



NEW YORK STATE BAR ASSOCIATION

Environmental Law Section Committee on Legislation

Invites you to attend its

2015 LEGISLATIVE FORUM & LUNCHEON

Wednesday, May 6, 2015, 10:00 A.M.

Introduction with this year's legislative priorities by:

Assemblymember Steven Englebright

Chair, Committee on Environmental Conservation
New York State Assembly, District 4

Senator Thomas O'Mara

Chair, Committee on Environmental Conservation
New York State Senate, 58th Senate District

Followed by a panel discussion on:

Clean Water NY: What actions are needed to ensure sustainable water resources in the 21st Century?

Water is essential for life. It is essential for a healthy environment and a healthy economy. In contrast to water issues endemic to many other states, such as severe water shortages in California, or impaired water quality in the mid-West, New York is unique in that it boasts an abundant, high-quality water supply. This year's forum will explore the future of water sustainability in New York State. Aging water infrastructure, changing weather patterns, and new approaches to community resiliency are some of the significant issues that may impact our State's water quality. The panel will explore the following topics:

- What laws and policies should be in place, now, to ensure clean water for future generations?
- Should progressive water efficiency goals be state law mandates?
- Is there a correlation between water conservation goals and energy policy in New York?
- What is the role of regionalization in planning for drinking water and wastewater infrastructure?

Panel Speakers Include:

Sandra Allen, Director of Policy and Planning

New York State Environmental Facilities Corporation

Joseph Coffey, Commissioner

City of Albany Department of Water & Water Supply

Harriet Cornell, Chairwoman

Rockland County Task Force on Water Resources
Management, and Legislator
Rockland County

David Kay, Senior Extension Associate

Community and Regional Development Institute
Cornell University

William Janeway, Executive Director

Adirondack Council

Concluding with Keynote Speaker and Luncheon

Alexander "Pete" Grannis

First Deputy Comptroller
State of New York

Great Hall

New York State Bar Center, One Elk Street, Albany

John Parker, Jillian Kasow, Co-Chairs, Committee on Legislation

Terresa Bakner, Chair, Environmental Law Section

There is no charge to attend but space is limited. Your RSVP is required. kplog@nysba.org or (518) 487-5681.