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EXPERTS TO DISCUSS NEXT 50 YEARS OF PRESERVATION AT LANDMARKS LAW CONFERENCE

(New York, NY) The New York City Landmarks Preservation Commission and the Harvard University Graduate School of Design today announced [*History in the Making: The New York City Landmarks Law at 50*](#), a full-day conference to be hosted on October 26, 2015 at the New York City Bar Association. Co-chaired by Meenakshi Srinivasan, Chair of the LPC, and Jerold S. Kayden, Frank Backus Williams Professor of Urban Planning and Design at Harvard GSD, the day-long event will feature presentations and discussions with dynamic experts from the fields of law, architecture, preservation, real estate, planning, politics, and civic engagement to explore the past, present, and future of the City's landmarks law. The conference is also co-sponsored by the New York Landmarks Preservation Foundation and the Association of the Bar of the City of New York.

Fifty years ago New York City Mayor Robert F. Wagner signed the city's Landmarks Preservation Law in response to mounting public concern over the destruction of historically significant buildings in New York City. The landmarks law, administered by the Landmarks Preservation Commission, now protects over 34,000 buildings, most of which are located in 137 historic districts and extensions in all five boroughs.

The conference will address how the landmarks law could shape the future of New York City over the next 50 years as it inevitably grapples with new social, environmental, and economic challenges. [*History in the Making*](#) will feature multiple engaging sessions that will explore the law's origins in the early 1960s; its implementation over the past 50 years; constitutional and statutory challenges; the practice of preservation in other localities nationally and internationally; the relationship between preservation and planning; and the consideration of preservation in light of other public goals, such as providing affordable housing, operating hospitals and schools, and encouraging economic development.

"In addition to helping commemorate our past, New York City's landmarks law has contributed tremendously to the well-being of our communities," said Chair Meenakshi Srinivasan. "As the Commission celebrates its 50th anniversary, it is the ideal opportunity to reflect on our past and define our role for the future. I look forward to convening these thoughtful and engaging speakers to discuss the possibilities for the next 50 years of this groundbreaking law."

"New York City's 1965 landmarks preservation law laid some of the foundation for modern-day local landmarks preservation across the country," said Professor Jerold S. Kayden. "Where it has been and where it may go should interest not just New Yorkers, but individuals everywhere."

Registration is open for the conference at the following link: <http://bit.ly/1Gm3FLB>

Continuing Legal Education (CLE) credits will be available for attorneys. Program details below.

History in the Making: The New York City Landmarks Law at 50

Monday, October 26, 2015

Association of the Bar of the City of New York, 42 West 44th St., New York, New York

Conference Co-Chairs:

Meenakshi Srinivasan

Chair, New York City Landmarks Preservation Commission

Jerold S. Kayden

Frank Backus Williams Professor of Urban Planning and Design, Harvard Graduate School of Design

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08:45-09:15AM

Welcome and Introduction

Alicia Glen- Deputy Mayor for Housing and Economic Development, City of New York

Jerold S. Kayden- Frank Backus Williams Professor of Urban Planning and Design, Harvard Graduate School of Design

Meenakshi Srinivasan- Chair, NYC Landmarks Preservation Commission

09:15-09:45AM

The Origins of the Landmarks Law: A Conversation

Julie Iovine- Writer, Wall Street Journal

Otis Pearsall- Retired Partner, Arnold & Porter; Preservationist

09:45-10:15AM

Accomplishments 1965-2015: The Law in Action

Sarah Carroll- Executive Director, NYC Landmarks Preservation Commission

10:15-10:30AM

Coffee Break

10:30-11:30AM

Constitutional and Statutory Challenges: Takings, Due Process, Free Exercise, and RLUIPA

Marci Hamilton- Paul R. Verkuil Chair in Public Law, Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law, Yeshiva University

Jerold S. Kayden- Frank Backus Williams Professor of Urban Planning and Design, Harvard Graduate School of Design

11:30-12:30PM

National Practices

J. Peter Byrne- Professor of Law, Georgetown Law School

William J. Cook- Associate General Counsel, National Trust for Historic Preservation

Ellen Lipsey- Former Executive Director, Boston Landmarks Commission

12:30-1:30PM

Lunch

1:30-1:55PM

International Conservation: India

Rahul Mehrotra- Professor of Urban Design and Planning, Harvard Graduate School of Design

1:55-2:00PM

Landmarks and Public Policy

Meenakshi Srinivasan- Chair, NYC Landmarks Preservation Commission

2:00-3:30PM

Preservation and Planning

Moderator: Vicki Weiner- Deputy Director, Pratt Center for Community Development

Ken Fisher- Lawyer, Cozen O'Connor

Lance Freeman- Director, Urban Planning Program, Columbia University Graduate School of Architecture, Planning and Preservation

Raju Mann- Director, Land Use, New York City Council

Randy Mason- Chair, Graduate Program in Historic Preservation, University of Pennsylvania

Claire Weisz- Principal-in-Charge, WXY Studio

3:30-3:45PM

Coffee Break

3:45-5:15PM

The Future of Our History: The Next 50 Years

Moderator: Jerold S. Kayden, Frank Backus Williams Professor of Urban Planning and Design, Harvard Graduate School of Design

Kent Barwick- President Emeritus, Municipal Art Society of New York

Peg Breen- President, New York Landmarks Conservancy

Rick Cook- Partner, COOKFOX Architects

Paul Selver- Partner & Co-Chair, Land Use Department, Kramer Levin

Anne H. Van Ingen- Chair, Preservation League of New York State

Jed Walentas- Principal, Two Trees Management

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The **Landmarks Preservation Commission** is the mayoral agency responsible for protecting and preserving New York City's architecturally, historically and culturally significant buildings and sites. Since its creation in 1965, LPC has granted landmark status to more than 34,000 buildings and sites, including 1352 individual landmarks, 117 interior landmarks, 10 scenic landmarks, and 137 historic districts and extensions in all five boroughs. Under the City's landmarks law, considered among the most powerful in the nation, the Commission must be comprised of at least three architects, a historian, a realtor, a planner or landscape architect, as well as a representative of each borough.

The **Harvard University Graduate School of Design** is dedicated to the education and development of design professionals in architecture, landscape, urban planning, and urban design. With a commitment to design excellence that demands the skillful manipulation of form and technology and draws inspiration from a broad range of social, environmental, and cultural issues, the Graduate School of Design provides leadership for shaping the built environment of the 21st century.

The **New York Landmarks Preservation Foundation** is a not-for-profit organization, established in 1980 to support the New York City Landmarks Preservation Commission as well as to foster public awareness of preservation

through educational outreach. The Foundation sponsors the Bronze Plaque, Historic District Markers and Street Sign programs, denoting historic districts in the five boroughs of the City.