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COUNTY ATTORNEY'S ASSOCIATION OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK 2024 Annual Meeting

Monday, May 20, 2024

10:30am - 12:00pm

Brunch

Fenimore Dining Room

11:30am - 12:00pm

Registration

12:00pm - 12:10pm

Welcoming Remarks

Shannon Hillier, President

CAASNY

12:10pm - 1:00pm (1 CLE Hour) Recent Developments in Public Sector Labor & Employment Law

Tish E. Lynn, Esq

Emily A. Middlebrook, Esq. *Hancock Estabrook, LLP*

1:00pm - 1:10pm

Break

1:10pm - 2:00pm (1 CLE Hour) Introduction to New York Voting Rights Act (NYVRA)

Keith M. Corbett, Esq. *Harris Beach PLLC*

2:00pm - 2:10pm

Break

2:10pm - 3:00pm (1 CLE Hour)

Federal Tax and Securities Law Matters Affecting

Municipal Bond Issues

Daniel G. Birmingham, Esq. William J. Jackson, Esq. Robert P. Smith, Esq.

Hawkins Delafield & Wood LLP

3:00pm - 3:10pm

Break

3:10pm - 4:00pm (1 CLE Hour) Marihuana Regulation and Taxation Act (MRTA) and its Application in the Labor and Employment Field for Counties

Courtney E. Heinel, Esq.

Roemer Wallens Gold & Mineaux LLP

4:00pm - 4:10pm

Break

4:10pm - 5:00pm (1 CLE Hour) Legislative Update

Stephen J. Acquario, Esq. Patrick R. Cummings, Esq.

NYSAC

5:00pm Business Meeting
5:30pm Association Reception
6:00pm Association Dinner

COUNTY ATTORNEY'S ASSOCIATION OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK 2024 Annual Meeting

Tuesday, May 21, 2024

7:30am – 9:00am **Breakfast**

Fenimore Dining Room

8:30am - 9:00am

Registration

9:00am - 9:50am (1 CLE Hour) Tyler v. Hennepin and the New York State Response:

Litigation and Legislation

Stephen D. Button, Esq. St. Lawrence County Attorney

Edward I. Kaplan, Esq. Greene County Attorney

9:50am - 10:00am

Break

10:00am - 10:50am (1 Ethics CLE Hour)

Conflicts of Interest and Ethics

Mark Stevens, Esq.

NYS OSC

10:50am - 11:00am

Break

11:00am - 11:50am (1 CLE Hour)

Countywide Animal Management Services for Rockland County:

A Tail to be Told

Teno A. West, Esq. West Group Law PLLC

11:50am - 1:10pm

Lunch

1:10pm - 2:00pm (1 CLE Hour) **Public Client Department Overview**

Shayna E. Sacks, Esq. Napoli Shkolnik PLLC

2:00pm - 2:10pm

Break

2:10pm - 3:00pm (1 CLE Hour)

Brownfields: County Considerations and Opportunities

Ian A. Shavitz, Esq. John J. Flynn, Esq. *Lippes Mathias LLP*

5:00pm

CAASNY Board of Directors Meeting and Dinner

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SPEAKER BIOGRAPHIES

STEPHEN J. ACQUARIO, ESQ., is Executive Director and General Counsel of the New York State Association of Counties (NYSAC). In this capacity, Mr. Acquario presents a single voice for the county governments of New York State. He is responsible for the overall direction of the association, and oversees the association's agendas to ensure a cohesive and coherent legal and legislative strategy on behalf of New York State's 62 county governments. Mr. Acquario graduated *magna cum laude* from Albany Law School. He holds a B.A. in Industrial and Labor Relations from the State University of New York at Potsdam. In addition, he earned a graduate certificate in Industrial and Labor Relations from Cornell University. He is admitted to practice law in New York.

DANIEL G. BIRMINGHAM, ESQ. joined Hawkins Delafield & Wood in 1998 and is a partner in the New York local government and school district finance practice group. He also serves as Bond Counsel to the States of Connecticut and Tennessee as well as Bond Counsel to various Industrial Development Agencies in New York State, Mr. Birmingham has extensive experience in connection with various property tax-supported bond and note issues involving counties, cities, towns, villages, school districts and fire districts throughout New York state, as well as serving as bond counsel to the State of Tennessee. He is a member of the New York State Association of County Attorneys, the New York State Association of School Business Officials, the Nassau County Association of School Business Officials, the Suffolk County Association of School Business Officials, New York State Bar Association (Municipal Law Section), the New York State Government Finance Officers' Association, and the New York State Association of Counties. In addition, Mr. Birmingham is an adjunct professor at Pace University where he teaches a course on public finance law. He also periodically addresses conventions and meetings of various public finance associations and organizations. He received his B.A. from Catholic University and his J.D. from Columbus School of Law, Catholic University, and is admitted to practice law in Connecticut, New York, and Tennessee.

STEPHEN D. BUTTON, ESQ. currently serves as St. Lawrence County Attorney, a position he has held since 2015. Raised in northern New York but originally from the Dallas, Texas, area, Mr. Button has been a practicing litigator for the past fifteen years. He is an alumnus of Baylor University's undergraduate (Telecommunications) and graduate programs (Organizational Communication). Following graduation from Western New England University School of Law in 2006, Mr. Button took a position with a law firm based out of Willimantic, Connecticut focusing his practice in workers' compensation, social security, civil litigation and governmental representation. In 2009, Mr. Button returned to his childhood home community as an Assistant Public Defender in the St. Lawrence County Office of the Public Defender. In 2011, Mr. Button was appointed to a term as St.

Lawrence County Chief Public Defender, a position he held until his appointment as County Attorney in February of 2015. During his tenure as County Attorney, he has provided all legal representation to the 26 county departments, including the Department of Social Services in Family Court, acts as the Plan Administrator for the St. Lawrence County Self-Insurance Fund which provides 32 different municipalities and their employees workers' compensation coverage, and acts as the chief tax enforcement legal officer for all delinquent real property taxes. Mr. Button has worked to establish a community environmental revitalization program remediating contaminated properties in conjunction with the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation, the New York State Comptroller's Oil Spill Fund and the United States Environmental Protection Agency. As of 2021, more than \$5 million dollars has been expended in an effort to remediate petroleum-based contaminants from more than 50 properties in St. Lawrence County. Since 2020, Mr. Button has lectured extensively on the real property tax law and its uses in environmental remediation.

In addition to his various employment related activities, Mr. Button has also actively pursued legislation and litigation in the field of justice reform, indigent defense, and constitutional rights. In 2016, for his work on behalf of Indigent Defense and fighting County Unfunded Mandates under the 5th and 6th Amendment of the U.S. Constitution, Mr. Button was the co-recipient of the New York State Defenders Association Service of Justice Award with Deputy Majority Leader Senator John DeFrancisco (R-Syracuse) and Assemblywoman Patricia Fahy (D-Albany). In 2019, on behalf of St. Lawrence County, Mr. Button acted as New York State law legal advisor to the State of Louisiana and seventeen other similarly situated states relating to the Amicus Brief filed before the United States Supreme Court in the matter of NYSRPA et al. v. New York City et al. which sought to argue the 2nd Amendment constitutionality of gun licensure possession restrictions in the City of New York. In September of 2022, Mr. Button was selected to serve as "of counsel" to the plaintiff-litigants in Antonyuk et al. v. Hochul et al., a suit challenging the responsive Conceal Carry Improvement Act, enacted by the State of New York in response to NYSRPA litigation, which currently sits in the United States Supreme Court

In 2018, Mr. Button was selected to serve on the Board of Directors of the County Attorney Association of the State of New York (CAASNY). Since 2018, Mr. Button has been selected to serve as Third Vice-President, Second Vice-President, First Vice-President, President, and now serves as Clerk of the Board for CAASNY. Mr. Button is licensed to practice law in the State of New York, State of Connecticut, State of Texas, before the Supreme Court of the United States, and before various lower federal courts.

KEITH M. CORBETT, ESQ. is a member and Co-Leader of the Political Law Legal Teams at Harris Beach PLLC. Mr. Corbett is a dynamic litigator who masters the courtroom by explaining complex commercial theories in a simple and understandable manner. He provides creative solutions to vexing client issues with pragmatism and efficiency and is always focused on effective case resolution, however when necessary, he can successfully achieve his client's goals through trial.

Mr. Corbett has extensive experience in commercial litigation, election law, and municipal practice. He represents mid-size to multinational corporations in complex commercial litigation, including a commercial printing company in litigation with one of the world's largest printing conglomerates. Throughout his career he has represented

investors in syndicate litigation, litigated against Sponsors, Boards, and professionals in cooperative and condominium developments, defended health care providers in factoring agreement cases, and appeared for clients in shareholder actions, UCC litigation, commercial lease disputes and products liability cases.

Mr. Corbett frequently assists with the administration of local, state, and federal elections on Long Island. He routinely interposes and defends various election law proceedings under the New York State Election Law. He has successfully represented candidates of a newly formed Party in being placed on the general election ballot. His experience includes litigating hundreds of ballot-access proceedings across New York state and providing campaign finance and other counsel to constituted committees, trade associations, political action committees and candidates. He also advises clients concerning campaign financial disclosures to the New York State Board of Elections and the Federal Elections Commission.

Mr. Corbett has represented Villages, Towns, Counties and Cities throughout New York State in all facets of municipal litigation, municipal finance and general municipal law advice. Keith successfully defended the second largest Village in the State of New York in a race discrimination claim concerning the Chief of Police position. Keith has served as Village Attorney, Board Counsel, Land Use, Zoning and Planning Counsel and Special Counsel for various municipal and quasi municipal entities. Keith believes resident related concerns should be addressed with pragmatism and efficiency to assist municipal entities in delivering superior services and representation to their local constituents.

He received his J.D. from New York Law School and his B.A. from Dickenson College. He is admitted to practice law in District of Columbia, New Jersey, New York, U.S. District Court for New Jersey, U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of New York, and the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of New York.

PATRICK R. CUMMINGS, ESQ., is Counsel for the New York State Association of Counties (NYSAC). In this capacity, he works with the New York State legislature regarding pending legislation in order to help county governments run more efficiently. Mr. Cummings also provides support, when requested, to county attorneys regarding laws, policies, and cases that impact counties. Prior to joining NYSAC in 2011, he was an Assistant County Attorney for Schenectady County. He is admitted to practice law in New York.

JOHN FLYNN, ESQ. is the leader of Lippes Mathias' Municipal Law Practice Team and has occupied a multitude of public service roles that directly translate to his knowledge of municipal law and representation of clients. Before joining Lippes Mathias, Mr. Flynn served nearly two terms as Erie County District Attorney, prosecuting virtually every crime committed in Erie County, including the prosecution of misdemeanor cases in the city, town, and village courts; the prosecution of felony cases in State Supreme Court and Erie County Court; and the prosecution of cases in several specialty courts. Prior to being elected as Erie County District Attorney, Mr. Flynn also served as an Assistant District Attorney, Acting Buffalo City Court Judge, Town Justice in the Town of Tonawanda, Tonawanda Town Attorney, and as a member of the Tonawanda Town Board. Mr. Flynn's record as a public servant, in which he forged many lasting

relationships, is emblematic of his ability to counsel clients of the firm on nearly all matters that fall within the sphere of municipal law.

In addition to earning his Bachelor of Arts degree from Bowling Green State University and his J.D. from the University at Buffalo School of Law, Flynn, a decorated U.S. Navy veteran, is a graduate of Naval Officer Candidate School, Naval Justice School, and Navy Supply Corps School. After he fulfilled his naval commitment, Flynn returned to Buffalo, NY, and attended the University of Buffalo School of Law. While in law school he continued to serve in the Naval Reserves. Upon graduation from law school in 1995, he went back on active duty and served in the Navy Judge Advocate General's (JAG) Corps. He served as a Navy attorney at Pensacola Naval Air Station, in Pensacola, FL, where he was also appointed a Special Assistant United States Attorney. He then served his final two years on active duty at the United States Naval Academy, in Annapolis, MD, as the Officer-in-Charge of the Office of Legal Counsel and as an instructor. Flynn was awarded the Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal and two Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medals during his time on active duty. As Erie County District Attorney, Flynn served as president of the District Attorneys Association of the State of New York (DAASNY), as president of the National District Attorneys Association (NDAA), and is a lifetime member of the Council on Criminal Justice (CCJ).

COURTNEY E. HEINEL, ESQ. joined Roemer Wallens Gold & Mineaux LLP as an associate attorney in 2016 and concentrates her practice in the area of general civil litigation. Ms. Heinel authored a paper published on the Albany Law School International Law Studies Blog covering the issue of Transnational Corporations and Human Rights Abuses abroad.

Throughout her undergraduate and graduate schooling, she has been highly interested and focused on issues of international human rights. As a law student, Ms. Heinel served as a senior editor for the International Law Studies Group and, in her third year, became a submissions editor for the Group. She also worked at the Albany Law School Civil Rights and Disabilities clinic providing representation for clients with various disabilities. Ms. Heinel received her J.D. from Albany Law School and her B.S. in Legal Studies from Ithaca College. She is admitted to practice law in New York.

WILLIAM J. JACKSON, ESQ. serves as bond counsel and underwriters' counsel on various tax-exempt and taxable financings, with a focus on financings involving public authorities and quasi-governmental entities, various special purpose entities, counties, cities, towns, villages, school districts and fire districts in the state of New York. He joined the firm in 2004 as an associate and became a partner in 2015. Prior to joining the firm, Mr. Jackson was an assistant vice president at a large national financial advisory firm, which served state and local governments. As a financial advisor, he assisted with the issuance of over \$6 billion in temporary and permanent tax-exempt obligations. Throughout his career, Mr. Jackson has participated in a wide variety of transactions as bond counsel and underwriters' counsel, many involving property tax-supported bond and note issues. He has an extensive knowledge of all aspects of the New York State Local Finance Law, its constitutional and statutory framework, and its requirements regarding capital and cash flow financings.

Mr. Jackson's broad experience with local governments and school districts enables him to provide assistance to issuers across New York State as they address challenges, such as the 2% tax cap, aging infrastructure, the increasing cost of Federal and State mandates, audits and post issuance compliance matters and increasing pension and healthcare costs. In addition, he has served as principal draftsperson for special State legislation relating to public finance matters and is active in several professional organizations.

Mr. Jackson received his B.A. *magna cum laude* and his M.A. Public Administration *summa cum* laude from St. John's University and his J.D. from Hofstra University School of Law. He is admitted to practice law in New York and the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

EDWARD I. KAPLAN, ESQ. has served as Green County Attorney since 2014. Prior to his appointment, he served as the assistant county attorney for 11 months. Previously, he worked in private practice, which included forensic evaluation of a publicly traded company, multi-party mined land reclamation litigation, civil litigation, and real estate. In private practice, he handled numerous cases in Supreme Court, county Family court, and the Appellate Court. In 2002, Mr. Kaplan moved to Upstate New York from New York City, where he had been employed at a class action securities litigation firm.

Most recently, with the help of the New York State Association of Counties, Mr. Kaplan lobbied to remove Section N of the in rem tax foreclosure amendment(s) attached to the 2024 budget bill. This included drafting a proposed in rem bill to replace the bill in the 2024 budget and an in rem tax foreclosure moratorium, which was not adopted.

Mr. Kaplan is a graduate of Brooklyn College and the Cardozo School of Law. He is admitted to practice law in New York.

TISH E. LYNN, ESQ. is Partner in Hancock Estabrook's Labor & Employment practice. Ms. Lynn has over 25 years of public sector experience. Ms. Lynn was previously the personnel manager for Livingston County, managing the human resource operation for approximately 1,300 employees. In this role, she administered benefits, payroll, position control, policies, investigations, recruitment, training, employee discipline, Civil Service compliance, layoffs and implemented the Family Medical Leave Act (FMLA) compliance procedures. Her experience includes working with and leading individuals from all levels of an organization including C-Level executives, managers, human resource professionals and third-party service providers to achieve the client's desired results.

Ms. Lynn has an extensive background with collective bargaining, contract preparation and implementation, grievances, improper practice charges, and other labor relations matters in connection with various labor unions. She also represents clients in civil litigation in federal and state courts, as well as administrative proceedings and audits before federal and state agencies, including the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, the New York State Division of Human Rights, the Department of Labor and the Public Employment Relations Board.

Ms. Lynn received her B.S. from Le Moyne College, Industrial and Labor Relations; Cambridge University, Emmanuel College, Summer Law Studies; and her

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Ms. Middlebrook has experience in the defense of labor and employment litigation claims before state and federal courts and state agencies including the defense of claims under the New York State Human Rights Law, Title VII, the Americans with Disabilities Act, the Public Employees' Fair Employment Act (the Taylor Law) and other labor and employment laws. Ms. Middlebrook also defends clients in actions commenced by regulatory agencies, including the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA). Additionally, she counsels clients in matters arising under the Taylor Law and the National Labor Relations Act. Ms. Middlebrook is a lecturer on issues including how to avoid discrimination and harassment related issues among the workforce, managing leave obligations and marijuana in the workplace and offers in-house training to clients on these, and other issues, as well.

Prior to joining the Firm, Ms. Middlebrook interned with the United States Attorney's Office for the Northern District of New York and an employment law firm in Washington, D.C. Ms. Middlebrook received her B.A. *magna cum laude* from Wells College, Phi Beta Kappa and her J.D. from Syracuse University of Law, *cum laude*. She is admitted to practice law in New York; U.S. District Court for the Northern District of New York and the U.S. District Court for the Western District of New York.

SHAYNA E. SACKS, ESQ. is a partner at Napoli Shkolnik. She focuses her nationwide practice in the areas of governmental affairs, mass tort litigation, pharmaceutical products liability, and environmental litigation. Ms. Sacks leads efforts on behalf of cities and counties nationwide in opioid litigation, which has resulted in billions in settlements with opioid manufacturers, distributors and retail pharmacies to directly pay state and local governments impacted by the opioid epidemic, including in New York. She was also part of the team that represented Nassau County in the New York coordinated trial, which was the first jury opioid trial in the country. As part of the environmental team, Ms. Sacks advises governmental clients and works with water districts, municipalities, counties and other entities whose water and wastewater have been negatively impacted by the use of PFAS in airports, military bases and local industry. She received her undergraduate degree at American University in Washington, D.C., and her J.D. at New York Law School. She is admitted in numerous state and federal courts including in New York, New Jersey and Connecticut.

IAN A. SHAVITZ, ESQ. is the Team Leader of Lippes Mathias Wexler Friedman's Environment and Energy Practice Team. He has more than 20 years of experience counseling and advocating for clients on environmental and land use issues associated with developing large-scale infrastructure, energy, and commercial projects; securing federal, state and local governmental permits and approvals; advising sellers, purchasers, lenders, and investors on environmental issues associated with corporate, real estate and energy transactions; and advocating for favorable policy decisions and legislation before Congress. Mr. Shavitz's clients have included corporations, municipalities, developers, investors, state and local governments, private equity funds, and Indian tribes. While Mr. Shavitz's practice is national in scope, he has particular expertise advising clients on projects, transactions, and legal issues in New York State, where he has practiced for his entire career, and on federal issues in Washington, D.C.

Mr. Shavitz assists clients in navigating the myriad regulatory and political issues that are essential to plan and develop projects of all types and sizes. Mr. Shavitz crafts and implements multipronged strategies to meet his clients' development needs—from project planning through construction and operations—by working closely with clients' teams of professionals; project regulators (both local and in Washington, D.C.); federal, state, and local elected officials; and project supporters. Mr. Shavitz regularly advises clients on permitting and completing environmental studies and securing approvals required under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), the New York State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA), the Clean Water Act, New York's Protection of Waters and Freshwater Wetlands laws, the Endangered Species Act, and the National Historic Preservation Act. Mr. Shavitz has also represented state agencies and developers in environmental litigation, counseled developers and property owners regarding compliance with land use laws, and served as counsel to a town planning board and zoning board of appeals. Mr. Shavitz provides environmental advice on a broad range of commercial and real estate transactions, where he counsels buyers, sellers, lenders, borrowers, and investors on evaluating environmental liabilities and risks, structuring transactions to minimize risk, and negotiating the allocation of environmental risk between parties in transactions. For his tribal clients, Mr. Shavitz has assisted in securing required approvals for development projects located on and off tribal lands, advised on the environmental aspects of land-to-trust applications and leasing of tribal lands, and drafted provisions of tribal codes and regulations.

Prior to joining Lippes Mathias, Mr. Shavitz practiced law at Akin Gump Strauss Hauer & Feld LLP in Washington, D.C., in the Environmental and Public Law and Policy practice groups. He graduated, with honors, from Pace University School of Law and, cum laude, from the University of Maryland, College Park.

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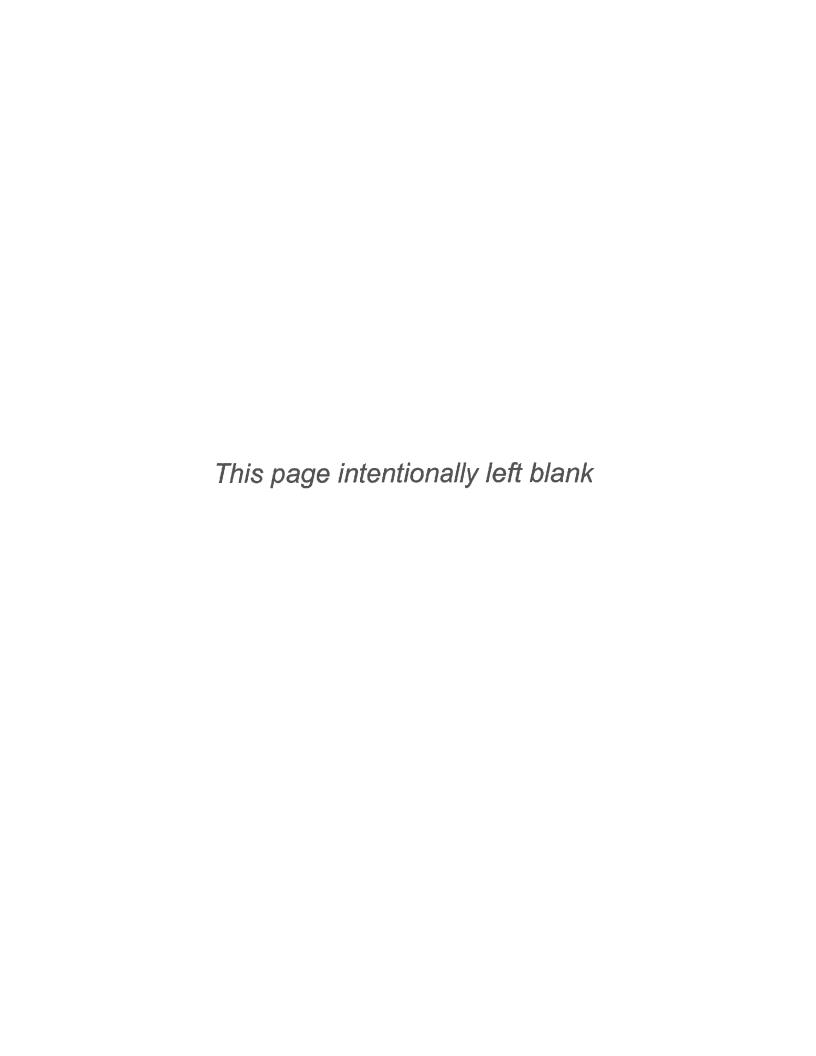
Prior to practicing law, Mr. Smith served as a comptroller at a major U.S. bank. He also worked as an associate in the tax department at a large international accounting firm. He received his B.S. from St. John's University, B.S. and his J.D. from Fordham University. He is admitted to practice law in New York.

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TENO WEST, ESQ., serves as the Managing Partner of West Group Law, PLLC. His practice focuses primarily on representing municipal governments in the areas of water and wastewater law, environmental, regulatory, public-private partnerships, solid waste management, public contracts, municipal law, litigation, procurement law, administrative law, and construction law. He is a nationally recognized expert in the areas of his practice. Mr. West has served as the lead negotiator for the development of several cutting-edge environmental and civic municipal infrastructure projects throughout the United States. Mr. West has special experience in the development of urban renewal and municipal construction projects representing municipalities and development corporations in the procurement, construction, operation, and financing of a variety of civic projects, including sports stadiums, municipal buildings, and educational facilities.

Mr. West has assisted governments with the drafting and enactment of legislation necessary for such alternative delivery methods to be lawfully implemented. Additionally, his practice includes counseling his clients with respect to environmental infrastructure projects, including water, wastewater, combined sewer overflow, solid waste, co-composting, materials recovery, and conversion technology and waste-to-energy projects. His litigation experience includes representing public clients on

numerous matters, including in connection with challenges to legislation, environmental matters, Freedom of Information Law issues, Article 78 proceedings, project approvals, bid protests, construction claims, and contract enforcement. Mr. West also has extensive experience in representing government agencies and municipalities in the public procurement process and is a frequent lecturer on this and related subjects. His experience as a lawyer was preceded by a unique opportunity to serve as the Town Manager of Hardwick, Vermont, and Town Administrator of Carlisle, Massachusetts. In his capacity as a municipal manager, he also served on regional solid waste district governing boards in both states. Mr. West is admitted to the New York Bar; the New Jersey Bar; the Massachusetts Bar; the Pennsylvania Bar; and the Connecticut Bar. He is a graduate of the New England School of Law.



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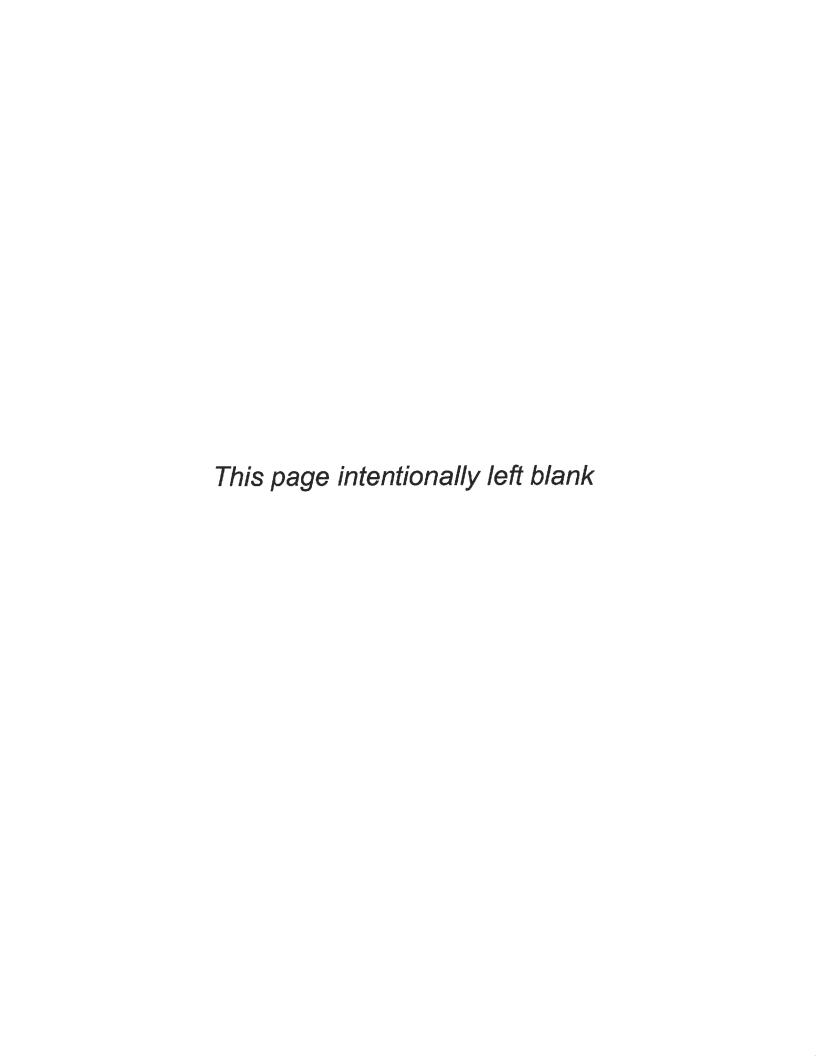
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