

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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April 16 and 17, 2010

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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Friday, April 16

- 8:00 a.m. Registration
- 8:45 a.m. Welcome and Introductions
- 9:00 a.m. New Developments in Fair Housing Law and Enforcement – Robert Schwemm
- 9:30 a.m. Protected Classes and Standing under the Fair Housing Act
Moderator: Michael P. Seng
Panelists: Marian Honel
Joann Newsome
Maurice J. McGough
- 10:30 a.m. Break
- 11:00 a.m. Dwellings and Exemptions under the Fair Housing Act
Moderator: Christopher Vogel
Panelists: Damian Ortiz
Maurice J. McGough
- 11:45 a.m. Testing for Fair Housing Violations

Moderator: F. Willis Caruso
Panelists: Lillian Seymore
Tester from Access Living

12:30 a.m. Lunch

1:00 a.m. Keynote Address – New Enforcement Initiatives
Steven Rosenbaum, U.S. Department of Justice

2:00 p.m. Discriminatory Housing Practices under the Fair Housing Act
Moderator: Robert Schwemm
Panelists: Allison Bethel
F. Willis Caruso
Christopher Vogel

3:00 p.m. Break

3:30 p.m. Remedies under the Fair Housing Act: Eviction Defenses; Damages – Compensatory and Punitive; Preliminary Relief: Affirmative Relief; and Attorneys Fees
Moderator: Allison Bethel
Panelists: Edward Voci
Beth Pepper
Christopher Brancart
Lewis Powell

5:00 p.m. Reception

Saturday, April 17

9:00 a.m. Fair Lending and Predatory Lending Practices that Violate the Fair Housing Act
Moderator: Michael P. Seng
Panelists: Kelli Dudley
Daniel Lindsey
Robert Schwemm
Livia Villarreal

10:30 a.m. Break

11:00 a.m. Providing Accessible Housing for Persons with Disabilities
Moderator: Robert Schwemm
Panelists: Beth Pepper
Christopher Brancart
Kenneth Walden, Access Living

12:30 a.m. Discussion and Questions

1:00 p.m. Conclusion