

**LAVEA BRACHMAN, J.D., M.C.P.**

39 South Parkview Avenue

Columbus, Ohio 43209

614-257-1662

[laveab@aol.com](mailto:laveab@aol.com)

**PROFESSIONAL: ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY & PLANNING/  
COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

**Greater Ohio, Columbus, OH**

**Central Ohio Director and Director of Research, November 2005 (current)**

- Direct Central Ohio efforts to educate about and promote improved land use planning and “smart growth” tools and practices in Ohio’s cities and towns.
- Conduct and oversee research related to Greater Ohio statewide policy reform goals, including evaluation of vacant properties’ impact on communities and assessing policy gaps needed for land and neighborhood revitalization.

**Delta Institute, Chicago, IL & Columbus, OH**

**Associate Director and Director, Ohio Office, 1998-2005**

- Managed Ohio work of Chicago-based non-profit organization engaged in promoting sustainable communities throughout the Great Lakes region.
- Focused on land use, urban revitalization and environmental projects, including air and water, that contribute to sustainability and long-term stewardship.
  - Plan statewide Ohio Vacant Properties Forum.
  - Partner on brownfields education for community development corporations (CDCs).
  - Completed sustainable development/environmental indicators assessment for Central Ohio.
- Developed start-up regional affiliate organizations dedicated to urban revitalization and reuse of brownfields.
  - Created reuse strategies with recommended legal and financing mechanisms for blighted neighborhoods and individual brownfield projects in major urban areas, in partnership with local governments, developers and/or community groups.
  - Developed innovative broad-scale approaches to attract private sector interest in brownfield property reuse and overcome market barriers to reuse.

**Greenfield Environmental Trust Group (formerly The Environmental Trust Group),  
Cambridge, MA**

**Principal and Vice President, 1993-1994 & 1996-1998**

- Consulted to Fortune 500 companies delivering strategies and innovative solutions for their properties facing environmental remediation and economic development challenges.
- Managed complex reuse projects involving commercial interests, community groups, local government and government agencies: crafted reuse plan, negotiated purchase and sale agreements with buyers, and drafted novel land use agreements to develop large Boston-area Superfund property; developed reuse strategies to maximize property use and value at select Midwest sites; created reuse plan in racially polarized Southern town for former pesticide manufacturing plant property.
- Conducted feasibility studies and created master plans integrating redevelopment into environmental clean-up remedies for vacant industrial sites, based on analysis of financial, legal and social factors.

**U.S. Department of Energy, Office of Environmental Management, Washington, D.C.**

**Special Projects, 1994-1996**

- Worked in Assistant Secretary’s Office to coordinate strategic plan for \$6 billion budget charged with environmental restoration of former nuclear facilities.
- Led environmental planning and public participation strategies for decision-making processes regarding future land uses for DOE facilities.
- Developed guidelines for institutional controls to constrain future uses of environmentally affected properties.

*Lavea Brachman curriculum vitae, continued*

**Fenway Community Development Corporation (CDC), Boston, MA**

**Project Consultant, 1992-1993**

- Structured transactions with Resolution Trust Corporation to convert condominiums into special needs and affordable housing in order to stabilize low- to moderate-income neighborhoods throughout Boston.
- Assessed financial viability of state/federal-subsidized special needs and low/moderate income housing.
- Evaluated absentee condominium owner impact on Fenway neighborhood and identified remedies.

**Beveridge & Diamond, P.C., Washington, D.C.**

**Associate, 1988-1991**

- Wrote briefs for complex environmental litigation cases and counseled corporate clients on permitting and compliance primarily in the federal regulatory areas of hazardous waste, water, wetlands permitting, land use and development.
- Served as *pro bono* associate, investigating age and race discrimination suits, representing plaintiffs in class action suit and private housing dispute.

**ACADEMIC: EDUCATION & TEACHING/RESEARCH**

**EDUCATION**

**MASSACHUSETTS INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY, 1991-93, Cambridge, MA**

- Master in City Planning, awarded 1993.
- Cram Award for outstanding thesis, 1993.

**THE UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO LAW SCHOOL, 1985-88, Chicago, IL**

- *Juris Doctor*, awarded 1988.
- Symposium Editor, *The University of Chicago Legal Forum*, 1987-88.

**HARVARD COLLEGE, 1980-84, Cambridge, MA**

- A.B., *cum laude*, awarded 1984 (concentration in Social Studies).
- Dean's List, 1981-84.
- Staff Editor and reporter, *The Harvard Crimson*, 1981-84.

**COLUMBUS SCHOOL FOR GIRLS, 1967-80, Columbus, OH**

- Graduated *cum laude*, 1980.

**TEACHING/RESEARCH**

**Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT), Cambridge, MA**

**Visiting Professor, Department of Urban Studies and Planning, Spring 2005**

- Taught "Brownfields: Policy and Practice," covering barriers to brownfield property redevelopment, policies and pragmatic strategies promoting brownfields redevelopment using "live" Community Development Corporation projects.

**Visiting Lecturer, 1992-94**

- Taught "The Courts and American Society," an undergraduate course covering basic procedural law and the courts' role in shaping constitutional and public policy issues.

**Lincoln Institute of Land Policy, Cambridge, MA**

**Visiting Fellow, 2004 to 2005**

**Faculty, 2001 to present**

- Research, write and publish articles and cases on financial, legal and procedural challenges to brownfield and vacant property redevelopment, the interplay between market forces and policy initiatives in addressing these challenges, and analysis of key success factors in brownfield redevelopment projects.

*Lavea Brachman curriculum vitae, continued*

- Formulate curriculum and teach workshop series to community-based organizations nationwide on vacant and brownfield property redevelopment, other urban revitalization issues. Seminar topics include targeting viable properties, brownfields and neighborhood planning, identifying liabilities, local government roles, state policy and its impact on practice, building organizational capacity, financing sources, and structuring transactions.
- Developed and wrote guidebook for community organizations on brownfield redevelopment strategies.
- Convened Roundtable on Ownership and Acquisition of Vacant and Abandoned Property: Strategies, Legal Remedies and Tools.

**The Ohio State University, Department of City and Regional Planning, Columbus, OH  
Adjunct Professor, 1998 to 2001**

- Taught **Environmental Law**, graduate course study of environmental law and regulations and their impact on planning and practice.
- Developed and taught **Introduction to Environmental Factors in City and Regional Planning**, graduate course surveying range of environmental and ecosystem issues relevant to planners.

**OTHER EXPERIENCE**

**National Vacant Properties Campaign Advisory Committee, Washington, D.C.**

**2003 to present**

*An initiative of Ford Foundation, Smart Growth America, Local Initiatives Support Corporation (LISC), and International City/County Management Association (ICMA).*

Advise Campaign on policy directions, technical assistance and training initiatives.

**Clean Ohio Council, Columbus, OH**

**2001 to present**

*13-member Council charged with developing policies for and disbursing voter-approved bond funds to applicants for brownfield property redevelopment projects.*

Appointed by governor twice as environmental representative, serving with Lieutenant Governor, other public officials. Selected for Council's four-person Executive Committee.

**Ohio Environmental Council (OEC) Board of Directors, Columbus, OH**

**2001 to present**

*Statewide environmental advocacy organization.*

**Columbus Urban Growth Corporation Board of Directors, Columbus, OH**

**1998 to present**

*Non-profit City-chartered organization charged with identifying and executing projects to promote economic development in urban neighborhoods. (Mayoral appointee.)*

**The Ohio State University Hillel Board of Directors, Columbus, OH**

**2003 to present**

**Harvard Hillel Board of Trustees, Cambridge, MA**

**1986 to 2003**

**Other: State of Pennsylvania Bar; American Planning Association; and Natural Resources and Environment Section, American Bar Association.**

**Personal: Married with two children.**