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In Memoriam -

The Honorable James P. King

The Government Law Center lost a good friend on June 11, 2010. Jim King was a long time member of Albany Law School's adjunct faculty, a member of the Government Law Center's Advisory Board and our first Government Lawyer in Residence (serving in a pro bono capacity). Many of us got to see Jim this spring when he was presented with the Lifetime Achievement Award for Public Service at the Law School. He constantly said that Albany Law School had a special place in his heart, and he even made the GLC’s Advisory Board meeting last month. We all will miss his generous nature, warmth and sense of humor.

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Upcoming Events

10th Anniversary – Saratoga Institute on Racing and Gaming Law

The Racing and Gaming Program of the Government Law Center will present the 10th Annual Saratoga Institute on Racing and Gaming Law on Tuesday, August 3, at the Gideon Putnam Resort in Saratoga Springs, N.Y. The event will provide insight on important issues in racing and gaming law today and on the industry’s future in New York State and nationwide. This year’s program will examine the issues of equine abuse, the role of regulation in the horse racing industry, immigration law and horse racing, the current and future status of the New York Racing Association, and the current and future status of the New York City Off Track Betting Corporation. Prominent speakers will include Alex Waldrop, the president of the National Thoroughbred Racing Association, Charles Hayward,
To view our Spring 2010 print newsletter for more in-depth information about the GLC, as well as recent and upcoming events, click here. If you would like to receive our annual print newsletter, please contact the Government Law Center at 518.445.2329 or krose@albanylaw.edu.

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, Social Justice, and Livable Neighborhoods to Development Projects

GLC Research
Government Law Online
A clearinghouse containing government law and public policy articles, studies, president of the New York Racing Association, John Sabini, chairman of the New York State Racing and Wagering Board, and Meyer Frucher, the former chairman of the New York City Off Track Betting Corporation.

Click here to view and print the brochure and registration for this program.

For more information on The Racing and Gaming Law Program, click here.

Continuing Legal Education in Saratoga
Join Albany Law School's Institute of Legal Studies at Saratoga’s Gideon Putnam for breakfast and a selection of Continuing Legal Education Courses. All courses will take place from 9 a.m. to 12 noon. Cost is $90 (3 hours of professional practice) per course.

- Friday, August 6: Current Developments in Family Law
  Professor Melissa Breger, Director, Family Violence Litigation Clinic, Albany Law School
- Friday, August 13: New York Practice Update 2010
  Professor David D. Siegel, Distinguished Professor Emeritus of Law, Albany Law School, and Professor Patrick Connors, Albany Law School
- Friday, August 20: New York Evidence Update 2010
  Professor Michael J. Hutter, Albany Law School
- Friday, August 27: Watching Horse Racing: Seeing Law
  Bennett Liebman, Esq., Executive Director, Government Law Center, Albany Law School

Click here to view and print the brochure and registration for the 2010 CLE in Saratoga Series.
State Taxpayer Advocate Conference

Nina E. Olson, National Taxpayer Advocate

The Government Law Center and the Law Clinic and Justice Center’s Low Income Taxpayer Clinic will host a taxpayer advocacy conference at Albany Law School on October 8, 2010. The conference theme, addressing systemic tensions during tight budget times, is expected to attract a national audience of state tax commissioners, advocates, practitioners and academics.

Nina E. Olson, the National Taxpayer Advocate, will deliver the keynote address, which will involve developing a strong taxpayer advocate’s office through differing administrations. Ms. Olson serves as an advocate for taxpayers to the IRS and Congress and 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.

The conference is intended to serve as a forum for discussion and debate on the systemic tensions involved with revenue collection and taxpayer advocacy and is expected to draw significant interest given the economic downturn and state revenue shortages throughout the country. Conference participants include state tax commissioners, advocates, academics and practitioners. In addition to Nina Olson, confirmed participants include Jamie Woodward, New York’s Tax Commissioner, Jack Trachtenberg, New York's Taxpayer Advocate, Professor Leslie Book, Villanova University School of Law and
Assistant Clinical Professor Deborah Kearns, Albany Law School.

Click here for more details and to register.

Senior Citizens Law Day, Free Senior Clinic – April 2011

The Government Law Center’s Aging Law and Policy Program will host the 17th Annual Senior Citizens’ Law Day in April 2011, on the Albany Law School campus. Area seniors and their families will have the opportunity to attend workshops on managing retirement income, wills, health care proxies, Medicaid, Medicare, identity theft/information privacy, and many other relevant issues. Other highlights will include the Pro Bono Senior Clinic, where participants can sign up for a free, one-on-one meeting with an elder law attorney.

Click here for more information on Senior Citizens’ Law Day.

For more information on the GLC’s Aging Law and Policy Program, click here.

Other News

Summer in Government Program Attracts Record Number of Students

The Summer in Government Field Placement class provides students an opportunity to earn academic credit.

Robert Batson, Esq.
while working in the counsel's office of a government agency, or a public service office. This summer a record 27 students enrolled in the course, taught by GLC Government Lawyer in Residence Robert Batson.

Students are working in a wide variety of agencies, including the State Liquor Authority, Law Revision Commission, Office of General Services, Albany County Public Defender and Rensselaer County Department of Social Services. Other agencies include Consumer Protection Board, PERB (Public Employment Relations Board), Racing and Wagering Board, Department of State, State Board of Elections, Insurance Dept., GORR (Governor's Office of Regulatory Reform), DEC, and on the federal side--FCC Office of Administrative Law Judge, U.S. District Court, U.S. Trustee, and Federal Public Defender. In addition to working at their placement 24 hours per week for the 7-week summer term, students must attend a class at Albany Law School once each week.

Students placed in government agencies are assigned a supervising attorney/mentor who ensures that the student is doing substantive work of value to the agency, and that the student is receiving a valuable educational experience. Students frequently make contacts during their placement that lead to post-graduation employment.

Click here for more information.

Meeting of Former Sandman Fellowship Recipients

Former Sandman Fellows (from right to left): Lauren Konsul, Janet Keary, Jennifer Montieh, Barbara Hancock, Jonathan Federman and Margaret Reed
On June 7, 2010, the GLC held a networking lunch for former Edgar & Margaret Sandman Fellows to discuss ways in which the former fellows can take a more active role in shaping the program in the future.

**CLE Program Examines Good Governance and Ethical Practices for Nonprofits**

The GLC co-hosted a CLE program on ethical considerations in nonprofit governance on June 22, 2010 at NYSUT Headquarters in Latham, N.Y. The program explored the role of practitioners in nonprofit governance and the ethical issues confronted when working in this capacity. Other co-hosts were 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, led the program, which also included 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.

The CLE course was part of the GLC's Lawrence F. Klepper Legal Assistance Program for Nonprofit Organizations.

**Recent Publications**

*Can Urban University Expansion and Sustainable Development Co-Exist?: A Case Study in Progress on Columbia University*

by Keith H. Hirokawa and Patricia Salkin


Albany Law School Research Paper No. 10-06

[Click here](#) to view this on SSRN.
Cooperative Federalism and Climate Change: New Meaning to 'Think Globally - Act Locally''
by Patricia Salkin
Click here to view this on SSRN.

This month, Patricia Salkin authored a Planners Advisory Service (PAS) QuickNotes for the American Planning Association on “Environmental Justice and Land Use.” PAS QuickNotes is a series of briefing papers that provides planning fundamentals for public officials and engaged citizens.

Bennett Liebman wrote a daily column, The Rail Blog, for six weeks for The Rail, the New York Times blog that covered horse racing's Triple Crown.

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by Bennett Liebman
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by Bennett Liebman
12 Government Law and Policy Journal 62 (Spring 2010)

Recent Appointments
NYSBSA Task Force on Government Ethics
Patricia Salkin and Michael Garcia ‘89, Partner, Kirkland & Ellis LLP and former U.S. Attorney for the Southern District of New York, have been appointed by Stephen Younger ‘82, President of the New York State Bar Association, to co-chair a new State Bar Task Force on Government Ethics. The Task Force is considering issues including: anti-corruption laws, disclosure requirements, due process and ethics enforcement, and municipal ethics.

Chief Judge’s Attorney Emeritus Advisory Council
New York State Court of Appeals Chief Judge Jonathan Lippman has appointed Patricia Salkin to serve as a member of the Chief Judge’s Attorney Emeritus Advisory Council, co-chaired by John D. Feerick and Fern Schair. Earlier this year, the Administrative Board of the Courts amended New York’s attorney registration rules to create a new status – Attorney Emeritus – that applies to those attorneys aged 55 or older who certify that they are retired from the practice of law but want to keep using their legal skills on a pro bono basis to help the growing number of New Yorkers who cannot afford counsel. The Attorney Emeritus Program is designed to encourage pro bono by retired lawyers by making their experience as convenient and comprehensive as possible. The Advisory Council will offer advice on how to maximize pro bono representation by retired lawyers, ensure that the volunteers enjoy a satisfying pro bono experience and provide quality legal services to clients, collect essential data about the program, and serve as a bridge to the legal services community and the bar.

Upcoming Presentations
• At the ALI-ABA Land Use Institute, taking place in Santa Fe, New Mexico on August 25-28, 2010, Patricia Salkin will be making a presentation on ethics and land use, land use aspects of the growing, sale and use of medical marijuana, social networking and land use/community development, environmental justice, national caselaw update.

• Aging Baby Boomers, Housing and Other Zoning and Planning
Issues will be the topic of Patricia Salkin's presentation at the Annual Meeting of the New York Planning Federation on September 27, 2010, in Lake Placid, New York.

• Patricia Salkin will present the keynote address on Public Corruption 101 for Land use and Planning Professionals: A National Perspective at the Fourth Annual Ethics Seminar, convened by the Palm Beach County Planning Congress, Inc., in Boca Raton, Florida, on November 5, 2010.