



# Recovery and Rebuilding After Superstorm Sandy Legal Perspectives: What We Know and Where We Go

Thursday, April 4, 2013 | 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m.  
Hofstra University Club  
David S. Mack Hall, North Campus

Opening Remarks by **Edward P. Mangano**,  
*Nassau County Executive*

Conference Co-Chairs:  
**Michael Bogin**, *Partner, Sive, Paget, & Riesel, P.C.*  
**Carol Casazza Herman**, *Visiting Practitioner-in-Residence  
in Environmental Law and Special Professor of Law,  
Maurice A. Deane School of Law at Hofstra University*

This conference will examine the significant flaws that Superstorm Sandy revealed in our housing, transit and electric power systems and infrastructure, and the legal implications of addressing those vulnerabilities and climate-change-related impacts. The panelists will discuss how making our communities more resilient will require a rethinking of physical changes to our environment and also a reconsideration of local, federal and state land use and environmental laws and regulations. Insurance and risk management have played and will continue to play a central role in response and recovery; those topics and sources of funding for rebuilding and mitigation will also be addressed.

7.5 CLE credits available.

8:30-9 a.m. | **Registration**

9-9:30 a.m. | **Opening Remarks**

**Dean Eric Lane**

**Edward P. Mangano**,  
*Nassau County Executive*

9:30-10:45 a.m. | **Panel 1**

**Lessons From Sandy: Assessing the  
Vulnerabilities**

Moderator: **Pamela Esterman**, *Sive, Paget &  
Riesel, P.C.*

**Dr. Robert Brinkmann**, *Director of  
Sustainability Studies, Hofstra University*

**Arthur J. Clarke, Esq.**, *Director, First  
Environment Inc. Climate Adaptation  
Task Force*

**Venetia Lannon**, *Regional Director, New  
York State Department of Environmental  
Conservation, Region 2*

**Elizabeth Brooke Stein**, *Senior Attorney,  
Environmental Defense Fund  
(U.S. Climate and Energy Program)*

11 a.m.-12:15 p.m. | **Panel 2**

**Improving Resilience in the  
Face of Natural Disasters**

Moderator: **Katrina Kuh**, *Associate  
Professor of Law, Maurice A. Deane  
School of Law at Hofstra University*

**Michael Abrahams**, *Technical Director  
of Structures, Parsons Brinckerhoff*

**Paul Gallay**, *President, Riverkeeper*

**Joseph A. Siegel**, *Assistant Regional  
Counsel, United States Environmental  
Protection Agency*

**Jack Schnirman**, *City Manager,  
City of Long Beach, NY*

12:15-1:30 p.m. | **Lunch**

**Science and Adaptation**

**Katrina Kuh**, *Associate Professor of Law,  
Maurice A. Deane School of Law at  
Hofstra University*

1:30-2:45 p.m. | **Panel 3**

**Integrating Infrastructure Resilience Into  
Planning and Development**

Moderator: **Carol Casazza Herman**, *Visiting  
Practitioner-in-Residence in Environmental  
Law and Special Professor of Law, Maurice A.  
Deane School of Law at Hofstra University*

**Steven Barshov**, *Principal, Sive, Paget &  
Riesel, P.C.*

**Nanette Bourne**, *Senior Vice President,  
AKRF, Inc.*

**Michael B. Gerrard**, *Director, Center for  
Climate Change Law, Columbia Law School*

3-4:15 p.m. | **Panel 4**

**Funding Sources for Redevelopment after  
Sandy: Insurance, Disaster Assistance,  
Special Mitigation Funds**

Moderator: **Michael Bogin**, *Partner, Sive,  
Paget & Riesel, P.C.*

**Ernest B. Abbott**, *FEMA Law Associates,  
PLLC, Washington, DC*

**Donna Boyce**  
*Community Development Corporation of  
Long Island*

**Chris Walker**, *Associate Director, Ernst  
& Young Americas Climate Change and  
Sustainability Program*

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