Upcoming Events

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September 26, 2008 - Reducing Municipal Legal Costs Through Shared Tech and Resources

On September 26, the GLC is co-sponsoring with The Corporate Legal Standard, Inc. an innovative and highly interactive conference in Albany on ways to better manage the rising costs of legal services through shared tech and resources. Conference attendees will be able to provide input to develop a universal case and contract management/legal resource sharing system to allow cities to leverage their joint knowledge to develop a customized system that addresses the unique needs of municipalities. The audience will include municipal law departments and experts in legal process, content, technology and metrics. For more information, go to [www.corplegalstandard.com](http://www.corplegalstandard.com), and click on "Conferences."
October 1-2, 2008 - God and the Land - Conflicts Over Land Use and Religious Freedom

Albany Government Law Review will present a symposium on this fascinating topic; for full information, please visit the symposium website: albanylaw.edu/godandtheland. The symposium features more than a dozen experts in religion and land use law, including Chief Justice Randall T. Shepherd of the Indiana Supreme Court and US Circuit Court of Appeals Judge Michael McConnell. Additionally, we'll welcome Marci A. Hamilton, the Paul R. Verkuil Chair in Public Law at the Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law. Ms. Hamilton will speak on how these issues affect local government during our Edwin L. Crawford Memorial Lecture. For more information, contact Tammy Weinman at twein@albanylaw.edu, or (518) 445-3210.

October 25, 2008 - 15th Annual Senior Citizens' Law Day

Join the GLC for the 15th Annual Senior Citizens' Law Day, a free, all day educational program for seniors, family members, advocates and care providers. Law professors, attorneys, and other experts will volunteer their time to provide participants with reliable and objective
information about significant legal issues related to aging. The Nancy M. Sills Memorial Lecture will feature a presentation to open the event. Over 30 workshops will be offered throughout the day on diverse topics, such as: Aging Awareness, Alzheimer's Disease, Long-Term Care Insurance, and Protecting Small Estates. The event will also include the Third Annual Pro Bono Senior Clinic, which offers the opportunity to speak with practicing elder law attorneys about legal issues, free of charge, for 30 minutes, throughout the day. For more information on the event, and to make sure you're on our mailing list, please contact the Government Law Center at (518) 445-2329.

RECENT PUBLICATIONS:

"Understanding Community Benefits Agreements" The Practical Real Estate Lawyer, July 2008
Co-authored by Professor Patricia Salkin and GLC Staff Attorney Amy Lavine, Esq. CBA's are a relatively new mechanism for empowering traditionally disenfranchised communities by providing various community stakeholder interests with a seat at the negotiating table. This places them alongside developers who are proposing significant projects that will impact neighborhoods. The topic is ripe with dozens of legal issues not yet addressed by the courts, many of which will evolve from contracts law, the field of alternative dispute resolution and municipal law. To

Co-authored by Professor Patricia Salkin and GLC Staff Attorney Amy Lavine, Esq.  "In 2000, Congress passed, and President Clinton signed, the Religious Land Use and Institutionalized Persons Act (RLUIPA).... This article examines the seven-year history of RLUIPA and its impact on local governments across the country...." To read the article, click here.


Gives an introduction to various topics surrounding government ethics, with a concentration at state and local levels. For a copy of this publication, visit the American Bar Association Webstore here.

"Land Use Law and Active Living"

The Government Law and Policy Journal’s Fall Issue on Climate Change comes at a propitious moment. The words “climate change” and “global warming” are on virtually everyone’s lips today. Kevin Healy, Esq., of Bryan Cave, LLP., the guest editor of this issue, marshaled a wonderful collection of articles on a wide variety of topics in this cutting edge area of law, including, to name but a few, the role of energy efficiency in mitigating global warming, land use solutions, carbon capture and geologic storage, regional and state-based climate change initiatives, the role of the federal, state and local governments and individuals in addressing the problems of climate change, and trends in climate change in our own backyards of New York and Vermont. For a copy, please contact the Government Law Center at (518) 445-2329.

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While constitutional protection is afforded to the right to bear arms, the Second Amendment’s text was never clearly defined by the Supreme Court. “The Albany Government Law Review aims to be at the forefront of scholarship on issues that the Supreme Court and governments across the country are currently grappling with, and which have major impacts on people’s lives,” said current Albany Government Law Review Editor-in-Chief Molly Adams Breslin. Read the latest issue of the Albany Government Law Review here.

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 lowen@albanylaw.edu. Thanks, as always, to our readers!