

# PATTERN'S PROGRESS

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## PRESIDENT'S DAY BREAKFAST RESCHEDULED FOR THURSDAY, APRIL 7

Pattern has rescheduled the panel of Hudson Valley county leaders for the President's Day Breakfast, which was postponed due to the memorial events for slain Poughkeepsie Officer John Falcone. We thank the panelists, the Poughkeepsie Grand, our sponsors (see below) and registrants for their understanding. **In rescheduling, priority will be given to those with reservations for the original sold-out event, who must reconfirm their attendance by March 18.** *At that time all non-confirmed reservations will be filled from the waiting list.* Check the Pattern [website](#) to re-register, or to be added to the waiting list.

## CLARKSON JOINS PATTERN AS VP FOR GOVERNMENT EFFICIENCY

John Clarkson, a 30-year veteran of state government known for his expertise in municipal finance and public policy development, has joined the Pattern staff. He was executive director of the NYS commission on Local Government Efficiency from 2007-2009, and has also served as assistant comptroller in the Division of Local Government and Economic Development.



## EDUCATION REFORM IS TOPIC OF ROCKLAND BUSINESS ASSOCIATION SPEECH

Jonathan Drapkin was invited to keynote the RBA's general membership luncheon February 17 on the topic "Perform or Reform: The Time for Education is Now". After a half hour speech and numerous conversations at the event, attendees continue to email Pattern with their comments and support. See article [here](#), and Drapkin's remarks [here](#).

## PATTERN ON THE ROAD...

- ... At the **2011 New York State Association of Counties (NYSAC) Legislative Conference** February 8, Jonathan Drapkin moderated the panel on the impact of environmental regulation on local governments, and spoke at the shared services session.
- ... Jonathan Drapkin presented Pattern's recent research on shared services to the **Dutchess County Planning Board** February 9.
- ... Joe Czajka participated in a **Tri-County (Dutchess, Ulster, Orange) Housing Consortium** meeting February 3, where discussion included concerns over the new HEARTH Act; Pattern also used this as an opportunity to field ideas for the 2011 Housing the Hudson Valley Conference.

## PATTERN BOARD MEMBERS AND FELLOWS IN THE NEWS ...

The *Wall Street Journal* quoted Pattern board member **Scott Batulis**, president of Orange Regional Medical Center, in this month's [article](#) on the upcoming opening of "the first new free-standing hospital to open in New York State in more than two decades"... Pattern Fellow **G. Brian Morgan**, counsel for the City of Poughkeepsie Corporation and IDA, was elected to a second term on the board of the Dutchess County Economic Development Corporation... Pattern Fellow **Kyro Ojulo**, supervisor of low income programs for Central Hudson, has been selected for the Dutchess County Chamber's Forty Under 40 Award ... Pattern Fellow **Jodi Longto** was recently promoted to the position of confidential secretary to Ulster County Executive Mike Hein... *Congratulations!*

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