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Anita W. Laremont is the Chief Legal Officer at Empire State Development. She has almost 30 years of progressive corporate law experience within ESD's legal department.

Since 1982, Laremont has supported the agency's efforts with counsel and advice spanning across all aspects of the legal work required by the corporation. In her current position as manager of the legal department, she is responsible for the delivery of all legal services to ESD, its board members and officers, and its affiliates and subsidiaries.

She also directed the restructuring and consolidation of the economic development authorities, in addition to the legislation and programs she has supervised and implemented such as the Lower Manhattan Development Corporation and other post 9/11 business assistance programs. Laremont directs all legal aspects of ESD's large-scale development projects and is also responsible for debt issuance, including selecting and supervising bond and tax counsel.

While responsible for negotiating with local, state, and federal lawmakers and regulators for the fulfillment of the developmental goals of ESD, Laremont, who initiated and implemented corporate governance reforms in the post-Sarbanes-Oxley era, has also lectured board members of many public authorities throughout New York State on ethics and governance.

Prior to joining Empire State Development, she was an associate at Milbank Tweed Hadley & McCloy here in New York City.

Laremont earned a J.D. from New York University School of Law in 1979 as a Root-Tilden Scholar, and graduated with a B.A. magna cum laude from Mount Holyoke College in 1976.