



## Newsworthy

**02/01/10:** State Senator George Onorato (D-Queens), the chairman of the Senate Standing Committee on Labor, today announced that the Committee has approved legislation (S.5847-A) he sponsors that seeks to crack down on the practice of employee misclassification and prevent the siphoning off of hundreds of millions of dollars in state tax revenue into New York's underground economy. The legislation now goes to the Senate Codes Committee for consideration.

**02/04/10:** The nomination of Colleen Crawford Gardner as Commissioner of Labor was announced today. Ms. Gardner joined the New York State Department of Labor in March 2007 as Associate Commissioner for Labor Affairs. She has worked to strengthen worker protection, labor standards, apprenticeship, and workforce development programs including initiatives to help injured workers return to work in New York State.

**02/09/10:** In a move that could save New York millions of dollars as well as increase diversity in the tech sector, the state recently selected a company to manage a network of subcontractors that would deliver IT support to all state agencies.

**2/23/10:** Governor Paterson announces passage of a bill to help businesses produce their own renewable energy by improving net metering, which encourages the development of renewable energy systems. Net metering allows electricity customers with qualified renewable energy systems to sell excess electricity back to their local utility.

**03/02/10:** Assembly Speaker Sheldon Silver, Education Committee Chair Catherine Nolan and Higher Education Committee Chair Deborah Glick today announced, in a concurrent resolution of the legislature, the reelection of Lester W. Young, Jr., Karen Brooks Hopkins, Harry Phillips III, James C. Dawson, Robert M. Bennett and Roger Tilles to the New York State Board of Regents.

## Events & Receptions

### Monday, March 1, 2010

6:00 pm - Reception Honoring Speaker Sheldon Silver, The State Room, Albany, \$1,000

6:00 pm - Reception Honoring Senator Eric Adams, Fort Orange Club, Albany, \$500

### Tuesday, March 2, 2010

5:30 pm - Reception Honoring Senator Neil Breslin, The University Club, 141 Washington Avenue, Albany, \$500

### Monday, March 8, 2010

5:30 pm - Reception Honoring Senator Carl Kruger, Crowne Plaza Hotel, Albany, \$1,000

### Tuesday, March 9, 2010

6:30 pm - Reception Honoring Senator Andrea Stewart-Cousins, Crowne Plaza Hotel, Albany, \$250

### Tuesday, March 16, 2010

6:00 pm - Reception Honoring Senator Diane Savino, Crowne Plaza Hotel, Albany, \$250

### Tuesday, March 23, 2010

6:00 pm - Reception honoring Senator Toby Ann Stavisky, Crowne Plaza Hotel, Albany, \$500

## New York State Legislative Calendar

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