

**Environmental Law Section
Annual Meeting**

THURSDAY, JANUARY 28, 2016
New York Hilton Midtown
1335 Avenue of the Americas, New York City

EPA Update — 5:00 – 6:00 p.m.
Annual Business Meeting — 6:00 – 6:30 p.m.
With Cocktail Reception to Follow

Environmental Law Section Members and Guests
Murray Hill East, 2nd Floor

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Annual Meeting Program
8:30 a.m. – 12:25 p.m.
East Ballroom, 3rd Floor

Executive Committee Meeting
2:15 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.
Regent Sutton South, 2nd Floor

Luncheon — 12:30 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.
Murray Hill, 2nd Floor

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Under New York's MCLE rule, this program has been approved for a total of **4 MCLE credits** which consist of **3.5 credits in Professional Practice** and **.5 credit in Ethics**. *This program is NOT a transitional program and does not qualify for newly admitted attorneys.*

Discounts and Scholarships: New York State Bar Association members may apply for a discount or scholarship to attend this program based on financial hardship. Under that policy, any member of our Association who has a genuine financial hardship may apply in writing not later than two working days prior to the program, explaining the basis of his/her hardship, and if approved, can receive a discount or scholarship, depending on the circumstances. To apply for a discount or scholarship, please send your request in writing to Lori Nicoll, lnicoll@nysba.org or to New York State Bar Association, One Elk Street, Albany, New York 12207. *Written scholarship requests must be received before January 13th.*

SECTION CHAIR

Michael J. Lesser, Esq.

Sive, Paget & Riesel P.C., New York City

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Speakers: **Mary McHale, Esq.**, Assistant Regional Counsel, Air Branch, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Region 2
Chris Saporita, Esq., Assistant Regional Counsel, Water and General Law Branch, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Region 2
Marla E. Wieder, Esq., Assistant Regional Counsel, New York/Caribbean Superfund Branch and Regional Criminal Enforcement Counsel, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Region 2

Please join us for an engaging and efficient overview of EPA activities and legal developments in 2015 in the world of federal Superfund, water, air and climate change practice.

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PROGRAM CO-CHAIRS

Susan H. Brailey, Esq., Former Westchester Co. Assistant District Attorney and Former Chief of the Environmental Crimes Unit, Law Offices of Susan H. Brailey, Katonah
Dan Chorost, Esq., Principal, Sive, Paget & Riesel P.C., New York City
John Parker, Esq., Director, New York City Watershed Program Riverkeeper, New York City
Nicholas M. Ward-Willis, Esq., Principal Member, Keane & Beane, P.C., White Plains

BREAKFAST IS ON YOUR OWN. COFFEE/TEA/WATER WILL BE AVAILABLE.

8:30 – 9:25 a.m. *Navigating the Challenges of the Clean Water Rule* (1.0 credit in Professional Practice)

Presenters: **Philip M. Bein, Esq.**, Watershed Inspector General, New York State Attorney General's Office, Albany
Kathy Robb, Esq., Partner, Hunton & Williams LLP, New York City
Reed Super, Esq., Principal, Super Law Group, LLC, Brooklyn

Moderator: **John Parker, Esq.**, Director, New York City Watershed Program Riverkeeper, New York City



- 9:25 – 10:15 a.m. Trends in Urban Environmental Criminal Enforcement** (1.0 credit in Professional Practice)
- Presenters:** **Lt. Liza Bobseine**, Division of Law Enforcement, NYS Department of Environmental Conservation Region 2 Office, Long Island City
Michael S. Bogin, Esq., Principal, Sive, Paget & Riesel P.C., New York City
Hugh L. McLean, Esq., Assistant Attorney General, Criminal Enforcement and Financial Crimes Bureau, Office of the NYS Attorney General, New York City
- Moderator:** **Susan H. Brailey, Esq.**, Former Westchester Co. Assistant District Attorney and Former Chief of the Environmental Crimes Unit, Law Offices of Susan H. Brailey, Katonah
- 10:15 – 10:25 a.m. Refreshment Break**
- 10:25 – 11:55 a.m. New York Solar Energy Law** (1.5 credits in Professional Practice)
- Part One: New York State Solar Policy and Law**
 REV program; NY-SUN; Community solar
- Presenters:** **Noah Shaw, Esq.**, General Counsel, NYSERDA, Albany
David Sandbank, Director, NY-Sun at NYSERDA, Albany
- Moderator:** **Dan Chorost, Esq.**, Principal, Sive, Paget & Riesel P.C., New York City
- Part Two: Current Solar Legal Issues**
 Technology fundamentals; Basic ownership structures; Leasing; PPAs; Outright purchase; Commercial solar transactions; Residential solar transactions; SEQRA, land use and zoning issues; Model solar ordinances; Municipal procurement.
- Presenters:** **Jessica A. Bacher, Esq.**, Executive Director, Adjunct Professor of Law, Land Use Law Center, Pace University School of Law
Devin McDougall, Esq., Associate, Sive, Paget & Riesel P.C., New York City
Leo Wiegman, Executive Director, Sustainable Westchester, Ossining
- Moderator:** **Nicholas M. Ward-Willis, Esq.**, Principal Member, Keane & Beane, P.C., White Plains
- 12:00 – 12:25 p.m. Biblical Origins of Environmental Law Ethics** (.5 credit in Ethics)
- Presenter:** **Lawrence P. Schnapf, Esq.**, Schnapf, LLC, New York City
- Moderator:** **Alita J. Giuda, Esq.**, Of Counsel, Couch White, LLP, Albany
- 12:30 – 2:00 p.m. Luncheon – Murray Hill, 2nd Floor**
- Keynote Speaker:** **Hon. Thomas P. DiNapoli**, New York State Comptroller
- 2:15 – 4:30 p.m. Executive Committee Meeting – Regent Parlor, Sutton Parlor South, 2nd Floor**



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For overnight room accommodations, please call the New York Hilton Midtown at 1-800-445-8667 and identify yourself as a member of the New York State Bar Association. Room rates are \$260.00 for single/double occupancy. **Reservations must be made by December 21, 2015.** You also can reserve your overnight room on the web at www.nysba.org/am16accomm.



For registration questions call 800-582-2452. You can fax registration form to 518-463-5993. For questions about this specific program, contact Lori Nicoll at 518-487-5563.

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