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**THE ELISABETH HAUB SCHOOL OF LAW**

 **AT PACE UNIVERSITY ANNOUNCES THIRD ANNUAL
HUDSON VALLEY AFFORDABLE HOUSING SUMMIT HOSTED BY THE LAND USE LAW CENTER**

***Conference*** *provides overview of the current state of affairs in housing and presents strategies for increasing affordable housing through new partnerships in real estate, health and finance*

*Event will be held on May 2nd on Pace Law campus*

WHITE PLAINS, NY – The Elisabeth Haub School of Law at Pace University’s Land Use Law Center, along with its partners, the law firm of Goldstein Hall PLLC, the Housing Action Council, and the NHP Foundation, will host the third annual Hudson Valley Affordable Housing Summit. The summit will join together experts from community development, lending, real estate, and the faith community to discuss ways that affordable housing can be created. The keynote address will be given by Westchester County Executive George Latimer and Dutchess County Executive Marc Molinaro. The conference will be held on May 2, 2019 at the Judicial Institute on the Pace Law campus in White Plains.

“For 25 years now the Land Use Law Center has played a critical role in convening policy makers, advocates and local leaders to develop policy solutions to complex issues of development and building sustainable communities,” said **Dean Horace Anderson**. “We look forward to hosting these important conversations around affordable housing that will have implications for communities throughout Westchester and the region.”

“There are fewer more pressing issues facing local communities today than the need to create affordable housing for residents,” said **Land Use Law Center Executive Director Jessica Bacher**. “We are excited that this summit will allow us to have important discussions around how to harness the potential of opportunity zones, how housing and health are connected, and what role faith-based housing can have in developing communities and contributing to a common good.”

The half- day conference consists of three panels and a keynote address:

**8:00 – 8:30 Breakfast & Networking**

**8:30 – 8:45 Welcome & Introduction**

Tiffany Zezula*, Deputy Director, Land Use Law Center*

**8:45 – 9:30 Keynote Address**

*Westchester County Executive George Latimer & Dutchess County Executive Marc Molinaro*

**9:45 – 10:35 Session 1: Opportunity Zones: Turning Opportunity into Success**

Much excitement surrounds the potential of Opportunity Zones. Much still remains unclear, however, as to how this potential is turned into a community development reality. This panel discussion will bring together representatives from the tax credit syndication, accounting, law, Community Development Financial Institutions and development industries to discuss how the tax benefits afforded by the Federal Opportunity Zone legislation can be leveraged to develop communities and create and preserve affordable housing.

*Moderator:* Jason Labate, Esq., *Goldstein Hall*

Mary Amato, *CPA Partner, CohnReznick*

Thomas McGrath, *Senior Vice President and Director of Upstate Revitalization, Community Preservation Corporation*

Karen Przypyszny, *SVP Equity Placement, National Equity Funds*

**10:35 – 10:45 Break**

**10:45 – 11:35 Session 2: Affordable Housing Approaches: One Size Does Not Fit All**

This panel will examine the connectivity between health and housing and the emerging response through the development of supportive housing in integrated settings. How and whether economic integration is being achieved through inclusionary zoning including upcoming changes in the City of White Plains Affordable Housing Ordinance will also be covered.

*Moderator:* Rose Noonan, Esq., *Executive Director, Housing Action Council*

Christopher N. Gomez, AICP, *Commissioner of Planning, City of White Plains*

Sean Kearney, *Kearney Realty & Development Group*

Lisa Tarricone, *Director Systems Advocacy, Westchester Independent Living Center*

**11:35 – 12:25 Session 3: Faith Based Housing: Prophets and Profits**

This panel discussion will focus on how developers and religious leaders can create housing that both serves the social good and produces a profit. With churches, mosques, and synagogues across the country currently seeking to develop low-cost housing, best practices for creating successful projects are beginning to emerge. The panel will draw from case histories, trends and experience to arm attendees with what they need to know to confidently invest in positive social change and reap financial rewards at the same time.

*Moderator:* David McKay Wilson, *Tax Watch Columnist, Journal News*

Frank Cerbini, *Vice President Acquisitions, National Housing Partnership Foundation*

Colin Jarvis, *Executive Director, The Newburgh Ministry, Inc.*

Richard Roberts, *Principal and Managing Director of Acquisitions, Redstone Equity Partners*

James A. Ryan, RLA, *Principal, JMC Site Development Consultants*

Karen D’Attore*, Executive Director, IFCA*

Jason Labate, *Sr. Associate, Goldstein Hall PLLC*

**12:30 – 1:00 Summit Wrap-Up / Networking**

To register for the event, visit [www.alumni.pace.edu/Housing-Summit](http://www.alumni.pace.edu/Housing-Summit).

A full conference schedule is available [here](https://law.pace.edu/sites/default/files/LULC/Housing%20Summit%20-%20Agenda%20-%20May%202019.pdf).

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***About the Land Use Law Center***

Established in 1993, the Land Use Law Center is dedicated to fostering the development of sustainable communities and regions through the promotion of innovative land use strategies and dispute resolution techniques. Through the work of its programs, centers, and institutes, the Land Use Law Center offers conferences, seminars, clinics, academic law school courses, [continuing legal education programs](http://www.law.pace.edu/cle), [audio podcasts](http://www.law.pace.edu/videos-podcasts), and frequent [publications and resources](http://www.law.pace.edu/publications-resources) on contemporary land use, real estate, and environmental issues.

***About Elisabeth Haub School of Law at Pace University***

Pace University’s Elisabeth Haub School of Law, (Pace Law) offers J.D. and Masters of Law degrees in both Environmental and International Law, as well as a series of joint degree programs including a Doctor of Juridical Science (SJD) in Environmental Law. The school, housed on the University’s campus in White Plains, NY, opened its doors in 1976 and has over 8,500 alumni around the world. The school maintains a unique philosophy and approach to legal education that strikes an important balance between practice and theory. For more information visit <http://law.pace.edu>