

**New York State Bar Association
Environmental & Energy Law Section
Superfund/Brownfield Program Update 2025**

Thursday, December 4, 2025

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<https://nysba.org/events/superfund-brownfield-program-update-2025/>

This program is transitional and is suitable for all attorneys including those newly admitted.

Agenda

9:00 a.m. – 9:10 a.m.

Welcome Remarks

Program Co-Chairs:

David J. Freeman, Esq.
Gibbons P.C.
New York, NY

Lawrence P. Schnapf, Esq.
Schnapf LLC
New York, NY

Amy L. Reichhart, Esq.
Lippes Mathias LLP
Rochester, NY

9:10 a.m. – 10:10 a.m.

Update on New York State Brownfield Cleanup Program

Panel Chair:

Amy L. Reichhart, Esq.
Lippes Mathias LLP
Rochester, NY

Speakers:

Dana Nicole McClure, Esq.
New York State Department of Environmental
Conservation
New York, NY

Damian Vanetti, PE
Geosyntec Consultants, Inc.
Syracuse, NY

Ahlia Bethea, Esq.
Sive, Paget & Riesel P.C.
New York, NY

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10:10 a.m. – 11:10 p.m.

Update on Superfund

Panel Chair:

David J. Freeman, Esq.
Gibbons P.C.
New York, NY

Speakers:

Marla E. Wieder, Esq.
United State Environmental Protection Agency
Region 2
New York, NY

Yueh-Ru Chu, Esq.
New York State Office of the Attorney General
New York, NY

Phil H. Gitlen, Esq.
Whiteman Osterman & Hanna LLP
Albany, NY

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11:10 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

Break

11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Federal Environmental Policy Changes as They Impact Brownfields and Superfund in New York

Panel Chair:

Matthew J. Sinkman, Esq.
Gibbons P.C.
New York, NY

Speakers:

Walter E. Mugdan, Esq.
Former Deputy Regional Administrator (Retired)
U.S. EPA, Region 2
New York, NY

Thomas Jackson, Esq.
Baker Botts LLP
Washington, D.C.

Neal D. Durant, Ph.D
Geosyntec Consultants, Inc.
Washington, D.C.

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12:30 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Lunch

Keynote Speaker:

Patrick E. Foster, Esq.
Deputy Commissioner for Sustainable
Development
New York State Department of Environmental
Conservation
Albany, NY

2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

**Using Artificial Intelligence in Brownfields
Developments and Diligence**

Panel Chair:

Lawrence P. Schnapf, Esq
Schnapf LLC
New York, NY

Speakers:

Jamie P. Barr, LEP
Langan
New Haven, CT

Diane Saccone
ERIS Environmental Risk Information Services
Toronto, Ontario, Canada

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Adjournment