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The Government Law Center is pleased to announce the program topics and dates for the 2011 Warren M. Anderson Legislative Breakfast Seminar Series, titled “Back to the Future: The Decisions of the Past and the Problems of Today.”

**Tuesday February 15:** Indian Gaming: The Issues Facing New York

**Tuesday March 15:** Entitlements and State Finances

**Tuesday April 12:** Consolidating Services

**Tuesday May 10:** Education Reform and the 2011 State Budget: Did the 2006 CFE Decision Make a Discernible Difference?
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.

Sponsors of the 2011 series include:
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**Crawford Lecture on Municipal Law**

The Crawford Lecture on Municipal Law will be held April 8, 2011, and will feature speaker Professor Clayton Gillette of the New York University School of Law. Professor Gillette will address the topic of municipal bankruptcy.

**GLC News**

**GLC Director Patricia Salkin Attends White House Forum on Environmental Justice**

Patricia Salkin, Director of the Government Law Center, attended the White House Forum on Environmental Justice in Washington, D.C., on December 15, 2010 to discuss
Creating a healthy and sustainable environment for all Americans. The invitation-only event was attended by cabinet members, senior federal officials, environmental justice community leaders, and state, local and tribal government officials. Participants will have an opportunity to speak with officials from federal departments and agencies directly involved with environmental justice efforts.

For more information, please click here.

**Law Students from Shanghai Institute of Foreign Trade Visit Albany Law School**

This month, GLC Director Patricia Salkin and Dean Connie Mayer hosted 11 students from the Shanghai Institute of Foreign Trade Law School (SIFT) visiting Albany Law School to learn about American law schools and the American legal system. SIFT students sat in on a class and attended several lectures covering topics such as basic rights of criminal defendants in the US, overview of the US court system and civil procedure and constitutional law. In March, Salkin and Professor Danshera Cords will accompany 31 Albany Law School students on a visit to China.

**GLC Executive Director Bennett Liebman Gives Presentation to SAPA**

On January 20, 2011, Bennett Liebman gave a presentation to the
State Academy of Public Administration (SAPA) in Albany on the topic of “The State of the New York State Horse Racing Industry.” Presented as part of the “Candid Conversations” offered by SAPA, the presentation involved an hour long discussion of the past, present, and future of the racing industry in New York.

Kendra Jenkins ’12, Named 2011 Sandman Fellow

Kendra Jenkins, Class of 2012 has been awarded the Government Law Center’s prestigious Edgar and Margaret Sandman Fellowship for 2011. As the 2011 Fellow, Kendra will be examining regulatory and other barriers to aging in place.

Kendra graduated summa cum laude from the State University of New York at Albany with a B.A. in Communications and Rhetoric with a concentration in Journalism and a minor in Spanish. She worked for then-Attorney General Andrew Cuomo in both his Press Office and Antitrust Bureau.

GLC Awarded Contract to Assist Oneonta in City Charter Revision

The GLC has been awarded a contract to assist the City of Oneonta with charter revision. Government Lawyer in Residence Robert Batson will oversee this effort. Batson has relevant experience in this area, having assisted the following cities in charter review efforts: Albany, Amsterdam, Cohoes, Glen Cove and Troy, NY.
GLC Faculty Affiliate Raymond Brescia Publishes Research on Robo-Sign Scandal

Albany Law School Professor and GLC Faculty Affiliate Raymond Brescia recently published research on the robo-sign scandal on SSRN. In his research, he argues for the use of consumer protection laws by state attorneys general to rein in the robo-sign scandal and compel more banks to give in on principal reduction. Please click here for Professor Brescia’s article about his research in the Huffington Post.

Five Albany Law School Students to Spend the Spring Semester in D.C.

This spring, five Albany Law School are participating in the Semester in Government (SIG) D.C. program. Kaitlin Jorge is working with the Transportation Security Administration at the United States Department of Homeland Security, Anthony Pastore is working with the Transportation Security Administration, US Dept of Homeland Security, Rebekah Weiler is working with the Department of Justice in the Executive Office, Melissa Nunziato is working with the United States Securities Exchange Commission and Mary Holmes is working at the United States Patent and Trademark Office. These students are also enrolled in Dean Patricia Salkin’s online government ethics course.

International Government Ethics Discussion

Danish attorney Frederick Waage will meet with GLC Director Patricia Salkin and Executive Director Bennett Liebman next week as part of Mr. Waage’s doctoral thesis research on “The Role of Danish Public Authorities in Civil
Litigation”, which deals particularly with the special role of the Legal Advisor to the Danish Government. It is the first time that this subject will be treated thoroughly in Danish legal theory, and the project has therefore been supported and encouraged by a number of leading Danish jurists within the area of public law, including prominent members of the Danish bar association, judges, and other public officials. Waage sought out the GLC for its scholarship and reputation in the field of government ethics.

GLC Receives Approval to Provide Public Authority Training

The Government Law Center is State-approved to provide public authority board member training. For more information call the Government Law Center or visit the Authority Budget Office website.

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.

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• Patricia Salkin will present at Florida State University February 25, 2011 for a program entitled “Law and
Sustainability Symposium: The Energy Land Use Nexus

- On March 30, 2011, a teleconference and webinar co-sponsored by the Climate Change, Sustainable Development, and Ecosystems Committee of the ABA and the Environmental Law Institute will be held as an update and discussion of themes from Patricia Salkin's "Land Use" chapter in "Agenda for a Sustainable America."

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