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### **I. Career Summary and Goals**

In his 45-year career, Chancellor-Emeritus John Costonis has served as a practitioner/consultant and distinguished scholar in the fields of land use, environmental and real estate law; as the Dean and Chancellor, respectively, of the Vanderbilt and LSU Law Centers, and as the founding President of Florida's fifth-largest public foundation. A member of the Illinois and District of Columbia bars, he addressed the land use/developmental needs of major public and private clients throughout the United States as an associate at the Chicago law firm, Ross & Hardies, then directed by Richard Babcock, the nation's leading land use lawyer and author of the celebrated volume, **The Zoning Game**.

As a professor of law at the law faculties of New York University and Pennsylvania, Illinois, and Berkeley, Mr. Costonis secured his national and international reputation in the land use/environment/real estate development field by publishing two award-winning books and a host of articles addressing various land use and property rights issues. He pioneered the Development Rights Transfer technique, which protects landmark buildings and ecologically sensitive lands by allocating their development potential to non-sensitive development corridors and sites. His proposals for the technique's use to preserve downtown Chicago landmark buildings and Puerto Rico's environmentally precarious Parguera Bay have been emulated in cities and rural areas throughout the United States.

Mr. Costonis also coordinated the land use/environmental planning activities of the State of Tennessee, the General Motors Corporation, and county and municipal officials following GM's decision to locate its \$1.5 billion Saturn Automobile plant in Maury County, Tennessee. While at LSU, he has taught and written on all phases of Louisiana's land development process, and established the LSU Law Center Environmental Roundtable as a venue for discussion of the state's land use, environmental and economic development issues by many of its leading regulatory officials, judges, attorneys and industrialists.

As Mr. Costonis transitions from nine years of service as the LSU Law Center's Chancellor, he looks forward to assisting governmental and the private sector clients in their pursuit of major land projects intended to facilitate economic progress in post-Katrina Louisiana.

## **II. Career Chronology**

### **Chancellor-Emeritus and Albert Tate Professor of Law**

Louisiana State University Law Center

Current

### **Chancellor**

Louisiana State University Law Center

August 1998 to June 2007

### **Visiting Environmental Research Professor**

University of Colorado Law School

August 1997-July 1998

### **Founding President, Quantum Foundation**

West Palm Beach, FL

August 1996-July 1997

### **Dean and Milton R. Underwood Professor of Free Enterprise**

Vanderbilt Law School

1985-1996

### **Professor of Law**

New York University Law School

1977-1985

### **Associate, Professor of Law**

University of Illinois

1970-1977

### **Visiting Professor of Law**

University of California, Berkeley (Boalt Hall)

1975-76

### **Attorney**

Ross & Hardies, Chicago, IL

1968-70

### **Assistant Professor of Law**

University of Pennsylvania Law School

Philadelphia, PA

1965-70 (with leave for legal practice)

### III. HONORS, APPOINTMENTS AND CONSULTANCIES (Selected)

National Conference of Commissioners on Uniform State Laws, Co-Reporter, *Uniform Act on Conservation Easements*

Fellow, Bellagio Study and Conference Center (Rockefeller Foundation), *Cultural Preservation in the United States and Europe*

Fellow, Salzburg Seminar (Austria), *Preserving the National Cultural Heritage*

Senior Invitational Fellow, East-West Center, Honolulu Hawaii, *Law and the City in the Pacific Basin*

Distinguished Visiting Scholar, Fulbright Program, Universities of Recife and Brasilia, Brazil

Fellow, Mayor's Institute on City Design, National Endowment of the Arts, Boston, Massachusetts and San Antonio, Texas

Recipient, National Endowment of the Arts/Architecture grants to conduct research for book, **Icons and Aliens**, and to develop visual presentations for development rights transfer scholarship

Recipient, Chicago Chapter of the American Institute of Architects Distinguished Publications Award for book, **Space Adrift: Landmark Preservation and the Marketplace**

Recipient of Louisiana State Bar Association's Steven T. Victory outstanding article award for *Avenal v. State: Takings and Damagings in Louisiana*

Member, ABA/HUD Commission on Housing and Urban Growth, and contributor to the Commission's volume, **Housing for All Under Law** (1975)

Member, Editorial Advisory Board, *Environmental Law Quarterly*

Chair, Association of American Law Schools Property Section

Founder and Program Chair, Louisiana Environmental Roundtable

Consultant to Saturn Corporation and to the State of Tennessee to devise environmental and land use design and public infrastructure policies to address the impact of Saturn's \$1.5 billion automotive plant on Maury County, Tennessee

Consultant to Puerto Rico Planning Board and Conservation Trust to develop legislation and programs protecting the environmentally sensitive Parguera Bay area

## IV. PUBLICATIONS

### Books

**Icons and Aliens: Law, Aesthetics and Environmental Change** (University of Illinois Press 1989)

**Space Adrift: Landmark Preservation and the Marketplace** (University of Illinois Press 1974)

### Articles, Reviews and Special Studies (Selected)

*New Orleans, Katrina and Kelo: American Cities in the Post-Kelo Era*, 83 *Tulane L. Rev.* 395 (2008)

*Two Years and Counting: Land Use and Louisiana's Post-Katrina Recovery*, 68 *La. L. Rev.* 349 (2008)

*Avenal v. State: Takings and Damagings in Louisiana Law*, 65 **La. L. Rev.** 241 (2005)

*Presumptive and Per Se Takings: A Decisional Model for the Taking Issue*, 58 **N.Y.U. L. Rev.** 465 (1983)

*Law and Aesthetics: A Critique and a Reformulation of the Dilemmas*, 80 **Mich. L. Rev.** 355 (1982)

*The Disparity Issue: A Context for the Grand Central Terminal Decision*, 91 **Harv. L. Rev.** 402 (1977)

*Fair Compensation and the Accommodation Power: Antidotes for the Taking Impasse in Land Use Controversies*; 75 **Colum. L. Rev.** 1021 (1975)

*Development Rights Transfer: An Exploratory Essay*, 83 **Yale L. J.** 75 (1973)

*The Chicago Plan: Incentive Zoning and the Preservation of Urban Landmarks*, 85 **Harv. L. Rev.** 574 (1972)

*The University and the City: A Proposal for the Establishment of a New York University Urban Studies Center* (N.Y.U. 1979)

*Space over Streets: An Urban Design and Legal Analysis*, co-authored with A. Cooper (Rockefeller Foundation 1978)

*Environmental Protection through Development Rights Transfer: The Puerto Rico Plan* (Urban Land institute 1975)

