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2010 Warren M. Anderson Legislative Breakfast Program

Topics – Same Sex Marriage, Health Care Reform, Ethics, and Other States’ Responses to Recession

This year’s Warren M. Anderson Legislative Seminar Series will open on February 23rd with a discussion on "Coping with the Recession: What Have the Other States Done?" featuring Donald J. Boyd, Ph.D., Senior Fellow, Rockefeller Institute of Government and David S. Liebschutz, Esq., Director of Strategic Planning & Analysis, Center for Governmental Research.

The breakfast on March 23rd will focus on same sex marriage; an examination of healthcare reform and the states will follow on April 20th; and a program on May 18th exploring ethics will conclude the season. The seminars will feature a panel of experts who discuss the legal aspects of each issue, all currently pending before the New York State Legislature. The programs will be held from 8-9 a.m. in the Assembly Parlor on the 3rd Floor of the New York State Capitol.

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

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Hinman Straub P.C.
New York State Association of Counties
Patricia Lynch Associates, Inc.
The Business Council of New York State, Inc.
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Complimentary CLE credit is available. There is no charge to attend the program, but seating is limited. To register, please contact Trish Blanco at (518)445-3287 or tblan@albanylaw.edu. Be sure to leave your name, company, phone number, email, and number of attendees.

Click here to view videos of last year’s Anderson Seminars and other related materials.

Summer in Government Program

The GLC has been instrumental in designing Albany Law School’s new Summer in Government Program. Courses include:

- Access to Government
- NYS Administrative Law
- State & Local Finance
- Government Ethics
- Current Legal Issues in Government
- Government Field Placements

Click here for more information.

Albany Law School Research, Other Resources to be Showcased at The 2010 Black and Puerto Rican Legislative Conference

Albany Law School faculty and staff will participate in a panel discussion on “Law & Policy Research at Albany Law School – Information to Enhance the Quality of Life for All New Yorkers” on February 13 as part of the 2010 Black and Puerto Rican Legislative Conference.

Professor Raymond Brescia will present his findings on the impact of the
mortgage foreclosure crisis on minority communities. **Professor Christian Sundquist** will review his work on the admissibility of racial DNA probability estimates. **Professor Joseph Connors** will speak about the resources at the Clinic and the health law clinic in particular, and GLC Staff Attorney Amy Lavine will discuss eminent domain and community benefit agreements. Sharmaine Moseley from the GLC will discuss citizen oversight of law enforcement and our work with the **Albany Citizens Police Review Board**.

**Recent Events**

**Eminent Domain Research**

Amy Lavine '07, Staff Attorney at the Government Law Center, has been working pro bono with the group Develop Don't Destroy Brooklyn on issues relating to the Atlantic Yards Project. With the help of Albany Law students she has also been assisting State Senator Bill Perkins with research on eminent domain reform legislation.

**GLC Participates in Senior Fraud Workshop Convened by Senator Gillibrand**
On January 5, Rose Mary Bailly, Esq., GLC Special Consultant on Aging Law & Policy, participated in a question and answer session of a workshop convened by U.S. Senator Kirsten Gillibrand on senior fraud issues held at Schenectady Community College. The program also included U.S. Congressman Paul Tonko, City of Schenectady Mayor Brian Stratton, and Schenectady County Community College President Quintin Bullock. The workshop aimed to help seniors gain a basic understanding of financial literacy, recognize risk factors for financial exploitation and learn about who can help them if they are exploited.

**Lieutenant Governor Ravitch Delivers Building Conference Keynote Address**

New York State Lieutenant Governor Richard Ravitch (lower left photo) delivered the keynote address at the 2nd Annual Building in the 21st Century conference at Albany Law School on November 20, 2009.

For more information about this conference, [click here](#).

*Click here* to listen to the podcasts from this program.
GLC Symposium Examines Impact of Technology on Accessing Government Records

Experts from New York and Washington, D.C. gathered on December 4, 2009 for a day-long symposium called “EFOIL: The Freedom of Information Law Meets the Digital Age.” The speakers, all specialists in public access to records and information technology, looked at the current situation in New York, experiences in other states, and a look to the future, including potential reforms to the state public access law.

The event was sponsored by the Government Law Center and Center for Law & Innovation of Albany Law School, New York State Committee on Open Government, Municipal Law Section of the New York State Bar Association, and the Committee on Attorneys in Public Service of the New York State Bar Association.

For more information about this symposium, click here.

International Outreach

The GLC continues its effort to collaborate with researchers across the globe.

Finland
Recent exchanges include a November meeting between Patricia Salkin and Amy Lavine with members of a delegation from Finland visiting New York to learn more about climate change in New York and the U.S. The delegation included representatives from the Ministry of the Environment as well as private investors.

**Kenya**

Albany Law School Associate Dean James Gathii hosted Patricia Kameri-Mbote, a Kenyan Professor who has recently been appointed to be the Dean of a new law school in Nairobi, the Stathmore University Law School. She visited with the Government Law Center, meeting with Patricia Salkin and Bennett Liebman, to learn more about our operation and to use it as a possible model for a center that could be developed in the new law school.

**Australia**

In December, Patricia Salkin hosted Professor Stephen Jones from the University of Queensland in Brisbane, Australia who came to Albany to research state and local collaboration and climate change.

**China**

Also in December, Professor Huiping Zhu from the Shanghai Institute of Foreign Trade (SIFT) visited with the GLC. Professor Salkin is preparing to visit SIFT in March as part of Albany Law School's commitment to develop a long-term, mutually beneficial relationship
with the SIFT Law School. During the visit, Salkin will deliver a presentation on climate change in the U.S.

Recent Publications

"Sustainability and Land Use Planning: Greening State and Local Land Use Plans and Regulations to Address Climate Change Challenges and Preserve Resources for Future Generations"

By Patricia E. Salkin
Environmental Law and Policy Review
Volume 34/Issue 1/Fall 2009
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"21st Century Dreidel"

By Bennett Liebman

The Entertainment Sports and Law Blog

December 8, 2009

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By Bennett Liebman

Gaming Law and Economics

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By Patricia E. Salkin
Case Western Reserve Law Review
Just Published
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