

The John Marshall Law School
Fair Housing Legal Support Center

Fair Housing Law and Enforcement – A Basic Survey of the Law and Practice

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This is a basic introduction to fair housing law – federal, state, and local. This course is designed especially for those persons who are new to fair housing or for those who would like a review of the law. The instructors, many of whom are from The John Marshall Law School Fair Housing Legal Support Center and Clinic, will take participants through the basic elements of a fair housing action and discuss what practices are prohibited by the law, and what remedies can be awarded to victims of housing discrimination. The conference will have specific sessions on mortgage lending discrimination and discrimination against persons with disabilities, including discrimination through zoning, building, and occupancy restrictions.

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Program Agenda

Friday, April 16

- 8:00 a.m. Registration/ Breakfast Room 1200
- 8:45 a.m. Welcome and Introductions
- 9:00 a.m. Keynote Address – Beth Pepper, Esq.
- 9:45 a.m. Break
- 10:00 a.m. Fair Lending and Predatory Lending Practices that Violate the Fair Housing Act
Moderator: Michael P. Seng
Panelists: Kelli Dudley
Daniel Lindsey
Robert G. Schwemm
Livia Villarreal
- 12:00 p.m. Lunch
- 12:30 p.m. Luncheon Address – New Enforcement Initiatives
Steven Rosenbaum, U.S. Department of Justice
- 1:30 p.m. Providing Accessible Housing for Persons with Disabilities
Moderator: Robert G. Schwemm
Panelists: Beth Pepper
Christopher Brancart
Kenneth M. Walden
- 3:00 p.m. Break
- 3:30 p.m. Standing, Protected Classes and Covered Dwellings under the Fair Housing Act
Moderator: F. Willis Caruso
Panelists: Marian Honel
JoAnn Newsome
Maurice J. McGough
J. Damian Ortiz
- 5:00 p.m. Reception 3E

Saturday, April 17

- 9:00 a.m. Discriminatory Housing Practices under the Fair Housing Act
Moderator: J. Damian Ortiz
Panelists: Allison K. Bethel
F. Willis Caruso
Christopher Vogel
- 10:00 a.m. Testing for Fair Housing Violations
Moderator: F. Willis Caruso
Panelists: Lillian Seymore
Mary Jo Noriega

11:00 a.m. Break

11:30 a.m. Remedies under the Fair Housing Act: Eviction Defenses; Damages – Compensatory and Punitive; Preliminary Relief: Affirmative Relief and Attorneys Fees
Moderator: Allison K. Bethel
Panelists: Edward Voci
Christopher Brancart
Lewis W. Powell, III

12:30 p.m. Discussion and Questions

1:00 p.m. Conclusion