examined issues of civilian oversight of law enforcement, and contained an article by then-GLC Staff Attorney Justina Cintrón Perino.

Year: 2004

The GLC was involved with several initiatives concerning environmental justice this year including a symposium co-hosted with the Albany Law Environmental Outlook Journal which explored current issues on the topic. It presented the New York City Public Policy Forum at the Union League Club featuring Nassau County Executive Thomas R. Suozzi and Kevin S. Law, the Chief Deputy County Executive and General Counsel for Suffolk County, who addressed the fiscal consequences of unfunded mandates to municipalities. The GLC in partnership with public television station WMHT produced a historic roundtable discussion, “Inside the Inner Circle,” focused on the process of state policymaking, hosted by Lawrence Malone, Esq. ’73, Couch White LLP, and featuring former advisors to New York State’s last five governors. The GLC assisted the American Law Institute—American Bar Association (ALI-ABA) in holding its 20th annual Land Use Institute in Boston, MA, with the Center for Urban and Environmental Solutions of Florida Atlantic University serving as sponsor. The 2004 Edwin L. Crawford Memorial Lecture on Municipal Law was presented by A. Kevin Crawford, Counsel, Association of Towns of the State of New York, who spoke on “Giving Life to Home Rule: The Case for the Local Law Powers of New York Local Governments.” William M. Flynn, Esq., then Chairman of the NYS Public Service Commission, was the special guest at the GLC’s Government Law Networking Breakfast held at the Nelson A. Rockefeller Empire State Plaza. Representatives of regional planning organizations throughout the state, academics and state officials met to discuss regional planning in New York in an event hosted by the GLC in cooperation with the Center for Policy Research of Rockefeller College. The Center, in conjunction with the NYS Forum of the Rockefeller Institute of Government, the Business Council of New York State, Inc., and the NYS Office of General Services, presented a seminar “Selling Information Technology (IT) to New York State” at Albany Law School attended by more than a 100 business representatives.

The 2004 Warren M. Anderson Breakfast Seminar Series highlighted matters of top concern that year: horseracing, higher education, financing of public education, and energy concerns after the summer blackout.

The GLC arranged meetings in nine counties throughout the state to glean the opinions of citizens on how to achieve a better informed electorate and increase voter participation in judicial elections, undertaken at the request of the NYS Commission to Promote Public Confidence in Judicial Elections, initiated by Chief Judge Judith S. Kaye.

Neal E. Lane, then Acting Director of the New York State Office for the Aging, delivered the 2nd Annual Nancy M. Sills ’76 Memorial Lecture at the 11th Annual Senior Citizens’ Law Day which also featured a town hall-style meeting on caring for aging parents as part of the program’s expanded vision.

The GLC hosted a lecture held at Albany Law School on applying international human rights law to protect people with disabilities presented as part of the school’s new Law and Psychiatry course, which featured Clarence J. Sundram, Esq., President, Board of Directors, Mental Disability Rights International. It also assisted with the Albany Law School Public Forum, organized by Professor Timothy Lytton, featuring a discussion on “Judicial Selection: The Federal Appointments Process and New York State Judicial Elections.”

The GLC established the GLC’s Law and Policy Fellowships in 2004, with former Assistant U.S. Attorney William C. Snyder serving as the first recipient, to focus for the year on matters pertaining to reform of New York’s public authorities, State procurement law, and stem cell research legislation.

Alumni were involved with GLC activities throughout the year, with Honorable Randolph Treece ’76, U.S. Magistrate Judge of the Northern District of New York and member of the Center’s Advisory Board, receiving the Distinguished Alumni in Government Award presented at Albany Law School’s Alumni in Government Reception at the Executive Mansion. The GLC hosted a special lecture at Albany Law School on the growing collaborative opportunities between corporations in Japan and the United States delivered by Frank Schnidman, Esq. ’73, Professor of Community and Economic Development in the Department of Urban and Regional Planning at Florida Atlantic University. A large number of alumni were involved in the year’s Career in Government programs for students co-hosted by the GLC, Career Planning, and the Office of Alumni Affairs.

In the summer, Albany Law School honored State Majority Leader Joseph L. Bruno at the inaugural Racing Law and Policy Reception in Saratoga Springs to benefit the GLC’s Racing and Gaming Law Program and the GLC hosted the 4th Annual Saratoga Institute on Racing and Gaming Law at the Gideon Putnam Hotel, which was attended by a record number of participants, from nine states and Canada. A Continuing Legal Education program, “Belmont, Breakfast and CLE: What Every Race Horse Owner Needs to Know About the Law,” presented by the Center, was held at Belmont Race Track in Elmont, NY.

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GLC programs engaged Albany Law School students such as Nina Harrison who worked with local attorney Peter Danziger, Esq. and the Coalition to End Lead Poisoning in New York State (CELP-NYS) through the GLC’s Lawrence F. Klepper Legal Assistance Program for Non-Profit Organizations.


The GLC hosted a Sandman Fellowship invitational roundtable discussion on “The Future of Long-Term Care” and published a report, “Adult Protective Services: Responding to Financial Exploitation of Vulnerable Adults,” by Crystal Doolity ’04 and Melina Greenberg ’03 who served at the 2003 Sandman Fellows.

Year: 2005

The GLC was pleased to announce its new electronic clearinghouse—Government Law Online—designed to showcase a collection of articles, studies, papers, reports, and proceedings written by GLC staff and faculty as well as students at Albany Law School. The initial publications covering a range of law and policy subjects were made available to download at www.governmentlaw.org.

Spring forums included the GLC’s co-sponsorship of a conference in New York City on procurement law for businesses selling information technology to New York State, co-hosted by the NYS Forum of the Rockefeller Institute of Government and the NYC Department of Information Technology and Telecommunications, and sponsored in conjunction with the Business Council of New York State, Inc. and the NYS Office of General Services, Procurement Services Group. Together with Pace Land Use Law Center, it presented a Land Use Mediation Program held at Pace Law School. The Center hosted the conference, “Assessing the Fourth Branch of Government: The Benefits and Challenges of Public Authorities in New York State” and it teamed up with the Environmental Outlook Journal to present a conference on “Sprawl—Emerging Issues and Successful Initiatives.” The Center, the New York State Department of State and the Governor’s Office of Regulatory Reform co-sponsored a program on rulemaking, featuring then-New York Secretary of State Randy A. Daniels and the Honorable Howard Levine.

“Evaluating New York Procurement Law as the Sun Sets: An Analysis of the Experience of the Past Ten Years” was the topic of a symposium the GLC co-sponsored with the State Academy for Public Administration, the NYSBA’s Committee on Attorneys in Public Service, and the NYS Forum for Information Resource Management.

New York State Assembly Speaker Sheldon Silver was the featured guest at The William B. Sanders Law & Public Policy Luncheon Forum at The University Club in New York City. The GLC, the State Academy for Public Administration, and the NYSBA’s Committee on Attorneys in Public Service co-sponsored a symposium on stem cell research issues and legislative options at Albany Law School. The 2005 Warren M. Anderson Breakfast Seminar Series covered charter schools, financing public education, lobbying and energy issues.

Over the summer, the GLC and the Capital District Chapter of the New York League of Conservation Voters hosted the area’s first nonpartisan candidate workshop at Albany Law School, giving 35 candidates running for public office in the Capital Region the opportunity to learn about planning issues from experts representing government agencies, business, and the environmental community. The GLC presented the 5th Annual Saratoga Racing and Gaming Law Institute and former U.S. Representative John E. Sweeney was honored at the 2nd annual reception to benefit the GLC’s Racing and Gaming Law and Policy Program in Saratoga Springs.

In the fall, the GLC partnered with the National Academy for Public Administration to develop a national curriculum for incorporating environmental justice into routine planning and zoning decision making as a basis for three regional conferences for local decision makers. The GLC and the NYS Water Resources Institute—in partnership with Pace University School of Law’s Land Use Law Center and Environmental Law Review and the State Academy for Public Administration—held an invitational colloquium series on water law at Albany Law School and at Pace Law School. The Center co-hosted a lecture with the Albany Law Review, Alumni in Government Group, and the State Academy for Public Administration at Albany Law School on “Balance of Power Between the Executive and Legislative Branches in NYS Government,” featuring Hon. John T. Buckley ’61, Presiding Justice of the First Department, Appellate Division; New York Court of Appeals Judge Stewart F. Hancock Jr.; Justice Bernard T. Malone ’72 of the First Department, Appellate Division; and Professor Michael J. Hutter. Timothy J. Dowling, Esq., Chief Counsel of Community Rights Counsel in Washington, D.C., delivered The 2006 Edwin L. Crawford Memorial Lecture in Municipal Law, presented by the GLC through the support of Saratoga Associates, New York Municipal Insurance Reciprocal, New York Conference of Mayors, New York State Association of Counties, and the Association of Towns of the State of New York, on “Implications of the U.S. Supreme Court’s Decision in Kelo v. City of New London.” The presentation was followed by a panel discussion with David E. Cardwell, Esq., Cardwell Law Firm in Orlando, Florida, and Carl Rosenbloom, Esq. ’63, Bond,
Schoeneck & King. Former New York State Office of General Services Commissioner Daniel D. Hogan was the special guest at the GLC’s Government Law Networking Breakfast.

Shortly before Election Day, Albany Law School Professor Michael J. Hutter facilitated a panel discussion, co-sponsored by the GLC and the State Academy for Public Administration, on the pros and cons of the fall 2005 proposed budget reform referendum to amend the State Constitution, featuring William Collins, Esq., Counsel to the NYS Assembly Majority; Robert Ward, Director of Research for the Public Policy Institute of the Business Council of New York State; Blair Horner, then Legislative Director of the New York Public Interest Research Group; and John Cape, then Director of the NYS Division of the Budget. Programs on environmental justice were held in Chicago, Albany and San Francisco throughout the year.

Albany Law School hosted a reception welcoming former NYS Assembly minority leader Clarence D. Rappleyea as its first Clarence D. Rappleyea Government Lawyer in Residence. Michael Cassidy ’05 and Michael Donohue ’05 were selected as the GLC’s Law and Policy Fellows in 2005 to work on procurement law, environmental law, charter law and other matters. The Center selected Teneka E. Frost, Esq., ’02 as its Post-Graduate Fellow in Government Law and Policy to focus on a series of procurement lobbying projects.

In fall 2005, the City of Albany retained the GLC to provide legal research services for the Charter Revision Commission appointed by Mayor Jennings. The research was conducted by Robert Barson, Esq. ’75, Government Lawyer in Residence, and Law and Policy Fellow Michael Donohue, Esq. ’05. Alumni participated in the GLC’s student career programs, co-sponsored with Career Planning, on “Careers in the Executive and Legislative Branches of Government” and a new offering on “Careers in Local Government.” The Alumni in Government Group teamed up with the GLC to host a CLE on “The Role of the Agency Attorney in Employee Discipline.”

Author and attorney Jonathan Miller spoke to students and other members of the Albany Law School community about “Literary Careers for Lawyers,” at an event the GLC co-presented with the Faculty Enrichment Committee, Career Planning, and the Student Bar Association. Albany Law School continued offering the Summer in Government Program as part of its summer school session.

Aging Law and policy offerings continued with the GLC presenting its 12th Annual Senior Citizens’ Law Day and the 3rd Annual Nancy M. Sills ’76 Memorial Lecture delivered by Professor Harold Duboff of Albany Law School. The GLC hosted the Edgar and Margaret Sandman Fellowship Invitational Roundtable Discussion at Albany Law School featuring the research of Fellows Francesca Fonte ’06 and Stacey Stump ’06 on “Meeting the Long-Term Care Workforce Challenges: Options for New York State” and published a new report on “Subsidized Guardianship as a Kinship Care Option” written by former Sandman Fellow Janet Kealy ’03.


**Year: 2006**

Two experts contributed significantly to the GLC’s offerings this year. Luke Bierman, Esq., founding director of the American Bar Association Justice Center and currently Counsel to the NYS Comptroller, became the GLC’s Post-Graduate Fellow in Government Law and Policy. Paul Finkelman, a specialist in American legal history, constitutional law, race and the law and First Amendment issues, was named the President William McKinley Distinguished Professor of Law and Public Policy and Senior Fellow in the Government Law Center at Albany Law School.

The Center offered a national teleconference and live presentation by Peter R. Smith, President of the NYS Energy Research and Development Authority, on “Legal Aspects of Commercializing Hydrogen Technology.” In conjunction with the Albany Law Review, the Center presented a symposium, “Refinement or Reinvention: The State of Reform in New York,” featuring Chief Judge Judith S. Kaye, Professor David Siegel, and many other distinguished speakers at Albany Law School. The GLC and the Science & Technology Law Center co-sponsored the annual symposium of the Journal of Science & Technology on legal, technical and policy issues pertaining to the pharmaceutical industry and the availability of drugs over the Internet. The GLC co-sponsored a symposium with the Coalition to End Lead Poisoning in New York State (CELP-NYS) and the New York Public Interest Research Group (NYPIRG) on “Lead Poisoning Issues and Policies” at Albany Law School. “Catastrophic Climate Change: The Science, the Social Costs, and the Race for Legal Remedies,” was the topic of the Albany Law School Environmental Outlook Journal’s symposium co-hosted by the GLC and the Albany Law School Environmental Alumni Group. Michael Cardozo, Esq., Corporation Counsel for the City of New York, was the featured guest at the William B. Sanders Law & Public Policy Forum at The University Club, where he spoke on “Legal Issues Affecting New York City: The Judicial Selection Crisis, Eminent Domain, Tort Litigation and Much More—How Should the Challenges Be Resolved?”

The GLC presented The 2006 Warren M. Anderson Legislative Breakfast Seminar Series featuring programs on eminent domain in the aftermath of Kelo, civil confinement, sunset of the Procurement Stewardship Act, and racing and gaming law update.

GLC initiatives continued in 2006 with a forum on the siting and construction of wind facilities in New York, presented in partnership with the NYS Energy Research and Development Authority. The GLC co-sponsored a conference on “Concentrated Animal Feeding Operations in New York State: Environmental and Animal Welfare Issues” at Albany Law School, with cooperating sponsors: Albany Law School’s Environmental Law Society, Environmental Alumni Group, and Environmental Law Journal; the NYSBA’s Environmental Law...
Section and Special Committee on Animals and the Law; and the NYC Bar’s Committee on Legal Issues Pertaining to Animals and Environmental Law Committee. The GLC’s 2006 Edwin L. Crawford Memorial Lecture on Municipal Law was delivered by Ernest Abbott, founder and principal of FEMA Law Associates, PLLC, who spoke on “Municipal Disaster Preparedness and Response.” In partnership with the Mohawk Hudson Land Conservancy, the Center presented a program for local town officials on “SEQRA and Local Land Use Planning,” in cooperation with Cornell Cooperative Extension of Albany County, Cornell Cooperative Extension of Green County/AgroForestry Center, the Green Land Trust, and the Schoharie County Planning Department. The GLC, in cooperation with the NYS Office for Technology, NYS Public Service Commission, NYS Department of State and the Empire State Development Corporation presented a symposium for municipal officials and state law and policy makers to discuss “Municipal Broadband and WiFi Policies and Issues.” The School of Criminal Justice at the University of Albany and the Capital Region Chapter of the New York Civil Liberties Union, in partnership with the GLC, presented a seminar on “Tasers” used by law enforcement officials, entitled “Less than Lethal Technologies: Current and Comprehensive Information.”

In 2006, the GLC established “The Public Authorities Project” to provide research on legal aspects of public policy issues facing public authorities and other objectives, working in partnership with the School of Professional Studies at The City University of New York. The GLC participated in an Albany Law School invitational roundtable featuring Professor Tom Baker of the University of Connecticut School of Law speaking on “The Medical Malpractice Myth,” moderated by Professor Timothy Lytton, and a faculty workshop on “Law Without Justice: Why Criminal Law Doesn’t Give People What They Deserve,” featuring Professor Paul Robinson of the University of Pennsylvania Law School. The Albany Law Faculty Workshop and the GLC co-hosted Professor James B. Jacobs, Chief Justice Warren E. Burger Professor of Constitutional Law and the Courts, and Director, Center for Research in Crime and Justice, NYU Law School, at Albany Law School, to speak on “Mobsters, Unions & Feds: The Mafia and the American Labor Movement.”

The Center enhanced its aging law and policy offerings this year when New York Life provided program funds for a two-year effort, The Kin Care Support Project, to educate professionals and caregivers about the legal rights of grandparents and other relatives who are caring for children, through workshops, conferences, and educational publications, with former Sandman Fellow Gerald Wallace, Esq. ’97 serving as project coordinator. The Albany Guardian Society commissioned a study by the 2006 Edgar & Margaret Sandman Fellowship Program to focus on the use of volunteer panels to act as guardians for individuals who have been determined by a court to be incapacitated. Adrienne A. Foederer ’07 was selected as the 2006 Fellow. The 2005 Sandman Fellowship report, “Long-Term Care in the Twenty-First Century,” written by Michael Clark ’05, was published by the GLC.

The Center participated in a celebration of Women’s History Month by hosting a screening of “Raising the Bar: Pioneering Women Lawyers in the New York State Attorney General’s Office,” produced by the Women in Government Task Force of the Capital District Women’s Bar Association, to chronicle the struggles and triumphs of women attorneys, including guest of honor Shirley Adelson-Siegel, former head, Civil Rights Bureau, Attorney General’s Office.

The GLC and Alumni Affairs co-sponsored the Alumni in Government reception honoring Hon. Victoria Graffeo ’77 and William Collins, Esq. ’76.

Professor Salkin taught a new course in the spring for five Albany Law School students enrolled in the Semester in Government, Washington, D.C. program, a joint offering of the GLC and the Clinical Field Placement Program.

The Fall 2006 issue of the Government Law & Policy Journal examined recent developments in procurement law in New York. New postings such as a transcript of the Sanders Forum presentation by Michael Cardozo, Esq. were made to our online journal.

**Year: 2007**

The Government Law Center, under an innovative contract with the New York Department of State, began producing a series of technical assistance activities to support local governments seeking to provide services jointly, through intermunicipal agreements, or by merging together functionally or organizationally. Among its achievements was the publication of an online Technical Assistance Manual, a comprehensive user-friendly resource for local governments interested in streamlining services, and the coordination of a series of workshops in Albany and other locations, under the leadership of Project Director Paul D. Moore.

Albany Law School launched a new scholarly publication, the Albany Government Law Review, with Professors Paul Finkelman and Patricia Salkin serving as co-faculty advisors of the student-run journal.

With the assistance of Congressman Michael R. McNulty, the GLC received a federal grant to establish a program to assist and educate area nonprofit organizations with the help of Program Director John Santacroce and four Albany Law School student fellows. The GLC also held a successful conference for members and staff of not-for-profits.

The GLC convened a symposium on the 20th anniversary of the New York State Ethics in Government Act, co-sponsored by the Municipal Law Section of the NYSBA, bringing together many of the principals responsible for the development, negotiation, passage and implementation of this
landmark legislation. Current Indian gaming legislation and policies were examined at a GLC symposium. The GLC served as a host site for a series of national teleconferences on renewable energy, sponsored by the American Council on Renewable Energy. Albany Law Review and the Center co-hosted a symposium on “The Reemergence of State Constitutional Law and the State High Courts in the 21st Century.” The Center teamed up with the Albany Law Journal of Science and Technology and the Science and Technology Law Center to present a nanotechnology symposium. Legal aspects of using alternative energy to tackle global warming was the topic of the Albany Law School Environmental Outlook symposium, co-sponsored by the GLC. Together with Albany County Executive Michael Breslin, the GLC hosted an invitational roundtable for local officials to discuss the area’s affordable housing crisis.

The GLC hosted two programs organized by Professor Paul Finkelman: a two-day conference honoring the work and career of prominent attorney Alan Dershowitz and an academic conference, co-sponsored by the Albany Government Law Review and Ohio State University, on firearms regulation and the Second Amendment. As part of the second event, Dennis W. Archer, former mayor of Detroit, presented the 2007 Edwin L. Crawford Memorial Lecture on Municipal Law.

The 2007 Anderson Seminar Series explored matters of judicial reform, racing and gaming, public defense and protecting children from Internet predators. The GLC published transcripts on “The State of Racing: ‘Nobody Knows Nothing’ Edition” and “Eminent Domain in the Aftermath of Kelo,” representing two of its most recent postings to the Center’s online clearinghouse. The GLC established the Senator Warren Anderson ‘40 Graduate Fellowship in Government Administration and Regulation as a tribute to the Senator Anderson’s prominent legal and government career, as well as his emphatic support of the Center.

Other annual events hosted by the GLC included the 7th Annual Saratoga Institute on Racing and Gaming Law in Saratoga Springs, tackling the issue of how best to award the thoroughbred racing franchise in New York among other issues, and the 14th annual Senior Citizens’ Law Day, featuring the Nancy M. Sills ’76 Memorial Lecture delivered by Michael J. Burgess, Director of the NYS Office for the Aging, and for the second year offering the NYSBA Elder Law Section’s Pro Bono Senior Clinic.

Students and alumni continued to participate in GLC initiatives in 2007 including panel presentations by alumni on Careers in the Legislature, Careers in Local Government, and a new offering on Understanding the Civil Service Exam, offered in conjunction with Career Planning and the Office of Alumni Affairs; the 2007 Sandman Fellowship focusing onkin care issues awarded to Edward W. McLennathan, class of ’08; and the 2007 editions of the Government, Law & Policy Journal exploring topics of eminent domain and shared municipal services, produced with the editorial assistance of Albany Law School students.

Government Law Center Co-sponsors Program on Non-Profit Law

The Government Law Center is co-sponsoring, along with the Community Foundation for the Capital Region and the Estate Planning Council of Eastern New York, a special continuing legal education program focusing on the ethical considerations involving the governance of not-for-profit organizations. The program will be held on the morning of June 10, 2008 at the Wolferts Roost Country Club in Albany. The program commemorates the 30th anniversary of the Government Law Center and the 40th anniversary of the Community Foundation.

The featured speaker for the program will be Evelyn Brody who will speak on the topic, “Exploring the Role of the Lawyer in Nonprofit Governance: Issues Raised by the ALI’s Project on ‘Principles of the Law of Nonprofit Organizations.’” Ms. Brody is a professor at the Chicago-Kent College of Law. She received her J.D. (magna cum laude) in 1981 from Georgetown University Law Center, where she was case and notes editor of The Tax Lawyer, the law journal of the ABA Tax Section. She earned her B.A. in comparative literature from Yale University. Professor Brody joined Chicago-Kent's faculty in 1992. From 1988 to 1992, she was an attorney/advisor in the Office of Tax Policy, U.S. Treasury Department. Previously she practiced with Arnold & Porter in Washington D.C., and with Michael, Best & Friedrich in Madison, Wisconsin. Professor Brody teaches personal income tax, taxation of business enterprises, taxation of investments, and nonprofit law. Professor Brody is an associate scholar with the Urban Institute's Center on Nonprofits and Philanthropy. She has served as secretary of the ABA Section on Taxation and as a board member of the Association for Research on Nonprofit Organizations and Voluntary Action. Professor Brody serves as the reporter of the American Law Institute's Project on Principles of the Law of Nonprofit Organizations.

Her scholarly publications have examined the tax treatment of education, the economic and institutional similarities between nonprofit and for-profit organizations, charitable endowments, the direct and indirect effects of tax reform on charities, the limits of nonprofit fiduciary law, the constitutional bounds of the right of association, and the enforcement powers of the IRS and state attorneys general. In 2002, she was named a Freehling Scholar by Chicago-Kent and the Norman and Edna Freehling Endowment Fund for her distinguished work in the field of tax law.

Professor Brody’s remarks will be followed by a panel discussion relating her remarks to attorneys, financial consultants, estate planners, and non-profit agencies.

For more information on this program, contact Kelly Ashe at kashe@albanylaw.edu or (518) 445-2329.
Voting Technology in New York Examined


Annette Kahler, Esq., Director of the Albany Law School Science & Technology Law Center moderated the first panel, “Introduction to Voting Equipment & Technologies,” which featured remarks by Kimball Brace, President of Election Data Services, Inc.; Paul Herrnson, Director of the Center for American Politics and Citizenship; and Richard Niemi, Don Alonzo Watson Professor of Political Science at the University of Rochester. The topic “Current Status and Future of Voting Technology in New York,” moderated by Sandra M. Stevenson, Professor of Law at Albany Law School, included panelists Steven Richman, Counsel for the New York City Board of Elections; John Graziano, Commissioner of the Albany County Board of Elections; Edward Szczesniak, Commissioner of the Onondaga County Board of Elections; and Ralph Mohr, Commissioner of the Erie County Board of Elections.

After a break for lunch, Gracia Hillman, Commissioner of the United States Election Assistance Commission delivered the keynote address. Assemblyman Joel Miller then moderated a panel on “HAVA and relevant legislation,” with David Kogelman, Chair of the Help America Vote Act Committee and with the Board of New York Democratic Lawyers Council; Bo Lipari, Executive Director of New Yorkers for Verified Voting; and Kathleen O’Keefe. The day concluded with a panel on “How modern voting technologies will affect the practice of law, voting rights, and relevant legislation,” featuring: John Ciampoli as moderator and panelists: Lawrence Norden Esq., Counsel for the Brennan Center for Justice at NYU School of Law, Hon. Martin Connor of the NYS Senate, and Thomas J. Spargo, Esq.

Former Lieutenant Governor Speaks at Center Forum

Honorable David A. Paterson, then-Lieutenant Governor of the State of New York, was the featured speaker at The William B. Sanders Law & Public Policy Forum on November 1, 2007 at the University Club in New York City. The breakfast event was co-chaired by GLC Acting Director Bennett Liebman, Esq., and Kenneth W. Bond, Esq., of Squire, Sanders & Dempsey and a member of the GLC’s Advisory Board. More than 20 government and business leaders served on the program’s Honorary Committee.

The William B. Sanders Law and Public Policy Forum is named for Judge William Brownell Sanders, who attended Albany Law School in the 1870s. The program brings together Albany Law School alumni and friends in the New York metropolitan area to interact with government leaders. Past speakers have included the NYS Assembly Speaker, the Corporation Counsel for the City of New York, the former New York State Comptroller, the former New York State Attorney General, the Nassau County Executive, and the former Suffolk Deputy County Executive.

The series is underwritten by the Cleveland-based law firm of Squire, Sanders & Dempsey L.L.P. in honor of Judge Sanders, who was a founding partner at the firm and a graduate of Albany Law School.

Center Launches New e-News

As part of our 30th Anniversary celebration, the Government Law Center is launching a new electronic newsletter, which can be delivered to a subscriber’s email box. Government Law Center eNews provides brief bi-monthly descriptions of the Center’s upcoming events and other relevant projects.

The inaugural issue of the Government Law Center eNewsletter will be sent to readers of our print newsletter whose email addresses are already in our database. To subscribe to upcoming issues of the eNews, send an email to Kelly Ashe at kashe@albanylaw.edu. The GLC will continue publishing a print copy of the newsletter to provide more detail on our activities.

We look forward to bringing you the new Government Law Center eNewsletter. Please contact Kelly Ashe at (518) 445-2329, kashe@albanylaw.edu to let us know what you like about the publication, or what we can do to improve it.
Debut Issue of Albany Government Law Review Focuses on Campaign Finance Reform

The inaugural issue of the Albany Government Law Review, Albany Law School’s new scholarly journal, sheds light on some of the critical aspects of campaign finance reform in the United States. In his Foreword to this issue, then-New York Governor Eliot Spitzer highlights the practical reality of the need for those who benefit most from the status quo to act seemingly against their short term interests to arrive at better laws and policies for campaign finance reform. The articles, written by some of the leading thinkers on this topic and representing the public, private and non-profit sectors, provide readers with insight into the difficult political waters that must be navigated to arrive at an agreement on reform.

The first two articles in this issue are written by historians who are noted experts in the field of campaign finance reform. Professor Melvin Urofsky’s article begins with a compelling explanation of why money matters in campaigns for elected office. He offers an excellent historical overview of the history of campaign finance reform, beginning with the early efforts to accomplish reform in 1897 when some states banned corporate contributions. He takes readers through an insightful and educational journey of campaign finance reform efforts up until the 1976 U.S. Supreme Court decision in Buckley v. Valeo. Professor Kurt Hohenstein’s article continues the roadmap set out by Professor Urofsky. He discusses the history of campaign finance reform from Buckley to the present. He observes that one major problem is that legislatures fail to understand the public interest in realizing reform consistent with the values the public expects from our democracy. This article provides an outstanding review of the significant campaign finance cases that have been decided post-Buckley and how the decision in Buckley has shaped efforts at subsequent campaign finance reform. Professor Hohenstein then turns to the 2002 Bipartisan Campaign Reform Act (BCRA). He concludes by offering observations as to how the lessons learned from the history of campaign finance can help lawmakers and courts find a more just result.

The next set of three articles were contributed by leading law professors, well known for their in depth research and analysis on the subject of campaign finance reform and government law. These professors focus in depth on the recent 2007 U.S. Supreme Court decision in Federal Election Commission v. Wisconsin Right to Life, Inc. (WRTL II). Professor Richard Briffault’s analysis explores the majority opinion written by Chief Justice Roberts in WRTL II as it relates to the Court’s 2003 decision in McConnell v. Federal Election Commission which upheld the BCRA against a facial constitutional attack. Professor Briffault concludes with a consideration of the implications for the future of campaign finance reform post-WRTL II. Professor Daniel Ortiz reviews the WRTL II decision and discusses its impact and effects on electioneering communications and on other aspects of campaign finance regulation. In so doing, Professor Ortiz expresses concern over the potential destabilizing effects that this decision may have in the area of campaign finance law, providing examples of direct and indirect effects that are likely to arise. Professor Richard L. Hasen’s essay shifts attention to the dissenting opinion in WTRL II, written by Justice Souter. He focuses on how the addition of Justice Alito to the bench, replacing Justice O’Connor, has resulted in a shift in the Supreme Court’s campaign finance jurisprudence. Professor Hasen compares Justice Souter’s views on campaign finance jurisprudence while Justice O’Connor was on the bench and after she retired, asserting that now Justice Souter has emerged with a yet fully developed egalitarian view of campaign finance law.

The issue concludes with an article by Ciara Torres-Spelliscy and Ari Weisbard of the Campaign Finance Project of the Democracy Program at the Brennan Center for Justice at NYU School of Law. This article is an appropriate book-end to Governor Spitzer’s opening as it focuses on campaign finance reform in New York. Reporting on how New York lost its leadership role in being at the forefront of campaign finance reform and reviewing the problems with the current campaign finance regime, the authors suggest that the State – and for that matter, any state – might consider lessons from New York City’s approach to this issue. The article draws attention to the New York City model addressing contribution limits, personal use of campaign funds by candidates, pay-to-play, disclosure, enforcement and public financing of campaigns.

Published twice a year, each issue of the Albany Government Law Review focuses on a theme relating to legal aspects of government and public policy. Albany Law School Associate Dean Patricia Salkin and Professor Paul Finkelman, the President William McKinley Distinguished Professor of Law and Senior Fellow in the Government Law Center at Albany Law School, serve as Co-faculty Advisors to the Albany Government Law Review. The publication was made possible through the leadership of Monique Mazza, Editor-in-Chief of the Editorial Board, and Board members: Dallas Young, Executive Editor; Michael Kogut, Managing Editor for Submissions; Margaret Dougherty, Managing Editor for Symposium; Jane Tsamardinos, Managing Editor for Business & Production; Victoria Lago, Managing Editor for Technology & Development; Mark Skanes, Managing Editor for Research & Writing; William Stohner, Article Editor; M. Lettie Dickerson, Article Editor; and Paige Butler, Article Editor.

The Albany Government Law Review held a symposium on gun control and the Second Amendment in October 2007 and the articles from this event will be published in a later issue. Religion and the Law will be the subject of its next symposium to be held in fall 2008. Visit http://www.albanygovernmentlawreview.org/ for more information about the Albany Government Law Review and how to subscribe.
Journal Addresses Municipal Cooperation in Sharing Services

The Winter 2007 Government, Law and Policy Journal focuses on key aspects of municipal cooperation, consolidation and service sharing among local governments in New York State. The idea for an issue devoted to this topic came out of the Government Law Center’s recent partnership with the NYS Department of State to develop tools, such as a user-friendly manual and a interactive Network of educational institutions and municipal associations, to assist local governments that endeavor to work together to provide services to citizens of New York.

The lead article by New York’s Secretary of State Lorraine Cortés-Vázques provides a framework for municipal cooperation. The remaining eleven articles (see below for titles and authors) express a variety of perspectives from state and local government, the legislative and executive branches, academia, and other professions who work in the field. Among the contributors are Robert C. Batson, Esq., Government Lawyer in Residence; Amy Lavine, Esq., GLC Staff Attorney; Kenneth W. Bond, Esq., Member of the GLC Advisory Board; and Edward W. McClenathan, Class of ’07.

Rose Mary Bailly, Esq. serves as Editor in Chief of the Journal. She was assisted with the production of the current issue by Paul D. Moore, Director of the GLC’s Shared Municipal Services Technical Assistance Project. The student editorial board includes Marcha Kronholm, Executive Editor, and Senior Editors Michelle Duprey, Kevin Hines, Muhammad Umair Khan, Edward McClenathan, Kaitlin Rogan, Brian Sharma, and Thomas Wilder.

A publication of the New York State Bar Association’s Committee on Attorneys in Public Service, the Government, Law and Policy Journal is produced in cooperation with the Government Law Center. For more information about the Government, Law and Policy Journal, contact Rose Mary Bailly, Esq. at (518) 472-5858, rbail@albanylaw.edu.

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**NEWS IN BRIEF**

**Associate Dean Patricia** was selected by the American Planning Association as one of four leading land use law professors to craft a letter to the next President of the United States about establishing an appropriate sustainable development agenda. Her letter, titled, “The Legacy of the 44th President of the United States - 2020 Vision,” appears in the January 2008 issue of Planning and Environmental Law. Also in January, **Salkin** was appointed to the Standing Panel on Social Equity in Governance of the National Academy for Public Administration.


In October 2007, **Salkin’s** treatise, New York Zoning Law & Practice, 4th edition was expanded from three to four volumes. The new release included an updated set of forms and a new chapter on special use permits.


**Salkin** was appointed by Town of Bethlehem Supervisor Jack Cunningham and the Town Board to serve on Bethlehem 20/20, established as a vehicle to involve key community stakeholders and to stimulate a community-wide conversation about the long-term strategic direction of the Town government. The mission of the 20/20 committee will be to assist the Town in making key organizational and investment decisions to ensure that it maximizes the potential to achieve the Comp Plan’s vision for 20/20. The advisory committee is comprised of more than twenty-five community leaders who have broad decision-making experience and expertise in managing both public and private sector organizations. See, http://www.townofbethlehem.org/uploads/doc_381671PressReleaseBethlehem2020.pdf. On February 1, 2008, **Salkin** was elected to represent the Third District in the New York State Bar Association House of Delegates.

**Salkin** and GLC staff attorney **Amy Lavine** participated in the ABA’s Section of State and Local Government Teleconference Series, “Everyday Ethics for Government Attorneys,” on March 12.

**Rose Mary Bailly** provided training sessions for the New Worker Institute for adult protective services staff on July 11th (Syracuse), July 25th (New York) and November 13th (New York City). She presented on “Updates to Guardianship” at the Public Welfare Conference on July 17th and at the Adult Abuse Training Institute in Saratoga Springs on October 10th, and “Recent Mental Health Issues” at the Judicial Training Institute in Saratoga Springs on November 28th. Bailly’s article, “Guardianship – Stopping financial exploitation in its tracks,” appears the December 2007 issue of Capital Commons Quarterly, a publication of the Albany Guardian Society, available on line at http://www.albanyguardiansociety.org/.

**Paul D. Moore** made a presentation to the annual meeting of the New York State Government Finance Officers Association at the Albany Marriott Hotel on April 14, 2008. The topic was “An Update on the GCLC Shared Services Technical Assistance Project and a Look at the Year Ahead.”

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