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Jonathan Drapkin is President and CEO of Hudson Valley Pattern for Progress, the independent public policy, research, planning and advocacy not-for-profit that promotes regional, balanced and sustainable solutions for issues that enhance the growth and vitality of the Hudson Valley.

As executive director of the Gerry Foundation from 2000 to 2006, Mr. Drapkin guided the creation of Bethel Woods, the dynamic new performing arts center at the site of the original 1969 Woodstock Festival. Before that he was county manager of Sullivan County. He has also chaired the Sullivan County Partnership for Economic Development.

Previously Mr. Drapkin served New York City in several roles: first as an Urban Fellow working for City Council President Carol Bellamy, then as legislative counsel within the Office of the Criminal Justice Coordinator, and finally as head of the New York City Council Office of Oversight and Investigation.

Mr. Drapkin was a member of two Governor's Commissions focusing on the restructuring of local government. He served on the Metropolitan Transportation Authority's Commission on Sustainability, and is a member of the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey's Stewart Airport Citizen Advisory Panel. His many roles on regional task forces have included chairing the Research/Economic Development Committee for the Task Force on the Future of Westchester Medical Center, and facilitating the Ulster County Economic Development Task Force. He also served for six years as Adjunct Lecturer for the Executive MBA Program at CUNY's Baruch College, conducting courses on how to measure the effectiveness and efficiency of government services.

Mr. Drapkin's undergraduate work at Washington University included a year abroad at Durham University in Northern England, after which he earned a Master's degree in economics from Long Island University and a law degree from Benjamin Cardozo School of Law. He has been awarded the Sullivan County Partnership's Distinguished Service Award (2006), the Walter Rhulen Award as Businessman of the Year (2001), the Sullivan County Chamber of Commerce's Distinguished Service Award (2000), and the American Society for Public Administration's Award for Outstanding Administrator for the New York Metropolitan Chapter (1996).

He continues to reside in Sullivan County with his wife Paula and their two children.