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Daniel A. Hernandez is a developer and architect specializing in the planning, financing, and construction of residential buildings, community facilities and neighborhood development projects. His work in the non-profit and for-profit sectors demonstrates his commitment to equitable and environmentally sound development practice. In the 1990s, as the Executive Director of Mission Housing Development Corporation, a community-based, non-profit organization in San Francisco, CA, Mr. Hernandez led the development of hundreds of affordable housing units and several community buildings. Projects developed by Mr. Hernandez have received several design and management awards, and have been broadly touted as some of the best practices in community development. He has held senior management positions at nationally renowned development firms, such as the Presidio Trust, based in the Golden Gate National Park, and Jonathan Rose Companies, a firm based in New York City dedicated to "restoring the fabric of cities, towns, and villages, while preserving the land around them". Recent projects by Mr. Hernandez include mixed-income communities in New Jersey and Connecticut, as well as large scale redevelopment plans that range from urban neighborhoods to eco-resorts. Mr. Hernandez is a US Green Building Council core committee member for the creation of the new LEED-Neighborhood Development program.

Gordon Johnson is a Deputy General Counsel for the Metropolitan Transportation Authority of New York, where he handles environmental legal matters for the MTA and its subsidiaries and affiliates, and is participating in the development of sustainability projects and policies at the MTA.

Before joining the MTA in March 2008, he was an Assistant Attorney General in the Environmental Protection Bureau of the New York Attorney General's Office from 1983, and was the Bureau's Deputy Bureau Chief for the New York City office from 1991 to 2008. He has handled and supervised trial and appellate cases involving environmental issues on behalf of New York State and the Attorney General's office, including affirmative cases requiring cleanups of toxic waste sites, recovering damages for injuries to natural resources of the State, challenging EPA regulations and federal agency inaction, including litigation requiring the Department of Energy to revise energy efficiency standards for 22 categories of products, and protecting parkland. He also has handled enforcement cases against violators of state and federal environmental laws, and cases defending the State's permitting programs and state agency orders. While at the Attorney General's Office, he was an adjunct lecturer at Columbia Law School where he co-taught a seminar on the Public Advocacy in the NYS Attorney General's Office, and oversaw Columbia's externship program at that office. He has given testimony before the United States House of Representatives and Senate on behalf of New York and the National Association of Attorneys General concerning proposed Clean Water Act amendments, Superfund reauthorization, and the Hudson River cleanup.

Before joining the Attorney General's office, he was a staff lawyer at the Legal Aid Society and an associate at Rabinowitz, Boudin, Standard, Krinsky & Lieberman,

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P.C. He received his B.A. from Oberlin College, and his J.D. *cum laude* from New York University School of Law in 1974.

Katherine Kennedy was appointed Special Deputy Attorney General for Environmental Protection at the New York State Attorney General's Office in 2007, following 18 years at the Natural Resources Defense Council, where she was a senior attorney and director of the Northeast Energy Project. Ms. Kennedy has taught as an adjunct professor at Fordham University School of Law. She received her J.D. from Harvard Law School in 1986 and a B.A. from Harvard College in 1982. She clerked for the Honorable Morris E. Lasker in the Southern District of New York.

John L. Parker is the Regional Attorney for Region 3 of the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation. Region 3 spans the Lower Hudson Valley from the Catskills to the Long Island Sound in Westchester County. As Regional Attorney, Mr. Parker leads a staff of attorneys, is the chief administrative enforcement official for the Region, and represents the Department's interests in a variety of other contexts, including permit matters and permit hearings. Mr. Parker received a B.S. from Rutgers University and a J.D. from Pace University School of Law, where he concentrated in Environmental Law.

Before serving as Regional Attorney, Mr. Parker was in private practice addressing environmental and land use law issues and cases in the Hudson Valley. He represented clients, including public interest groups, in communities throughout the Hudson River Valley on state and federal environmental issues in a variety of legal forums and in litigation.

From 1997 to 2004, Mr. Parker served as Counsel to the Chair of the New York State Assembly Environmental Conservation Committee, and to the Chair of the Corporations, Authorities, and Commissions Committees where he drafted and negotiated many pieces of significant environmental legislation. As Counsel, Mr. Parker worked on environmental law initiatives on issues such as environmental justice, brownfields redevelopment, acid rain, real estate disclosure, Hudson River issues, and the reporting and mapping of cancer incidence data in New York state. Mr. Parker worked on numerous Assembly investigatory hearings on a variety of topics, such as the Hudson River Superfund cleanup, evacuation planning for Indian Point, and the siting of electric turbines in New York City. During his tenure with the Assembly, Mr. Parker also actively worked on public health and safety and environmental cases and litigation including administrative law proceedings, electricity ratepayer proceedings and a Petition for Writ of Certiorari to the U.S. Supreme Court.

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Christopher Rizzo is an attorney at Carter Ledyard and Milburn LLP in New York City where he practices in the firm's litigation department and environmental practice group. His practice includes both litigation and transactional matters that address environmental impact review, energy, climate change, historic preservation, land use, housing, parkland, hazardous substances, brownfields and water supplies. Mr. Rizzo is a graduate of Manhattan College and Pace University School of Law, where he participated in the environmental law certificate program. He is an adjunct professor of law at Pace and serves on its Alumni Board of Directors.

John Williams is the Director of Energy Analysis at the New York State Energy Research and Development Authority. Prior to joining NYSERDA, John was a policy analyst at the Pace Energy and Climate Center. He received his LLM in environmental law from Pace Law School in 1996.