This program is a multi-disciplinary investigation of critical issues in the Built Environment. Land Use panelists will discuss land use issues of local concern, such as community benefits agreements and the “disconnect” between localized land use practices and regional smart growth and sustainability agendas. Construction Law panelists will discuss the need for, and manner of, modernizing public construction procurement laws for all public owners, as the first step in moving New York construction law into the 21st Century. The Finance Law panelists will discuss the necessary statutory conditions for authorizing public private partnerships in New York as well as modernizing public finance laws in New York. There will also be a discussion of the economics of the Built Environment and the lawyer’s role in the multi-disciplinary field of the Built Environment.

9-9:45 am Introduction to The Multi-disciplinary Field of the Built Environment

9:00-9:10 Terri Matthews, Senior Policy Advisor, New York City Department of Design and Construction, will introduce the multi-disciplinary approach to the program, focusing on the role of lawyers in the Built Environment field.

9:10-9:45 James Parrot, Chief Economist, Fiscal Policy Institute, will discuss the economics of the construction industry, including the federal and state budgets and their relation to infrastructure investment.

9:45 to 10 a.m. Break

10-11:45 am Issues in Land Use Planning

10:10 Kenneth Fisher, Cozen O’Conner and Margaret Stix, Margaret Stix & Associates, will discuss issues raised by the recently released Land Use Committee report on community benefits agreements.

11:00-11:15 Questions/Answers

11:15-Noon Mark Strauss, FXFOWLE, and Michael Gerrard, Columbia Law School, will discuss sustainability and smart growth issues raised by local land use practices.
11:45-1:00pm Break for Lunch

Keynote Speaker: Richard Anderson, President, New York Building Congress

1-2:45pm Modernize Public Construction Law

1-2:30pm Rob Flieger, Senior Manager, Deloitte Financial Advisory Services, LLP, will introduce the panel members and facilitate a dialogue on the public project procurement law issues that affect the construction of public projects.

- Commissioner David Burney, New York City Department of Design and Construction
- Joseph Hogan, Vice President, Associated General Contractors New York State
- Paul Fernandes, Building and Construction Trades Council of Greater New York
- John Miller, Patton Boggs
- Commissioner David Perini, Massachusetts Division of Capital Asset Management and Maintenance
- Howard Rosen, Peckar & Abramson
- Thomas Scarangello, Chairman, Thornton Tomasetti
- Marla Simpson, Director, New York City Mayor’s Office of Contract Services

2:30-2:45 Questions/Answers

2:45-3pm Break

3-4:45pm Modernize Project Finance—Public and Private

3-3:10 George Miller, Esq., Mayer Brown LLP, will introduce the panel members and the project finance issues that affect the construction of public projects with private investment.

3:10-3:40 Betti Cerini, Dewey & LeBoeuf LLP, will discuss pre-requisites for implementing the public private partnership model in New York.

3:40-4:30 Best Practices in Public Private Partnerships

- Joseph Aiello, CEO, Meridiam Infrastructure
- Kenneth Bond, Squire, Squire, Sanders & Dempsey L.L.P.
- Flip Huffard, The Blackstone Group
4:30-4:45pm Questions/Answers

4:45-5pm Conclusion Summary of program and questions/answers related to entire event.