

SPEAKER KEYNOTE PROFILE

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Keynote Speaker:

Former Governor George E. Pataki, New York

Governor George E. Pataki joined the law firm Chadbourne and Parke, LLP in 2007 as Counsel, focusing on their environmental, energy and infrastructure practice areas. The Governor also is the founder and Chairman of Pataki-Cahill Group, a consulting firm concentrating on climate change, energy and the environment.

Prior to joining Chadbourne & Parke and starting the Pataki-Cahill Group, he served three terms as the 53rd governor of New York State, from 1995 through 2006. First elected in 1994, he won re-election in 1998 and 2002. He was a partner in the New York law firm of Plunkett & Jaffe until 1987. He was elected mayor of Peekskill, New York in 1981, and served in the New York State Legislature as an assemblyman and then a senator from 1985 to 1994, before becoming governor.

Widely known for his protection of over one million acres of open space, the most since Teddy Roosevelt, Governor Pataki balanced his pro-business philosophy with award-winning, cutting-edge policies in the renewable energy and environmental fields. He led the establishment of the first mandatory cap and trade carbon initiative (Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative - RGGI) which now includes ten Northeastern and Mid-Atlantic States. The Governor implemented the first integrated strategy for creating clean, renewable transportation networks utilizing alternative fuels, including tax and other incentives for both consumers and manufacturers, grants for alternative retail fuel distribution systems and the exemption of renewable fuels from all State and local taxes.

Governor Pataki established New York's leading brownfield program spurring development in cities across the state by creating a \$200 million fund to support the redevelopment of contaminated sites and instituting a \$135 million tax credit program to encourage public private investment in brownfields. He instituted the nation's first green buildings tax credit incentive program which led to the building of the first high-rise green office building in the United States, the first high-rise green residential building in the United States and a host of other green projects currently under development. Most notably, through his determined leadership, Governor Pataki ensured that the redeveloped World Trade Center site will be a global example of green building design.

In addition, Governor Pataki worked to create public private partnerships for clean energy generation in New York State resulting in one of the largest industrial solar power arrays in the U.S., two cellulosic ethanol pilot production facilities and one of the largest wind-power arrays in the Eastern United States. He introduced net metering to encourage alternative energy production in homes and established the nation's first business park devoted to the development of clean energy technologies.

Among numerous other awards, Business Week named Governor Pataki one of the top 20 "Individuals who stand out for their efforts to cut gases that cause global warming" in the world. Also, in 2006, Vanity Fair called him a governor who "gets it" in its inaugural "Green Issue" for his efforts concerning the environment.

Since joining Chadbourne & Parke, Pataki served as co-chairman of the Council on Foreign Relations Independent Task Force on Climate Change and as United States Public Delegate to the United Nations General Assembly.

He serves on the Board of Directors of Cosan Ltd (NYSE), One link Communications and Perf go Green (OTC) and on the advisory boards of Clearlake Capital and MidOcean Partners. He is a director of the National Audubon Society and the New York Historical Society.

Governor Pataki and his wife, Libby, reside in Garrison, NY. They have four children.