Dear Friends,

I am pleased to share the latest issue of the Center’s e-Newsletter, your resource for information arranged in a clear and easy to read format, on many of our exciting and well-timed upcoming programs, plus more of what’s happening at the Center.

We hope you will find this e-publication an environmentally friendly source of information of interest. Your comments and suggestions are most welcome.

Best regards,

Patricia E. Salkin
Director

Upcoming Events

DHCR Commissioner to Speak
March 31st at GLC Event

Revitalizing Our Communities-
Attracting Investors to Produce High Quality, Affordable Housing in Upstate New York is the subject of NYS Division of Housing & Community Renewal Commissioner Deborah VanAmerongen’s upcoming talk at Albany Law School. She
will be addressing the Governor's budget and housing, the federal stimulus package and what it means for affordable housing, and the Upstate Equity Fund - a fund to attract investors who will invest in affordable housing (as a mean of replacing the drop in revenues supporting the low-income housing tax credit stream).

The event is scheduled for Tuesday, March 31st @ 4 pm in the East Wing of Albany Law School. This event is free and open to the community. [Click here](#) to view the invitation to this event.

Please RSVP to Trish Blanco at the Government Law Center at (518)445-2329 or tblan@albanylaw.edu.

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**The 2009 Warren M. Anderson Legislative Breakfast Seminar Series**

Held monthly from February through May, each Warren M. Anderson Breakfast Seminar features a panel of experts who address legal aspects of a policy issue pending before the New York State Legislature.

Upcoming programs are as follows:

**March 24:** "The Effects of the Fiscal Crisis on Local Governments in New York" Featuring [Kenneth W. Bond, Esq.](#) of Squire, Sanders & Dempsey L.L.P. and [Paul D. Moore](#), former Project Director of the GLC Shared Municipal Services Incentives Program Project. Honorary co-hosts include: [Senator Malcolm H. Smith](#), [Senator Dean G. Skelos](#).
Assemblyman Sheldon Silver, and Assemblyman James Tedisco.

April 21: "The Role of the Public Service Workforce in a Financial Crisis"

May 19: "Investigating the Investigatory Agencies- How Many Investigatory Commissions Are Enough?"

The seminars will be held from 8-9 a.m. in the Assembly Parlor Room on the 3rd Floor of the Capitol Building. The programs are free of charge, and complimentary Continuing Legal Education (CLE) credits are available for attorneys who attend.

This year’s Anderson Seminar Series is made possible through the generous support of our sponsors: The Business Council of New York State, Inc.; CSEA, Inc.; The Energy Association of New York State; Girvin & Ferlazzo, PC; Greenberg Traurig, LLP; Hinman Straub P.C.; and Wilson Elser Moskowitz Edelman & Dicker LLP.

Please call the Government Law Center at (518)445-3287 or email tblan@albanylaw.edu to reserve seats for you and your staff members to attend this year’s Warren M. Anderson Legislative Breakfast Seminar Series.

Holley ’10 Selected for 2009 Sandman Fellowship

Danielle Holley ’10 has been selected as the 2009 Edgar & Margaret Sandman Fellow. Established in 1993, the Sandman Fellowship provides Albany Law School students the opportunity to engage in a year-long, in-depth exploration of
an emerging issue in aging or health law. This year, Holley will conduct a nationwide study focusing on state legislatures and the legal reform agenda with respect to aging issues.

As a second-year student at Albany Law, Danielle Holley is president of the school’s Health Law Society, an associate member of the moot court board, and a member of the *Journal of Science & Technology*. She is also a 2010 candidate for a master’s of science degree in bioethics from the Alden March Bioethics Institute at Albany Medical Center through a joint-degree program between the two institutions.

To view prior Sandman studies and reports, please click here.

*Brazilian Professor Visits Government Law Center*

On March 2, 2009, members of the GLC staff and the *Albany Citizens’ Police Review Board (CPRB)* met with Jose Luiz De Amorim Ratton. Mr. Ratton is an associate professor in the Social Sciences Department at the University of Pernambuco in Brazil. Mr. Ratton was invited to the United States under the Department of State’s International Visitor Leadership Program to meet with various officials in the Capital District to discuss community policing, public policies and successful programs that reduce crime and violence. The members of the CPRB led an informative session about the complaint
review process in Albany as well as the relationship between the CPRB, the Albany Police Department, and the community.

Recent Publications from the Government Law Center Staff


The Government Law and Policy Journal’s Winter 2008 issue includes 12 articles covering many of the reforms of New York’s court system instituted during Judge Kaye’s inspirational tenure as Chief Judge. Chief Judge Kaye's reforms include: overhauling the jury system, introducing hundreds of drug treatment, domestic violence and other problem-solving courts, improving the quality of justice for children and families, promoting public trust and confidence in the judicial elective process increasing access to justice, fostering commercial courts and, most recently, reforming the town and village justice system.

Copies are available for members of the NYSBA by contacting Pat Wood at pwood@nysba.org.

Ethical Standards in the Public Sector, Second Edition
Patricia E. Salkin, Editor

This book is essential reading for government lawyers who want an
introduction to various topics within the practice of government ethics, particularly at the state and local levels. It provides practical insights to help lawyers and their public sector clients choose the most ethical course of conduct.

Click here for more about this publication.

Gaming Law Review and Economics
Volume 12, Number 6, 2008
Horseracing in New York in the Progressive Era
By Bennett Liebman

Click here for more about this publication.

At the Cutting Edge 2008: Land Use Law from The Urban Lawyer

Patricia E. Salkin contributed the chapter entitled "Crime Doesn't Pay and Neither Do Conflicts of Interest in Land Use Decisionmaking". Click here for more information about this publication.

Agenda for a Sustainable America
Patricia E. Salkin contributed Chapter 23 “Land Use: Blending Smart Growth With Social Equity and Climate Change Mitigation” to this book published by the Environmental Law Institute. Click here for more information about this publication.

New York Zoning Law and Practice Report

November/December 2008 Vol. 9, No. 3
An Arena for Brooklyn? The Controversy and Litigation Concerning the Atlantic Yards Project
By Amy Lavine

January/February 2009 Vol. 9, No. 4
Residency Restrictions for Convicted Sex Offenders: A Popular Approach On Questionable Footing
By Dwight H. Merriam and Patricia E. Salkin
Click here for more information the New York Zoning Law and Practice Report Newsletter.

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!