

Jonathan Drapkin

Jonathan Drapkin is President and Chief Executive Officer of Pattern for Progress, the regional planning organization that has for more than four decades shaped public policy initiatives to improve life in the Hudson River Valley. Founded in 1965, Pattern for Progress' mission is to preserve and promote the social, economic and natural facets of the region by building a consensus for a pattern of growth that will ensure a high quality of life – through the balance of a healthy environment and a vibrant economy.

Drapkin, a resident of Rock Hill, served as the Executive Director of the Gerry Foundation from 2000 to 2006, implementing the \$135-million Foundation's primary mission to better Sullivan County, New York. Among the Gerry Foundation's most impressive accomplishments was the development and construction of the Bethel Woods Center for the Arts. He also served as County Manager of Sullivan County from 1996 through 2000, supervising a budget of \$136 million and 1,100 full- and 300 part-time employees.

In addition, Drapkin's previous professional experience includes seven years as Director of the City Council's Office of Oversight and Investigation in New York City, as well as five years of service within the City of New York's Office of the Mayor. He holds a law degree from the Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law and a master's degree in Economics from Long Island University.

Drapkin served on the board of Pattern for Progress from 2003 to 2006. He recently completed his term as Chairman of the Sullivan County Partnership for Economic Development. For 1995 to 2001, Drapkin lectured at Baruch College's Executive MPA Program on how to measure the delivery of public services and the most effective and efficient ways to provide them. He has been the recipient of numerous honors, including the Sullivan County Partnership's Distinguished Service Award (2006) and 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).