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Upcoming Events

2011 Warren M. Anderson Legislative Breakfast Seminar Series

The Government Law Center is pleased to announce the dates for the 2011 Warren M. Anderson Legislative Breakfast Seminar Series. The programs will be held on the following Tuesdays: February 15, March 15, April 12 & May 10. The presentations will start promptly at 8:00 a.m. in the Assembly Parlor Room of the New York State Capitol. One hour of complimentary CLE credit is available for each program.

Program topics are being finalized and will be announced in the January newsletter. For more information about the Warren M. Anderson Legislative Breakfast Seminar Series, including viewing programs from the 2010 series, please visit our website.

To date, sponsors of the 2011 series include:

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Business Council of New York State
Print Newsletter

To view our Spring 2010 print newsletter for more in-depth information about the GLC, as well as recent and upcoming events, click here. If you would like to receive our annual print newsletter, please contact the Government Law Center at 518.445.2329 or krose@albanylaw.edu.

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

Nancy M. Sills ’76 Memorial Lecture Speaker Announced

The Government Law Center is pleased to announce that the keynote speaker for the 2011 Nancy M. Sills ’76 Memorial Lecture will be Dr. Patricia A. Bomba, Vice President and Medical Director of Geriatrics at Excellus BlueCross BlueShield. Dr. Bomba’s speech will kick off the 2011 Senior Citizens’ Law Day, scheduled for April 2, 2011.

For more information about Senior Citizens' Law Day, please click here.

Activities & Recent Events

GLC Announces Appointment of Government Lawyer in Residence

The Government Law Center recently appointed Amelia Stern as the 2010-2011 Rapp Government Lawyer in Residence.
and reports written by faculty, staff, and students of Albany Law School.

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In her new role, Stern will work with the GLC faculty and staff to develop a greater visibility and focus on state administrative law. She also plans to explore a cost benefit analysis of the investment of state funds in civil legal services.

To view the press release announcing the appointment, please click here.

Spotlight on GLC Faculty Affiliates
Albany Law School Professor Stephen Gottlieb is working on two books divided by the centuries. One is an annotated edition of Madison’s Notes on the 1787 Constitutional Convention in which he is striving to make the proceedings intelligible for modern readers. This includes exploring the principles, assumptions, deal-making, and reflections of state and local politics. The other is a study of the Roberts Court’s handling of democracy-related issues. It will consider the Court’s decisions against the background of how similar issues are treated among political scientists and other national courts.
Visiting Professor Steven Kropp writes on public and private sector labor law, bankruptcy, and corporate governance. His current work focuses on underfunded state pension funds across the U.S. and possible solutions to avert an impending financial crisis.

Professor Evelyn Tenenbaum contributed chapters on freedom of religion in prison and the Eleventh Amendment to a forthcoming textbook, *Current Issues in Constitutional Litigation* (Carolina Academic Press), authored by Rutgers Law Professor Sarah Ricks. The textbook should be very helpful to anyone who is handling 42 U.S.C. § 1983 civil rights litigation and to practitioners who are interested in keeping abreast of developments in this complex area of the law.

On December 8, 2010, Professor Michael Hutter presented a paper on Attorney-Client Privilege & Waiver to New York State legislative counsel and staffers. This presentation was given in connection to the consideration by the legislature of a rule for New York that is similar to newly enacted Federal Rule of Evidence 502.
GLC Director Patricia Salkin Named to NY Attorney General-Elect Schneiderman’s Transition Team

GLC Director and Associate Dean Patricia Salkin has been named to New York Attorney General-Elect Eric Schneiderman’s transition team. Salkin has previously served on transition teams for former Governor Eliot Spitzer, Attorney General Andrew Cuomo and Attorney General Eliot Spitzer.

Public Authorities Project

The GLC’s Public Authorities Project continues to be actively engaged in evaluating authorities operations and promoting authority reform. Activities have ranged from the domestic to international. On the domestic level, the Project will be continuing authority board member training as required by the Public Authorities Reform Act. To date more than 350 board members of State and local authorities have received training on ethics and governance. This spring the Project will hold the first of two roundtable discussions on measuring the performance of public authorities. Most recently Scott Fein, the GLC’s Director of the Public Authorities Project, was appointed as one of four members of a new Advisory Council to the State’s Authorities Budget Office to help guide implementation of public authority reforms.

Efforts afoot on the international stage are equally exciting. The United Nations is actively promoting new approaches to introduce private sector funding to support and expand
infrastructure (water, sewage treatment, highway development, and housing) throughout Asia and Africa. The Public Authorities Project has proposed to the United Nations that the public authority construct used throughout the United States may be an appropriate mechanism for facilitating the access to private capital in the context of a public private partnership (P3). The Public Authorities Project is hopeful that this concept will be further developed at a meeting with United Nations personnel this winter.

**GLC Hosts Workshop on Professor Mashaw's Forthcoming Book on Administrative Law**

On November 4, 2010, the Government Law Center and Yale Law School co-sponsored the a program on administrative law. Professor Timothy Lytton organized this day-long conference to workshop a book manuscript by Yale Law School Professor Jerry Mashaw on the early history of administrative law from the founding to 1870. Mashaw's manuscript challenges the conventional wisdom that the American administrative state is a development almost exclusively of the 20th century. The conference was meant to bring together administrative law and legal history scholars to discuss the book's thesis and to offer feedback at a stage when changes to the manuscript can still be made. Mashaw is the Sterling Professor of Law at Yale Law School, where he teaches courses on administrative law, social welfare policy, regulation, legislation and the design of public institutions. Participants included faculty from Yale University, Harvard University Department of Government, Harvard Law School, Stanford Law School, Georgetown University Law Center, University of Virginia School of Law, University of Michigan Law School, New York University School of Law, Columbia Law School, University of California at Berkeley School of Law and Rockefeller College of Public Affairs & Policy. Albany Law
School's GLC Director Patricia Salkin and Government Lawyer in Residence Amelia Stern also took part in this conference.

GLC Staff Attorney Amy Lavine Provides Pro Bono Service in Drafting an Amicus Brief to the U.S. Supreme Court

Staff attorney Amy Lavine recently provided pro bono assistance in preparing a brief of amicus curiae for the U.S. Supreme Court to support the petitioners in the case of Tuck-It-Away Storage, Inc., et al. v. New York State Urban Development Corporation d/b/a Empire State Development Corporation. The amicus brief, filed by New York State Senator Bill Perkins, urges the Supreme Court to hear the case, which seeks to overturn the use of eminent domain to seize properties from the petitioners for an expansion of Columbia University in New York City. The expansion site is located in the West Harlem neighborhood of Manhattanville, which is in Senator Perkin's district.

The full brief can be viewed here.

Visiting Chinese Law Professor Liu Dan gives Faculty Workshop On Piracy Law
On December 6, 2010, visiting Professor Liu Dan from the Shanghai Institute of Foreign Trade School of Law gave a presentation about the current status of maritime security and the reported global piracy warning. She analyzed and compared the different characteristics of piracy in various regions, especially pirates in Somali and Southern Asia. Connecting the conventional issues under the Law of the Sea, the second part focused on the useful experience of the cooperative mechanism for the Straits of Malacca and Singapore and the challenging problems for global action against Somali piracy. The third part of her presentation provided commentary on the major challenges of international actions against Somali piracy, and the necessity to develop various areas of international law to cope with the current piracy issues.

**GLC Advisory Board Nominations**

The GLC is currently seeking nominations for our advisory board. If you or someone you know might be interested in this opportunity, please contact Katherine Rosenberg at (518) 445-2329 or krose@albanylaw.edu.
Upcoming Presentations

- Patricia Salkin will present at the upcoming 5th Hawai‘i Land Use Seminar, January 13th & 14th 2011 in Honolulu. Her three hour presentation will focus on ethical considerations for land use lawyers.


Recent Publications

Climate Change and Sustainable Development Law in a Nutshell
by Patricia E. Salkin and John R. Nolon
West, 2010

This book comprehensively explores international, federal, state, and local laws and policies regarding sustainable development and climate change management. The book explains how the U.S. legal system fosters greenhouse gas reduction, energy conservation, and sustainable patterns of growth, including energy-efficient and sustainable buildings, the use of renewable energy resources, the protection of
sequestering open space, and the adaptation of buildings and communities at sea level rise and natural disasters.

**Social Networking and Land Use Planning Regulation: Practical Benefits, Pitfalls and Ethical Considerations**

_by Patricia E. Salkin_

Pace Law Review (forthcoming)

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