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PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

**Eric J. Schmertz Distinguished Professor of Public Law and Public Service,
Maurice A. Deane School of Law at Hofstra University (1976 to present).**

Dean, Maurice A. Deane School of Law at Hofstra University (2012-2016)

PUBLIC SERVICE

Senior Fellow, Brennan Center for Justice at New York University School of Law
2006 to February 2012

Special Counsel to the Speaker of the New York City Council
January 2002 to December 2005

Consultant, Justice Project, Center for Court Innovation
January 1998 to December 2001

This project, under the direction of the Center for Court Innovation and sponsored by the Department of Justice and the Soros Foundation, was intended to foster a national discussion on the constitutional and ethical issues raised by “problem solving courts.”

Counsel, New York State Temporary Commission on Constitutional Revision
July 1993 to February 1995.

The bipartisan Commission, established by then Governor Mario Cuomo, was responsible for reviewing the New York State Constitution prior to the 1997 referendum on whether a constitutional convention should be held. The Commission published a number of reports, including: *Effective Government Now for the New Century: The Final Report of the Temporary New York State Commission on Constitutional Revision* and *The Delegate Selection Process: The Interim Report of the Temporary New York State Commission on Constitutional Revision*.

Responsibilities included shaping the Commission’s agenda, advising the Commission on numerous policies and legal issues, supervising a staff of approximately 15 full-time and part-time employees and speaking on a regular basis to groups throughout the state

and on various radio and television shows.

Chair, Mayor's Task Force on Charter Implementation

January 1990 to September 1990

The Task Force, consisting of New York City's Deputy Mayors, Corporation Counsel and Budget Director, assisted agencies in effecting the provisions of a revised charter adopted by New York City voters in November 1989.

Responsibilities included meeting with the heads and staffs of all of the city's agencies to explain the new charter and to aid in its implementation.

Counsel and Executive Director, New York City Charter Revision Commission

February 1987 to December 1989

This Charter Revision Commission was responsible for proposing the most far-reaching changes in the structure of New York City's government since the adoption of its 1901 Charter. These proposals were adopted by referendum and approved by the Justice Department.

Responsibilities included overseeing the shaping of the Commission's agenda, advising the Commission on policy and legal issues, supervising a staff of approximately 55 full-time and part-time employees, administering a \$2 to \$3 million annual budget and speaking on a regular basis to groups throughout the city and on various radio and television shows on the Commission's proposals.

Counsel, New York State Senate Minority

January 1981 to January 1986

Responsibilities included advising the Democratic leadership on policy programs, analyzing all proposed legislation from a legal and policy perspective, representing the Democratic Minority in all consultations and negotiations with the Senate Minority, the Assembly and the Executive branch, filing various program needs of the Democratic members of the Senate and administering an office of approximately 35.

Member, Metropolitan Transportation Authority Capital Review Board

August 1982 to December 1986

Counsel, New York State Sports Authority

January 1979 to March 1980

Consultant, Foreign Policy Study Foundation, Study Commission on U.S. Policy toward Southern Africa

1979. Report: *International Law and Human Rights* (1979) (author)

Counsel, New York State Assembly Special Task Force on State Police Non-Criminal Files

1976 to 1977. Report: *State Police Surveillance: Report of the New York State Assembly Special*

Task Force on State Police Non-Criminal Files (1977)

PRIVATE PRACTICE

Special counsel to: Budd Larner Gross Rosenbaum Greenberg & Sade, Cravath Swaine & Moore, Meyer Suozzi and English, Skadden Arps Slate Meagher & Flom, the City of New York, the Comptroller of the City of New York and Con Edison on a number of matters dealing with governmental decision making, 1995-2001.

Partner, Reisch Klar & Lane
Mineola, NY, 1972 to 1975

BOOKS

THE GENIUS OF AMERICA: How the Constitution Saved Our Country and Why It Can Again, with Michael Oreskes, Bloomsbury USA (2007).

AN INTRODUCTION TO STATUTORY INTERPRETATION AND STATUTES, with Abner J. Mikva, Aspen Law & Business (1997).

THE LEGISLATIVE PROCESS, with Abner J. Mikva, Aspen Law & Business (1st ed. 1995, 2nd ed. 2002) (4th ed., 2015).

COUNCIL MEMBERS' GUIDE TO NEW YORK CITY GOVERNMENT, editor, Baruch College School of Public Affairs (2001).

ARTICLES AND REPORTS

On Madison, Muslims, and the New York City Police Department, 40 HOFSTRA L. REV. 689 (2012).

A Report Card on New York's Civic Literacy (with Meg Barnette), Brennan Center for Justice (2011).

The Real Politik of Writing and Reading Statutes, 76 BROOK. L. REV. 967 (2011).

Civil Ignorance and the Rise of the President King, 10 WHITE HOUSE STUDIES 163 (Fall 2010).

More Voice for the People? (with Laura Seago), 12 THE GOVERNMENT, LAW AND POLICY JOURNAL, NYSBA 40 (2010).

Too Big a Canon in the President's Arsenal: Another Look at United States v. Nixon (with Frederick A.O. Schwarz Jr. and Emily Berman), 17 GEO. MASON L. REV. 737 (2010). *Albany's*

Dysfunction Denies Due Process (with Laura Seago), 30 PACE L. REV. 965 (2010). *May It Please*

the Country (with Aziz Huq), DEMOCRACY: A JOURNAL OF IDEAS (Summer 2009). *America 101,*

DEMOCRACY: A JOURNAL OF IDEAS (Fall 2008).

Are We Still Americans, 36 HOFSTRA L. REV. 13 (2007).

The Impact of Term Limits on Lawmaking in the City of New York, 3 ELECTION LAW JOURNAL 670 (2004).

Due Process in Problem Solving Courts, 30 FORDHAM UR B. L. J. 955 (2003) (invited symposium).

The Muzak of Justice Scalia's Revolutionary Call to Read Unclear Statutes Narrowly, 53 SMU L. REV. 121 (2000) (with Abner J. Mikva) (invited symposium).

How to Read a Statute in New York: A Reply to Judge Kaye and More, 28 HOFSTRA L. REV. 85 (1999).

Men Are Not Angels: The Realpolitik of Direct Democracy, 34 WILLAMETTE L. REV. 579 (1998) (invited symposium).

The Policy and Politics of Charter Making: The Story of New York City's 1989 Charter, 42 N.Y.L. SCH. L. REV. 2 (1998, with Frederick A. O. Schwarz) (invited symposium).

Albany's Travesty of Democracy, 7 CITY JOURNAL 48 (Spring 1997).

Legislative Process and Its Judicial Renderings: A Study in Contrast, 48 U. PITT. L. REV. 639 (1987).

Legislative Oversight of an Executive Budget Process: Impoundments in New York, 5 PACE L. REV. 211 (1985).

Human Rights Within The World Legal Order: A Reply to Sohn and McDougal, 10 HOFSTRA L. REV. 747 (1982).

Mass Killing by Governments: Lawful in the World Legal Order? 12 N.Y.U. J. INT'L L. & POL. 199 (1979) (with published responses from Louis Sohn and Myres McDougal appearing in 9 HOFSTRA L. REV.).

Political Surveillance in New York – An Administrative Challenge to Democratic Values, 55 U. DET. J. URB. L. 1079 (1977-78).

Demanding Human Rights: A Change in the World Legal Order, 6 HOFSTRA L. REV. 269 (1978).

BOARDS AND MEMBERSHIPS

Board Member, Columbia Land Conservancy (2010 to 2018)

Board Member GROWN NYC (2006 to 2010)

Trustee, VERA Institute of Justice (1991 to 2015), Honorary Trustee (2015 to present)

Trustee, Neighborhood Defender Service of Harlem (1998 to 2012)

Director, New York Legislative Services Company (1999 to 2003)

American Law Institute (elected in 1994)

American Bar Association

Trustee, Museum of Natural History (appointee of Comptroller of N.Y.C.) (1997 to 2001)
New York State Bar Association
Association of the Bar of the City of New York
Chair Section on Legislation, AALS (1991 to 1992)

EDUCATION

LL.M., New York University School of Law, 1979
J.D., Fordham University School of Law, 1970
M.A., English and American Literature, State University of New York at Stony Brook, 1966
B.A., Brown University, 1965