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Should Wisconsin Come to New York? The Intersection of Collective Bargaining, Budgets and Politics

On Wednesday, March 23, 2011 the Government Law Center and the Rockefeller Institute will co-sponsor a program entitled “Should Wisconsin Come to New York? The Intersection of Collective Bargaining, Budgets and Politics” Speakers include Richard L. Brodsky, former Member of Assembly, John J. Faso, former Minority Leader of the Assembly, and Moderator Abraham Lackman, Clarence D. Rappleyea Government Scholar in Residence, Albany Law School. This program will be held from 8:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. in Meeting Room One in the Concourse of the Empire State Plaza in Albany. The program is open to the public. Seating is limited, and, in order to secure seating, attendees should contact Katherine Rosenberg at (518) 445-2329 or krose@albanylaw.edu.

2011 Warren M. Anderson Legislative Breakfast Seminar Series

The Government Law Center invites you to the remaining two programs of the 2011 Warren M. Anderson Legislative Breakfast Seminar Series:

Tuesday, April 12: “Consolidating Services”

Tuesday, May 10: “The State Budget Process: Deciphering the Education Budget”

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. To register, please call (518) 445-2329 or email krose@albanylaw.edu.
Senior Citizens' Law Day

Senior Citizens' Law Day will be held on Saturday, April 2, 2011 at Albany Law School from 9:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. The day will begin with the Nancy M. Sills '76 Memorial Lecture at 9:00 a.m. and will feature keynote speaker Dr. Patricia A. Bomba, Vice President and Medical Director of Geriatrics at Excellus BlueCross BlueShield. Through a collaboration with The Albany Law Clinic & Justice Center, the event will also provide two additional opportunities: individual counseling on completing advance directives, and a Pro Bono Senior Clinic, offered in partnership with the State Bar Association Elder Law Section, where attendees can sign up for a free 30-minute consultation with a practicing elder law attorney.

Sponsors of Senior Citizens’ Law Day include CSEA, Cohoes Savings Bank, Albany County Bar Foundation, Shrader & Shrader, the Times Union and the Troy Record. For more information about this event, please contact Katherine Rosenberg at (518) 445-2329 or krose@albanylaw.edu.

Crawford Lecture on Municipal Law to Examine Insolvency at Municipal Level

Clayton Gillette, the Max E. Greenberg Professor of Contract Law at NYU School of Law will deliver the annual Crawford Lecture on Municipal Law on Friday, April 8, 2011 at 4:00 p.m. in Room 200 at Albany Law School. With many municipalities, in New York State and the nation facing unprecedented fiscal problems, Professor Gillette's lecture will provide a timely examination of the causes of these financial problems and the remedies that might be available to municipalities. One hour of complimentary CLE credit will be offered for this program. To register...
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**Upcoming Seminars: Renewable Energy Entrepreneurial Seminar Series (REESS)**

As part of the GLC's continuing efforts under the NYSERDA award to provide early stage business support to start-up companies in New York, a series of seminars has been developed to provide education and training in the areas of cleantech law, renewable energy, energy efficiency and entrepreneurial growth and success. Used in conjunction with the Legal Handbook for Early Stage Business developed by Albany Law School (available at www.albanylaw.edu/esb), the Renewable Energy Entrepreneurial Seminar Series (REESS) is designed to aid start-ups in identifying legal issues early on, enabling them to find the resources and assistance necessary to address those legal issues. The series will consist of eight seminars to be deployed over the next three years. Overall, REESS will serve the target audience by providing timely, cost-effective and comprehensive sessions that will be conducted in a manner that encourages participation, promotes business growth and success, and provides NYSERDA with an educational tool that is available for statewide deployment and repeated use across different regions throughout the State. The first three seminars are scheduled for this spring. They include:

**April 5, 2011 – Grid Interconnection Requirements: The Role of the Utilities and NYISO** Location: Albany Law School, Boardroom, 80 New Scotland Avenue Albany NY 12208 Time: 12:00 – 1:30 pm, lunch will be provided. This program is free and open to the public.

**April 21, 2011 – Cyber Security for Smart Grids: Build a Successful Business Plan and Model** Location: The College of Nanoscale Science and Engineering, NanoFab South Auditorium and Rotunda 255 Fuller Rd. Albany, NY 12203 Time: 3:00 - 4:30 pm
(panel discussion), with a cocktail networking reception from 4:30 - 5:30 pm. This program is free and open to the public.

**May 20, 2011 – Regulations Impacting Energy Products and Services** Location – Albany Law School, Room 200, 80 New Scotland Avenue Albany NY 12208 Time: TBD This program is free and open to the public.

**Baseball Law Symposium**

On **April 11, 2011**, the Albany Government Law Review in conjunction with the Government Law Center will host its inaugural spring symposium entitled “Baseball and the Law: America’s National Pastimes.” The symposium will consist of various legal panels, lectures and discussions that explore the application of the law in baseball. The day’s discussion will focus on topics including but not limited to stadium construction and land use, free agency, major and minor-league player representation, immigration, labor law, baseball culture in America, and performance enhancing drug use. For more information, please contact Ian Group (igroup@albanylaw.edu), Managing Editor for Symposia for the Albany Government Law Review.

**GLC Appointments & News**

**GLC Director Patricia Salkin Appointed to ALI Advisory Panel for Principles of Government Ethics Project**

GLC Director Patricia Salkin was recently appointed to the American Law Institute (ALI) Advisory Panel for the Principles of Government Ethics Project. To learn more about this advisory panel or about the project, please visit the [ALI website](#).

**Government Law Review Announces 2011-2012 Editorial Board**

The Government Law Review recently announced the 2011-2012 Editorial Board: Andrew Stengel, Editor-in-Chief, Emily Ekland,
Albany Law School Students Visit China

Thirty Albany Law School students, as well as Associate Dean & GLC Director Patricia Salkin and Professor Danshara Cords, are traveling for 10 days this month to China to learn about commercial and business law issues between the two countries. For more information about this trip, visit the "Dispatches from China" portion of the Albany Law School website.
Students at the GLC

This spring, the Government Law Center is excited to have a number of students working on a variety of projects:

Katie Valder ’13: I am currently working as a research assistant for Dean Salkin. Past projects have focused on zoning regulations regarding beekeeping and backyard chickens in cities, towns, and villages. I am also working on zoning ordinances concerning the operation of farm stands and the regulations of community gardens.

Laura Bomyea ’13: My work at the Government Law Center so far this semester has been focused on two emerging urban agriculture movements: beekeeping and chicken raising. Working with Dean Patricia Salkin and fellow student Katie Valder ’13, I have researched state and federal regulations on raising bees and chickens, as well as local zoning regulations in cities that allow, restrict or ban these increasingly popular practices. The information we gathered was used in two articles designed to help municipal officials familiarize themselves with the issues and regulation techniques used by other communities in the process of drafting their own ordinances.

Matthew Klimasauskas ‘11: As the legal intern for the Albany Citizens’ Police Review Board, I’ve examined the differences and similarities between Police Review Boards (PRBs), Police Auditors, and Police Ombudsman. Moreover, I am constructing a national poll on the amount of time needed for PRBs, Auditors, and Ombudsman to make their final conclusions on accusations of police misconduct. Finally, I am in the process of researching and writing an article that examines
the tension between the public’s right to access personal police officer’s records and the privacy of certain personnel information that falls under NY Civil Rights Law Section 50-a.

**Upcoming Presentations**

- On March 30, 2011, Patricia Salkin will take part in a Sustainable Development and Land Use Teleconference titled “Land Use and Sustainability: From Plan to Implementation.” This event is co-Sponsored by ABA/ELI.

- Patricia Salkin will take part in a webinar on April 5, 2011 titled “Strategies for Local Governments to Avoid or Defend RLUIPA Litigation.”

- Patricia Salkin will participate in the American Planning Association’s 2011 National Planning Conference on April 9-12. A series of workshops will be held during the conference on topics including: social networking and land use, ethics for planners, climate change and sustainable development law and planning for disaster mitigation.

**Recent Publications**

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- **Feeding the Locavores, One Chicken at a Time: Regulating Backyard Chickens**

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