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Public Authorities Law: Maintaining the Balance

The Government Law Center will host a program on public authorities law on Wednesday, June 3, from 9 a.m. to noon in the Dean Alexander Moot Courtroom at Albany Law School. The "The Proposed Legislation to Amend the Public Authorities Law: Maintaining the Balance Between Authority Autonomy and Accountability."

Participants include Luke Bierman, General Counsel, Office of the State Comptroller; New York State Assemblyman Richard L. Brodsky; and Elizabeth Lynam, Deputy Research Director at the Citizens Budget Commission. Scott Fein, Esq., director of the GLC's Public Authorities Project and Partner, Whiteman Osterman & Hanna, LLP, will moderate the panel.

Public authorities are currently responsible for more than 90 percent of New York state's indebtedness, as well as management of more than 85 percent of its infrastructure. A healthy tension exists between allowing public authorities to
operate outside of political influence while ensuring that they remain accountable for their performance to the public and elected officials. It is a delicate balance.

The panel will discuss proposed legislation, including means and measures available for the evaluation of authority performance; resources that will potentially be made available and the availability of administrative sanction; nature of the fiscal reforms; potential scope of the State Comptroller's contract review; and implications of board member certification of independence.

The event is free and open to the public. For more information, or to register, contact 518-445-2329 or tblan@albanylaw.edu.

Charles Evan Hughes: The Accidental Governor as Reformer

While he served as New York State governor, United States Secretary of State, and as the only person who served two different terms on the United States Supreme Court (including a decade as Chief Justice), Charles Evans Hughes seems to be little remembered these days.

Hughes was elected governor at the height of the Progressive Era, and his political views were shaped by that moment. Before serving as governor, Hughes had not worked at all in government or politics, and he may have been New York’s most apolitical governor. He also served at a time when New York State constituted 10% of the population of the nation, and what happened in Albany not only did not stay in Albany but affected the rest of the country. Although he served as governor 100 years ago, much of what happened during his two terms in office remains relevant today.
Bennett Liebman, Executive Director of the Government Law Center, will be speaking to the New York State Bar Association’s Committee on Attorneys in Public Service to review the governorship of Charles Evans Hughes on June 10, 2009 in the Great Hall at the New York State Bar Center.

For more information or to register, contact Maria Kroth at mkroth@nysba.org.

The 9th Annual Racing and Gaming Symposium

The Racing and Gaming Program of the Government Law Center will present The 9th Annual Racing and Gaming Symposium on Tuesday, August 4, at the Gideon Putnam Resort in Saratoga Springs, N.Y. The event will provide insight on the most pressing issues in racing and gaming law today and on the industry’s future in New York State and nationwide.

This year significant portions of the program will be devoted to the issue of humane treatment of horses. There will be panelists speaking on the issues of equine slaughter, the issues uncovered by rescue of the thoroughbred horses at Center Brook Farm in Climax, New York as well as questions of how to strengthen existing legislation on the subject of
humane treatment of horses.

Our next e-newsletter will provide program speakers and other updates.

For more information on The 9th Annual Saratoga Symposium, contact 518-445-2329 or tblan@albanylaw.edu.

For more information on our Racing & Gaming Law Program, click here.

**President Lincoln's Enduring Legacy of Executive Power**

The Government Law Center is co-sponsoring The 3rd Annual Albany Government Law Review Symposium on September 30-October 1, in the Dean Alexander Moot Courtroom at Albany Law School. The program will examine "Lincoln's Legacy: Enduring Lessons of Executive Power."

This will be a particularly timely look at Abraham Lincoln’s exercise of presidential power while exploring its modern relevance. The symposium corresponds with a year-long national celebration of the Bicentennial of the birth of our sixteenth president.

The program opens at 6 p.m. on Wednesday, September 30, will a presentation by Lewis Lehrman of the Lehrman Institute on "Abraham Lincoln as an American Leader," followed by a reception at 7 p.m.
Other confirmed speakers to date are Prof. Angela Alexander; Ms. Emily Brennan, Brennan Center, NYU; Prof. Ray Brescia, Albany Law School; Prof. Paul Finkelman, Albany Law School; Dr. Louis Fisher, Library of Congress; Dr. Mark Graber, University of Maryland School of Law; Dr. Timothy Huebner, Rhodes College; Prof. Neil Kinkopf, Georgia State School of Law; Dr. Thomas C. Mackey, University of Louisville; Prof. Christian Sundquist, Albany Law School; Prof. Renee Redman, University of Connecticut School of Law; Dr. Abraham Wagner, Columbia SIPA; Dr. Jenny Wahl, Carleton College; and Hon. Frank Williams of the Lincoln Bicentennial Commission.

For more information, contact Ali Chaudhry, Managing Editor for Symposia, 518-472-5863, achaudhry@albanylaw.edu.

Senior Citizens’ Law Day- October 2009

Albany Law School’s Annual Senior Citizens’ Law Day is set for Saturday, October 3, 2009, on the Albany Law School campus. The popular event provides access to reliable information about the many legal, financial and healthcare issues confronting older adults and their families.

Workshops include topics such as: wills, health care proxies, Medicaid, Medicare, coping with disease, surviving a money
crunch, and connecting caregivers to community resources. A free publication containing the latest information on many of the topics will be provided.

The program will begin with The Nancy M. Sills ’76 Memorial Lecture and will feature once again a Pro Bono Senior Clinic offered through a partnership of the GLC and the NYS Bar Association Elder Law Section.

For more information on Senior Citizens’ Law Day, click here (and scroll to bottom of page).

For more information on the Center’s Aging Law & Policy Program, click here.

**Climate Change Municipal Workshop**

The Government Law Center is co-sponsoring with the Environmental Law Section of the New York State Bar Association a Climate Change Municipal Workshop Series. The first program of the series will take place on Thursday, October 8, 2009, at the Judicial Institute at Pace Law School in White Plains, N.Y. It will explore local government involvement in reducing greenhouse gas admissions and other climate change initiatives.

Topics to be discussed include establishing local policies and the NYS DEC Climate Smart Communities Pledge and Program; the role of counties in greenhouse gas emission reduction and adaption strategies; green building laws; the State energy code; transit oriented development and transportation efficient development; facilitating solar energy and wind generation, and other renewable energy strategies; and funding opportunities and technical assistance for municipalities.
Other co-sponsors to date include the Municipal Law Section of the New York State Bar Association and the Land Use Law Center of Pace University.

Registration information will be available shortly.

**Recent Events**

**Chinese Law Professors Visit Albany Law School/Government Law Center**

In early May the Government Law Center hosted two professors from the law school of the Shanghai Institute of Foreign Trade (SIFT). Qiao Boa Jie, Deputy Dean and Associate Professor, and Jianmin Cai, Professor of Law and Director of the Public Affairs Office, visited Albany Law School as part of an ongoing relationship between the two institutions. During the visit with Albany Law School administrators and faculty members, discussions about SIFT’s World Trade Organization (WTO) research center, faculty and student exchanges, summer programs and other collaborative research opportunities were explored. We look forward to continuing to build friendship and joint initiatives
between the two schools.

**Paul D. Moore Named Clarence D. Rappleyea Government Scholar in Residence**

The Government Law Center has named Paul D. Moore as the inaugural Clarence D. Rappleyea Government Scholar in Residence. Prior to his appointment, he served as the Director of the Shared Municipal Services Incentive grant program's technical assistance project at the Government Law Center of Albany Law School. He is retired from the New York State government, where he held various senior level staff positions in both the Executive and Legislative branches of government (including the State Comptroller's Office, Division of the Budget, the State Legislature, Higher Education Services Corporation, and the Office of Mental Health). He has also served as an advisor and consultant to various states and federal government agencies, and authored dozens of publications and articles on issues in public finance and intergovernmental relations.

Mr. Moore is a past President of the Capital District Chapter of the American Society for Public Administration (ASPA) and was a recipient of the Chapter's Governor Alfred E. Smith award for "singular achievement and contribution to the public service in New York State by his major research studies in the field of local government leading to legislation on a continuing basis."

Mr. Moore is a Fellow of the State Academy for Public Administration and served as Vice Chairman of their Board. He also served on the boards of numerous other not-for-profit corporations, and currently is a director on the board
of the Retired Public Employees Association and the Government Law Center of the Albany Law School.

The Clarence D. Rappleyea Government Scholar in Residence was made possible by private donations to an endowment initially set up six years ago to provide funding for a retired or transitioning government official who might be interested in spending time at the Government Law Center conducting research, working with law students, and serving as a general resource for the faculty and staff at the Center.

**GLC Staff Attorney to Receive ABA Honor**

The American Bar Association’s State & Local Government Law Section has selected GLC staff attorney Amy Lavine ’07 as the recipient of the 2009 Jefferson Fordham Up and Comer Award. The award recognizes young lawyers who, based on early accomplishments in their careers, show greatest promise for leadership in the field of state and local government law. Ms. Lavine is the author or co-author of more than a dozen law review, journal and other legal periodical publications. In addition, she is a nationally recognized resource on community benefits agreements. The award will be presented on July 31st in Chicago, IL during the ABA Annual Meeting. For more information click here.

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