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EMPLOYEE PROFILE: **LAURIE SILBERFELD, HUDSON RIVER PARK'S LEGAL EAGLE**



Hudson River Park Vice President and General Counsel Laurie Silberfeld

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Since January 2000, whenever the Hudson River Park Trust has had questions concerning contracts, legal rules and regulations or advice on environmental issues, they have turned to **LAURIE SILBERFELD**. Serving as **VICE PRESIDENT AND GENERAL COUNSEL**, she has played a major role in the Park’s on-going construction and renovation project.

“I would say there is no such thing as a typical day at the office,” Laurie said. “As one of the lawyers for the Trust, my job is to make sure our progress fulfills the requirements of the legislation that enacted this project. I work to maximize the protection of the environment and enjoyment of our patrons.”


Laurie helped create the Park’s Rules and Regulations, which address everything from the Park’s hours of operation to the regulations associated with the public’s use of the Park’s five miles of waterfront. Because the Trust is a partnership between New York City and New York State, and the Park borders on Federal waters, she spends time making sure the project complies with the laws and regulations of all three entities.

“Walking through the Park and taking in all that it offers is an intensely rich experience,” she said. “It is one that people should take advantage of and one that we hope provides something enjoyable and unique for everyone.”

Before joining the Trust, Laurie first worked in private practice and then joined the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC), where she handled issues concerning New York State’s air quality laws and regulations. Working for the Trust has given her a chance to continue her legal career, in a very unique environment.

“While the majority of my work still takes place indoors at my desk or in large, stuffy rooms, what sets this position apart from most of the legal world is that I can step right outside my office and I am surrounded by a sense of accomplishment,” Laurie said. “It’s great to go outside and see the Park coming to life right before my eyes.”

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PRESIDENT’S LETTER: **A WINTER WONDERLAND**



Hudson River Park President and C.E.O. Robert Balachandran on Pier 45 in Greenwich Village

To many people, the New Year in New York brings the dropping of the ball in Times Square, making resolutions and switching from outdoor activities to those that can be done in the warmth of the indoors.

At Hudson River Park, while we get ready to say good-bye to 2002, we’re also getting ready to say hello to several new attractions nearing completion as part of the Park’s on-going development.

Construction continues even in the coldest of weather and the hardiest park goers are still enjoying the open space and active bikeway/walkway.

I am happy to report that renovations on the Park between Horatio Street and Barrow Street have moved into the final stages. That means recently installed sod on Pier 45 in Greenwich Village will be ready next summer to welcome the thousands of sunbathers and families who come to the Park. New water features and play equipment at the Pier 51 water play area, near Jane Street, will also be ready to cool off residents during the dog days of summer.

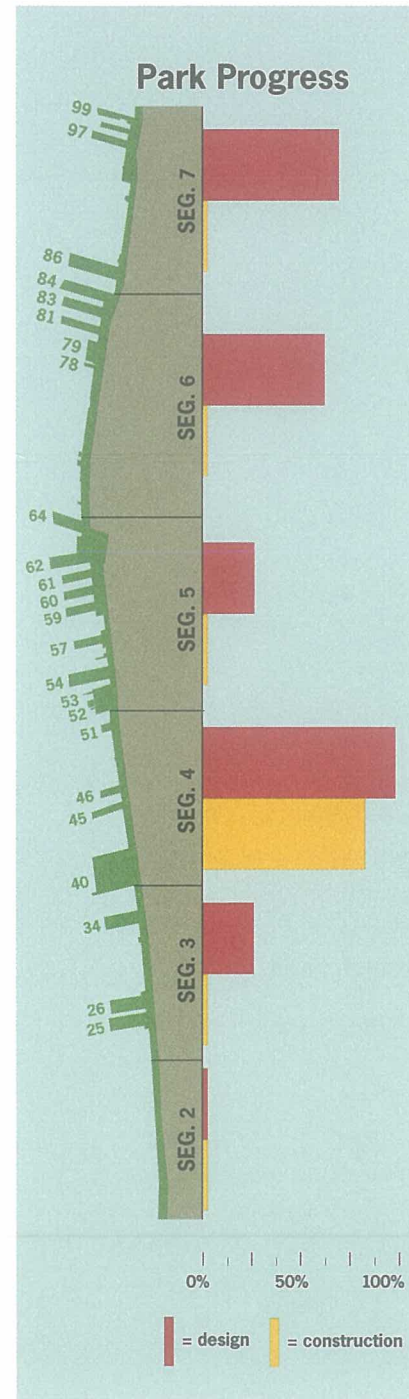
In this issue of *Happenings*, we profile Vice President and General Counsel for the Hudson River Park Trust, Laurie Silberfeld. She helps provide the legal guidance and expertise it takes to build and operate this unique new attraction.

Also in this issue, we shine the spotlight on our railings and walkways. They are an important feature of any park, guiding patrons to different facilities, acting as a directional guide, contributing to the aesthetics of the Park and providing a safety barrier.

In closing, we at the Hudson River Park Trust would like to wish you a happy and healthy holiday season. Have a wonderful New Year and come enjoy the great views and fresh air that Hudson River Park offers all year round.

Sincerely,

Robert P. Balachandran, President & CEO
Hudson River Park Trust



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