

July 10 – Land Use Zoning For Solar Energy

SPEAKERS:

Daniel R. Mandelker, Stamper Professor of Law, Washington University in Saint Louis, is a leading scholar and teacher in land use law, environmental law, and state and local government law. He was the principal consultant and contributor to the American Planning Association's model planning and zoning legislation project. He was also the principal consultant to a joint American Bar Association committee that prepared a model law for land use procedures that was adopted by the ABA House of Delegates. He recently published a handbook on free speech law for on premise signs, a coauthored fourth edition of his APA report on Street Graphics and the Law, and a coauthored new edition of his law school casebook in State and Local Government. Additionally, he received the ABA's State and Local Government Section Daniel J. Curtin Lifetime Achievement Award.

Sara C. Bronin (formerly Galvan) is a Mexican-American architect and attorney whose scholarly research focuses on property, land use, historic preservation, green building, and renewable energy law. As Gallivan Chair, she organizes annual public conferences and speaks frequently in the United States and internationally. She has been elected to membership in the [American Law Institute](#), and she is the lead author of the land use and servitudes volumes of the forthcoming Fourth Restatement of Property. In addition to her teaching responsibilities, she serves as faculty director for the Law School's [Center for Energy & Environmental Law](#).

Professor Bronin is a past chair of the State & Local Government Section of the American Association of Law Schools, and she has chaired several Law School committees (including the Academic Plan Committee). While at UConn, she has also been selected to be a Distinguished Energy Law Scholar at Vermont Law School and a Visiting Professor of Renewable Energy Law at the University of St. Gallen (Switzerland).

Professor Bronin received bachelor degrees in architecture and Plan II liberal arts honors from the University of Texas, a master's degree from the University of Oxford (as a Rhodes Scholar), and a law degree from Yale Law School. While in law school, she clerked for then-Judge Sonia Sotomayor on the Second Circuit Court of Appeals.

Professor Bronin serves as an expert witness and as a consultant to cities, state agencies, and private firms. Among other projects, she served as one of the lead attorneys and development strategists for the 360 State Street project, a mixed-use, transit-oriented, LEED Platinum project in New Haven. As chair of the City of Hartford's [Planning & Zoning Commission](#), she oversaw award-winning changes to the zoning, subdivision, and inland wetlands regulations. As chair of the Hartford [Climate Stewardship Council](#), she led a collaborative effort to draft and adopt the city's first Climate Action Plan. Professor Bronin also chairs the city's Energy Improvement District Board and serves in the leadership of the Connecticut Trust for Historic Preservation. She is a past president of the Connecticut Hispanic Bar Association, past chair of the Connecticut Urban Legal Initiative, and past board member of the Connecticut Fund for the Environment. She is a current James W. Cooper Fellow of the Connecticut Bar Foundation.