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Albany Law Professor to Speak at American Society for Public Administration Awards Program

Albany Law School Professor and GLC Advisory Board Member Michael J. Hutter will participate in a special panel presentation as part of this year’s American Society for Public Administration (ASPA) Annual Awards program and reception hosted by the Empire State Capital Area Chapter of ASPA. The program will take place at 5 p.m. on Thursday, May 6th at the Rockefeller Institute of Government (411 State Street, Albany, NY) and be immediately followed by the presentation of the Chapter’s annual awards. The presentation, “Does New York State Need a Constitutional Convention?” will also featuring Dr. Gerald Benjamin (SUNY New Paltz) and Bob Ward (Rockefeller Institute of Government). Please RSVP to aspa.escac@gmail.com if you plan to attend.

Workshop to Assist Localities in Responding to Climate Change Impacts

The Government Law Center will host the second program in a climate change workshop series for local government officials on Thursday, May 13th at Albany Law School. “Climate Change Action Planning: A Workshop for Municipal Officials” will be offered in conjunction with the Land Use Law Center at Pace Law School, and the New York State Bar Association’s Environmental Law and Municipal Law Sections. The workshop was first presented in October 2009 at the Judicial Institute at Pace Law School in White Plains, NY.

The program is geared toward the interests of municipal officials, covering the complex topic of climate change from a practical perspective that offered information directly applicable to their professional roles and responsibilities. Click here for the program and...
Albany Law Alumni to Discuss State Ethics Reform at Anderson Breakfast

From Left: Stephen Coffey, Suzanne Dugan, and Stephen Younger

Stephen R. Coffey, Esq., ’70, Senior Partner, O’Connell & Aronowitz; Suzanne Dugan, Esq., ’89, Special Counsel for Ethics, Office of the New York State Comptroller; and Stephen Younger, Esq., ’82, President-Elect of the New York State Bar Association, Partner, Patterson Belknap Webb & Tyler LLP, will participate in a discussion on “Ethics Reform: Getting It Right” as part of The 2010 Warren M. Anderson Breakfast Seminar Series taking place from 8-9 a.m. on Tuesday, May 18th, in the Assembly Parlor of the NYS Capitol.

Sponsors of The 2010 Anderson Series are:

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The discussion on state ethics is the final program in the 2010 Anderson Series. Last month’s program featured Albany Law Professors Beverly Cohen, Dale Moore, David Pratt, and Evelyn Tenenbaum in a lively and
thought-provoking discussion on “Health Care Reform and the States.” Programs earlier this year covered “Coping with Recession” and “Same Sex Marriage.”

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.

**Documenting Leadership: A Symposium on Executive Records in the 21st Century**

The New York State Archives Partnership Trust and the Government Law Center have joined forces on a two-day event focused on the need for effective record keeping by elected government executives.


Click here for more details and to register online.
CLE Program to Examine Good Governance and Ethical Practices for Nonprofits

The GLC will co-host “Ethical Considerations in Nonprofit Governance” on Tuesday, June 22nd from 8:30 to noon at NYSUT Headquarters in Latham, N.Y. This program is designed to explore the role of practitioners in nonprofit governance and the ethical issues confronted when working in this capacity. Other co-hosts are The Community Foundation for the Greater Capital Region, the Estate Planning Council of Eastern New York, and the Northeast Chapter of the NYS Society of Certified Public Accountants.

Michael Cooney, Esq., Nixon Peabody, and Ron Guzior, CPA, BST Financial and Management Consultants, are scheduled to lead this program. The program will conclude with an update and overview of the current estate tax law plus discussion on any proposed revisions by Martin S. Finn, Esq. ’83, Lavelle and Finn, LLP.

2.5 CLE credits (ethics and professionalism requirement) have been approved. Continuing education credits are also available for certified public accountants, certified financial planners, enrolled agents, and bankers.

The program is part of the GLC’s Lawrence F. Klepper Legal Assistance Program for Nonprofit Organizations.

Click here for more information. Click here to register.

Save the Dates

Tues, August 3, 2010: 10th Anniversary Program: Saratoga Institute on Racing and Gaming Law
The Saratoga Institute's 10th anniversary Program will take place on
Tuesday, August 3, 2010 in Saratoga Springs. Details will be coming in
future e-newsletters.

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.

This conference, hosted by the Government Law Center, is being
organized by Albany Law School faculty Deborah Kearns and Danshera
Cords.
Recent Publications


The latest issue of the Albany Government Law Review focuses on the current status of immigration law in the United States. It includes an introduction, “Comprehensive Immigration Reform: What Congress and the President Need to Do to Make it Work,” by Daniel Griswold, Director of the Center for Trade Policy Studies at the Cato Institute, as well as articles by leading experts that explain the history and development of U.S. immigration law, advocate for immigration reform, and offer practical advice on navigating the current systems. This volume also includes an essay focused on the interactions between judges and their editors, two comments—one focused on New York’s Brownfield Cleanup Program and the other on juror anonymity in criminal trials—and one note written on the recent Supreme Court case, Ashcroft v. Iqbal.

Keeping with the Albany Government Law Review’s tradition of publishing only theme- and symposia-based issues, the Spring 2010 issue will feature the papers presented at the Fall 2009 symposium examining President Lincoln’s use of executive power and comparing it to today. Future programs and publications will focus on the subjects of eminent domain and baseball and the law.

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"Community Benefits Agreements and Comprehensive Planning: Balancing Community Empowerment and the Police Power"
Patricia Salkin and Amy Lavine
forthcoming in the Brooklyn Journal of Law & Policy

Click here to view this article.
"2009 Ethical Considerations in Land Use"
Patricia E. Salkin

At the Cutting Edge 2009: Land Use Law from The Urban Lawyer
Click here to view this article.

"Urban Redevelopment Policy, Judicial Deference to Unaccountable Agencies, and Reality in Brooklyn’s Atlantic Yards Project"
Amy Lavine and Norman Oder
The Urban Lawyer
42 Urb. Law --- (forthcoming Spring 2010)

"Urban Renewal and the Story of Berman v. Parker"
Amy Lavine
The Urban Lawyer
42 Urb. Law --- (forthcoming, Spring 2010)

• Patricia Salkin served as editor of the 2010 Zoning and Planning Law Handbook, published by Thomson Reuters.


GLC Staff Presentations

• Amy Lavine, GLC Staff Attorney, spoke at the NYS Senate Black and Puerto Rican Caucus on February 13th. As part of a panel with Senator Perkins, Ms. Lavine spoke about the history of blight and how it relates to present uses of blight for eminent domain.

• On April 10th, GLC Director Patricia Salkin presented a day-long workshop on climate change and sustainable development
Patricia Salkin presented a discussion on implementing sustainable development for counties at the Annual Meeting of the County Attorneys Association of New York in Cooperstown, NY on April 26.

- On April 29, Patricia Salkin presented a paper on ethics and land use planning during the Spring meeting of the ABA State and Local Government Law Section in Miami, FL.

- Bennett Liebman, GLC Executive Director, spoke on the subject of challenging our horse racing officials at the Kentucky International Equine Summit in Lexington, Kentucky on April 26th.

Recent Events

**Strong Turnout for Community Forum on Climate Crisis, Government Policy and Green Jobs**

A capacity crowd filled the Dean Alexander Moot Courtroom on April 1st for the community forum, “Climate, Jobs and Justice: Copenhagen Report and Next Steps for Labor and the Environment,” featuring NYS DEC Commissioner Pete Grannis and other advocates who discussed a wide variety of issues and opportunities that confront New Yorkers in building a clean energy, good jobs future. The program was co-sponsored by the Government Law Center, the New York State Apollo Alliance, and the Albany Law School Environmental Law Society.

**Crawford Lecture Presented by Shipman & Goodwin Attorney Ross Garber**

The GLC's Edwin L. Crawford Memorial Lecture on Municipal Law featured a presentation by Ross H. Garber, Partner, Shipman & Goodwin LLP on “The Integrity of Public Service: The Impact of Recent Public Corruption Cases,” on April 15 at Albany Law School. Mr. Garber
focused on the “theft of honest services” statute and the three cases currently before the U.S. Supreme Court hinging on this law.

Dean Patricia E. Salkin provided welcoming remarks. Opening remarks were given by Stephen J. Acquario ’98, Executive Director, New York State Association of Counties.

The Crawford Lecture 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. Crawford speakers have included prominent government officials and attorneys involved with municipal issues. Presentations by several former Crawford Lecturers can be accessed here.

This year’s program was made possible through the generous support of the Association of Towns of the State of New York, the New York State Association of Counties, the New York State Conference of Mayors and Municipal Officials, and Saratoga Associates.

The Public Authorities Reform Act of 2009
A program on The Public Authorities Reform Act of 2009 was presented by the Government Law Center’s Public Authorities Project on April 27th to a full-house in the Dean Alexander Moot Courtroom at Albany Law School. The Independent Authorities Budget Office co-hosted the event.

Panelists included 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; Luke Bierman, Esq., Office of the New York State Comptroller; David Kidera, Interim Executive Director of the (new) Independent Authorities Budget Office; and Scott Fein, Partner, Whiteman Osterman & Hannah 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. Assemblyman Richard Brodsky and Senator Bill Perkins also addressed the close to 200 attendees.
The program, approved as part of the new training requirements for public authority board members, was also broadcast live across the state, and the video can be viewed by clicking here.

**Recent Appointments**

**Professor Salkin Elected to The American Law Institute**

Albany Law School Professor Patricia Salkin was recently elected to The American Law Institute, an organization of lawyers, judges and law professors that produces scholarly work to improve law practice and teaching. The American Law Institute is the leading independent organization in the United States producing scholarly work to clarify, modernize, and otherwise improve the law. The Institute (made up of 4000 lawyers, judges, and law professors of the highest qualifications) drafts, discusses, revises, and publishes Restatements of the Law, model statutes, and principles of law that are enormously influential in the courts and legislatures, as well as in legal scholarship and education. ALI has long been influential internationally and, in recent years, more of its work has become international in scope.

**The GLC thanks the 2010 graduates who worked at the Center. We wish them all a successful and rewarding future.**

To keep up-to-date on all upcoming events hosted or co-sponsored by the Government Law Center, check in with us at our webpage: www.albanylaw.edu/glc. Feel free to contact us at any time by calling (518) 445-2329 or emailing tblan@albanylaw.edu. Thanks, as always, to our readers!