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Patricia Salkin served as Dean and Professor of Law at Touro College Jacob D. Fuchsberg Law Center from 2012-2016. She currently serves as Provost, Graduate and Professional Divisions and Professor of Law.

Prior to joining Touro Law Center, Salkin was the Raymond & Ella Smith Distinguished Professor of Law, as well as Associate Dean and Director of the Government Law Center of Albany Law School. Salkin is co-chair of the NYS Bar Association's Standing Committee on Legal

Education and Admission to the Bar and she was a member of the City Bar's Task Force on New Lawyers in a Changing Profession. She is a past chair of the American Association of Law School's State & Local Government Law Section, and is the author of hundreds of books, articles and columns including a recent piece in the Journal of Legal Education on incorporating best practices into the teaching of land use law. She served two terms as an appointed member of the National Environmental Justice Advisory Council, a Federal Advisory Committee to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

A member of the American Bar Association's House of Delegates, Salkin holds and has held many leadership positions within both the ABA and the New York State Bar Association including: Past Chair of the ABA State and Local Government Section and current member of the Standing Committee on Governmental Affairs (ABA); Past Chair of the NYSBA Municipal Law Section and Founding Member and Past Chair of the NYSBA Committee on Attorneys in Public Service; and she has chaired numerous NYSBA task forces including one focusing on: government ethics, eminent domain, and town and village justice courts.

A nationally recognized scholar on land use law and zoning, Salkin is the author of the popular blog, Law of the Land. Her land use publications include: The 4-volume 4th edition of New York Zoning Law & Practice (1999-present); the 5-volume 5th edition of American Law of Zoning (2008-present); Bordering on Madness: An American Land Use Tale Companion (with Popper and Avitale)(2008); Land Use & Sustainable Development: Cases and Materials, 8th ed. (Thomson West) (with Nolon) (2012); Climate Change and Sustainable Development Law in a Nutshell (Thomson Reuters) (with Nolon) (2010); Land Use in a Nutshell (Thomson West) (with Nolon) (2007); The Greening of Local Governments (with Hirokawa, eds.) (ABA Press 2012); and the annual Zoning and Planning Law Handbook, ed. (Thomson Reuters).

She has served on the Board of Directors of the New York Planning Federation, and has been active in land use reform efforts including membership on the Land Use Advisory Committee of the NYS Legislative Commission on Rural Resources. She is a reporter for the American Planning Association's Planning & Environmental Law and on the Editorial Advisory Board for The Urban Lawyer produced by UMKC School of Law for the ABA. Dean Salkin continues to serve as the long-term chair of the American Planning Association's Amicus Curiae Committee. She has consulted on land use issues for many national organizations including: the American Planning Association, the American Institute of Certified Planners, the National Academy for Public Administration and the National Governor's Association.

Salkin is committed to advancing the status of women in the legal profession. She is the editor of PIONEERING WOMEN LAWYERS: FROM KATE STONEMAN TO PRESENT, Editor (American Bar Association Press, 2008), and she has delivered speeches and earned recognition from womens' bar associations, women's business organizations and non-profit organizations focused on women. She is a member of the Suffolk County Women's Bar Association, the National Association of Women Lawyers, and a former member of the Capital District Women's Bar Association. At Touro Law, Salkin and her family have established two scholarships, one awarded to a rising 2L (F/T of P/T) or rising 3L (five-year PT) female student who shows commitment to women's and/or diversity issues, and a second scholarship awarded annually to a law student who is either currently or was previously a K-12 teacher pursuing school while also raising a family; or someone raising a family who has expressed an interest in education law.