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DEC Commissioner to Lead Forum On Climate, Jobs and Justice

The community forum "Climate, Jobs and Justice: Copenhagen Report and Next Steps for Labor and the Environment" will be held in the Dean Alexander Moot Courtroom at Albany Law School from 6:30 to 9:00 p.m. on Thursday, April 1.

Last December, more than 45,000 people, including the heads of more than 100 countries, gathered in Copenhagen to help plan the next steps in the global response to the climate crisis. While no binding agreement came out of the meeting, attendees did make progress toward the creation of a global climate strategy.

At the forum, environment, labor and environmental justice leaders who took part in the Copenhagen meetings, as well as other experts, will discuss next steps to a meaningful response to the climate crisis.

Keynote speakers are:

Pete Grannis, Commissioner, NYS Department of Environmental Conservation

Sean Sweeney, Director, Cornell Global Labor Institute

Cecil Corbin-Mark, Deputy Director, WeAct for Environmental Justice

Additional speakers include:

Mark Watson, Program Manager, Environmental Research, NYSERDA

Jill Kubit, Assistant Director, Cornell Global Labor Institute

Jared Snyder, Assistant Commissioner for Air Resources, NYS Department of Environmental

Mark Bettinger, Director of Sierra Club's Federal and International Climate Campaign

Ed Murphy, Director, Workforce Development Institute

The event, which is free and open to the public, is co-sponsored by the Workforce Development Institute, Albany Law School's Government Law
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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,

Center, New York State Apollo Alliance and the Albany Law School Environmental Law Society. For more information, e-mail gtrigg@albanylaw.edu.

Attorney for High-Profile Public Corruption Cases to Deliver Crawford Lecture

Ross H. Garber, a Partner in the firm of Shipman & Goodwin, will present the Government Law Center's 2010 Edwin L. Crawford Lecture on Municipal Law on April 15th at 4 p.m. at Albany Law School. Mr. Garber's presentation, entitled "The Integrity of Public Service: The Impact of Recent Public Corruption Cases," will include a discussion of several high profile public corruption cases and the lessons they provide to municipal officials and lawyers.

Municipal officials are increasingly targets of public corruption investigations. Law enforcement officials often use a daunting array of forensic techniques and tools to investigate suspected corruption. Prosecutors who want to bring public corruption cases increasingly rely on a broad and, some would say, unduly ambiguous law -- the "honest services" provision of the federal mail and wire fraud statutes. There are currently three "honest services" cases before the United Supreme Court, and the Court's decisions could have a dramatic impact on the investigation and prosecution of public corruption cases.

Ross Garber represents corporations and individuals in all phases of government investigations. A substantial portion of Mr. Garber's practice has been devoted to representing public officials and legislative bodies. He recently represented the Office of the Governor of South Carolina and Governor Mark Sanford in his official capacity in impeachment proceedings. Mr. Garber also represented the Office of the Governor and Governor John Rowland in his official capacity during impeachment proceedings before a select committee of the Connecticut House of Representatives. He regularly represents clients in investigations by the Department of Justice, SEC, state attorneys general and other federal and state regulators.

The Edwin L. Crawford Memorial Lecture on Municipal Law was established in 1996 to honor the memory of Edwin L. Crawford, former executive director of the New York State Association of Counties. The program strives to educate and promote dialog on important and timely issues affecting local governments. Presentations by several former
Crawford speakers can be accessed at here.

The Lecture is free of charge and open to the public. For more information, please call the Government Law Center at (518) 445-3287.

Albany Law School Faculty to Discuss Health Care Reform at Anderson

Albany Law School professors Beverly Cohen, Dale Moore, David Pratt, and Evelyn Tenenbaum will examine "Health Care Reform and the States" at the Warren M. Anderson Legislative Breakfast program from 8-9 a.m. on April 20, in the Assembly Parlor, 3rd Floor, NYS Capitol.

Sponsors of The 2010 Anderson Series, to date, are:

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New York State Association of Counties
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Complimentary CLE credit is available. The Anderson Series is free of charge, but space is limited. Please contact Trish Blanco at (518) 445-3287 or tblan@albanylaw.edu to register. Be sure to leave your name, company, phone number, email, and number of attendees.

Digital video recordings of the 2010 Anderson programs will be available online shortly. Click here to view videos of last year's Anderson Seminars and other related materials. The recordings were made possible with the
assistance of New York State Assemblyman Kevin A. Cahill ’80.

Professors Hirokawa and Salkin to Participate in Workshop Series on Climate Change for Municipal Officials

Albany Law School Professors Keith Hirokawa and Patricia Salkin will participate in "Climate Change Action Planning: A Workshop for Municipal Officials" on May 13 at Albany Law School. The Series is being co-sponsored by the Government Law Center, the New York State Bar Association's Environmental and Municipal Law Sections, the Land use Law Center at Pace Law School, the Association of Towns of the State of New York, the Edwin G. Michaelian Municipal Law Resource Center, Pace University, the Energy and Climate Change Center, Pace Law School, the New York State Association of Counties, the New York State Conference of Mayors and the Capital District Regional Planning Commission. The first workshop of the Series took place at the Judicial Institute at Pace Law School, White Plains, New York.

The program is geared toward the interests of municipal officials, covering the complex topic of climate change from a practical perspective that offers information directly applicable to their professional roles and responsibilities.

For more program information and to register, Lisa Bataille at the New York State Bar Association at lbataille@nysba.org or 518-463-3200.

GLC to Co-Host Invitational Roundtable on Termination of Rights for Parents with Psychiatric of Developmental Disabilities

The Government Law Center, in partnership with the Mental Health Association in New York State (MHANYS), will be presenting the “Legal Roundtable on Termination of Parental Rights and Family Reunification Services Discrimination” on Friday April 16, 2010 at Albany Law School. The program will be held in the West Wing of Albany Law School at 9:00 AM, and attendance at the program is by invitation only.
Participants in the program will include Emily Karr-Cook, Esq., '05, Ella Callow, Esq., Managing Attorney for the Legal Program and Custody Advisor for the National Resource Center for Parents with Disabilities, Theresa Glennon, Esq., Jack E. Feinberg Professor of Litigation at Temple University, Beasley School of Law, Simeon Goldman, Esq., Senior Staff Attorney at Disability Advocates Inc., Jeniece Scott, Esq., Marks, O’Neill, O’Brien and Courtney, PC, and Susan Stefan, Esq., Center for Public Representation. Serving as a moderator will be Rose Mary Bailly, Esq. Special Consultant on Aging Law at the Government Law Center.

For further information on the program, please contact MHANYS at (518) 434-0439.

Chair of Governor's Task Force to Lead Discussion on Implementation of the Public Authorities Reform Act

The Public Authorities Project of the Government Law Center, in conjunction with The Independent Authorities Budget Office, will present an overview and discussion of the Public Authorities Reform Act of 2009, on Tuesday, April 27, from 9 a.m. to 12 noon, in the Dean Alexander Courtroom at Albany Law School. Registration will begin at 8:30 that morning.

Panelists will include:
• Ira M. Millstein, Senior Partner, Weil, Gotshal & Manges LLP, Chair of the Governor’s Task Force on Implementation of the Public Authorities Reform Act of 2009, Senior Associate Dean for Corporate Governance, Yale School of Management

• David Kidera, Interim Executive Director of the (new) Independent Authorities Budget Office

• Scott Fein, Partner, Whiteman Osterman & Hanna LLP, member of the Governor’s Task Force on Implementation of the Public Authorities Reform Act of 2009, Director, Public Authorities Project of the Government Law Center

The New York State Public Authority Reform Act of 2009 became effective on March 1, 2010. The Act is one of the most far reaching public authority reform measures in the nation. The provisions enhance the independence and fiduciary duty of Authority Board members, provide
additional operational and contract review requirements, and establish a new Independent Authorities Budget Office to enforce the law.

The purpose of the discussion, in addition to discussing the key provisions of the Act, will be to take questions from the attendees and to address implementation of the Act. As compliance with the Act gets underway, we believe attendance at this session will be of considerable practical use to all involved.

Please RSVP to the Government Law Center at (518) 445-2329 or tblan@albanylaw.edu. For more information about public authorities, visit the GLC’s Public Authorities Information Clearinghouse.

Nationally Recognized Historian to Deliver Keynote Address at Conference on Executive Records

Author, speechwriter and scholar of American history Richard Norton Smith will be a keynote speaker at a major conference on Executive Records to be held at Albany Law School on Thursday, May 20th and Friday, May 21st.

The Government Law Center is co-hosting the program in conjunction with the New York State Archives Partnership Trust and the New York State Archives.

Mr. Smith, the Scholar-in-Residence of History and Public Policy Expertise at George Mason University, will deliver one of the keynote addresses on the topic of the Legacy of an Executive. Mr. Smith is the author of numerous books including Thomas E. Dewey and His Times, which was a finalist for the 1983 Pulitzer Prize.

Also serving as a keynoter will be former Pennsylvania Governor and former United States Attorney General Richard Thornburg. Mr. Thornburg served as Governor of Pennsylvania for two terms, Attorney General of the United States under two presidents, and Under-Secretary-General of the United Nations during a public career which spanned over 25 years.
The program will bring together historians, political figures, elected officials, academics, and government leaders, in an effort to make sense of and plan for future governmental policy on preservation and access to executive records. The program will focus on the issues such as Developing Public Policy and Executive Records, Transparency, Executive Records and the Media, Executive Records as a Legacy, Access to Executive Records in the Digital Age, Disclosure of Executive Records, and the Implementation of Executive Records Legislation.

Confirmed speakers and participants for the conference include Rex Smith, Editor, Albany Times Union; Robert Ward, Deputy Director, Rockefeller Institute of Government; Larry Hackman, former New York State Archivist; Paul Finkelman, President William McKinley Distinguished Professor of Law and Public Policy at Albany Law School and Senior Fellow at the Government Law Center; Elizabeth Benjamin, New York Daily News, Gerald Benjamin, Distinguished Teaching Professor, SUNY New Paltz; Melodie Mayberry Stewart, Ph.D., New York State Chief Information Officer and Director of the Office For Technology; Peter Quinn, author and former speechwriter for Governors Carey and Cuomo; Michael Whiteman, former counsel to Governors Rockefeller and Wilson; Robert Freeman, Executive Director, New York State Committee on Open Government; Melanie Leslie, Professor of Law, Cardozo Law School; Gary Stern, General Counsel at the National Archives; and Lise Bang-Jensen, senior policy analyst at the Manhattan Institute’s Empire Center for New York State Policy.

For more information, contact Grazia Yaeger, NYS Archives Partnership Trust, (518)474-1228.

**Recent News**

**Hon. James P. King ‘59 Received Lifetime Achievement in Public Service Award**

Hon. James P. King ‘59 became the first recipient of a Lifetime Achievement in Public Service Award, named in his honor, on March 28, 2010 in the Dean Alexander Moot Courtroom at Albany Law School.
Judge King was honored for his extensive and distinguished career in public service at the national and state level with the Executive, Legislative and Judicial branches of government. It includes serving as Assistant Attorney General for Robert Abrams; heading the Tort Unit-Claims Bureau, where he defended many cases in the State Court of Claims and the Federal Courts; being elected, and subsequently twice re-elected, a Member of the NYS Assembly; and being appointed both to the New York Court of Claims and as General Counsel for the NYS Department of State. Previously, during the 1960s and 1970s, he undertook several military legal duties in the U.S. Marine Corps, including serving as Trial and Defense Counsel (2nd Military Division) Chief Trial Counsel (3rd Marine Division) in Okinawa, and Division Civil Affairs Officer in Vietnam. In 1984, Judge King became an Adjunct Professor at Albany Law School, teaching Trial Tactics and Advocacy until 2009. Upon retirement, he became a judicial healing officer and was appointed as a hearing officer for the NYS Retirement System. Judge King was also appointed as the first Government Lawyer in Residence at the Government Law Center of Albany Law School and as the Distinguished Jurist in Residence in Siena College.

Dean Thomas F. Guernsey presented the award to Judge King. Remarks were given by Associate Dean Patricia E. Salkin, William Redmond ’55, Chair of the GLC’s Advisory Board; Hon. Clarence D. Rappleyea, Public Affairs Venture; Hon. Frank Milano ’79, New York State Court of Claims; and Siena College Students Aubrey Roman and Michael Ellement. Professor John Feerick, Director of the Center for Social Justice, Fordham Law School, provided a video presentation. Dr. Leonard Cutler, Siena College Pre-Law Advisor and GLC Advisory Board Member, Served as Toastmaster at the reception.

Save the Dates

**Tues., June 22, 2010: Ethical Considerations in Nonprofit Governance Program**

Together with the Estate Planning Council of Eastern New York and The Community Foundation for the Greater Capital Region, the Government Law Center will host "Ethical Considerations in Nonprofit Governance" on **Tuesday, June 22, 2010 from 8:30 - 11:30 a.m.** This program is
designed to explore the role of practitioners in nonprofit governance and the ethical issues confronted when working in this capacity. Michael Cooney, Esq., Nixon Peabody, and Ron Guzior, CPA, BST Financial and Management Consultants, are scheduled to lead this program. 2.5 CLE credits and credits for certified public accountants and certified financial planners are available. This is part of the Center's Klepper Non-Profit initiative. For registration and location information please contact eguglin@cfgcr.org, or call CFGCR at (518) 446-9638.

**Tues, August 3, 2010: 10th Anniversary Program: Saratoga Institute on Racing and Gaming Law**

[Click here](#) for more information about the annual Institute.

**Fri., October 8, 2010: National Taxpayer Advocate Symposium**

Nina E. Olson, United States Taxpayer Advocate, will deliver the keynote address at a symposium on State Taxpayer Rights to be held at Albany Law School on October 8, 2010.

The program theme, Addressing Systemic Tensions Between the Collector and the Taxpayer During Tight Budget Times, is expected to attract a national audience.

Ms. Olson is the National Taxpayer Advocate and serves as an advocate for taxpayers to the IRS and Congress. She leads the Taxpayer Advocate Service, a nationwide organization of approximately 2,000 taxpayer advocates who help U.S. taxpayers resolve problems and work with the IRS to correct systemic and procedural problems.

Look forward to next enews for more information.

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