



The Fair Housing Act at 50: How Far Have We Come? Where Are We Going?

Date: Wednesday, April 25, 2018

Location: Arent Fox, 1717 K St. NW

Time: 9:30 am – 5 pm

Continental Breakfast (9:30 am to 10 am)

Welcome: Kristen Clarke, Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights Under Law (10 am to 10:05 am)

Opening Keynote: Ken Zimmerman, New York University Law School (10:05 am to 10:45 am)

Panel I: A Look at the Successes and Shortcomings of the Fair Housing Act from a Historical Perspective – Panelists will assess the degree to which the Fair Housing Act has been effective at addressing the issues confronting Congress and the nation in 1968 and the ways in which Fair Housing Act enforcement has adapted to changing times. (10:45 am to 12:15 pm)

- Sheryll Cashin, Georgetown University Law Center
- Olati Johnson, Columbia Law School and PRRAC
- Stacy Seicshnaydre, Tulane University Law School
- Moderator: Megan Haberle, PRRAC

Break (12:15 pm to 12:30 pm)

Lunch Remarks: Natalie Abatemarco, Citi Community Development (12:30 pm to 12:45 pm)

Panel 2: Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing – Panelists will discuss the on-the-ground implementation of HUD's now-delayed 2015 Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing Rule from the local government, consultant/technical assistance provider, and advocacy organization perspectives. (12:45 pm to 2 pm)

- Debby Goldberg, National Fair Housing Alliance
- Claudia Monterrosa, City of Los Angeles Housing + Community Investment Department
- Dan Urevick-Ackelsberg, Public Interest Law Center of Philadelphia
- Moderator: Diane Glauber, Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights Under Law

Panel 3: Emerging Legal Issues – Panelists will discuss recent and ongoing attempts to utilize impact litigation under the Fair Housing Act to address systemic issues including the denial of housing to individuals with criminal records, the displacement of low-income people of color from rapidly gentrifying neighborhoods in high cost cities, and state preemption laws that prevent local governments from advancing housing justice. (2 pm to 3:15 pm)

- Catherine Cone, Washington Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights and Urban Affairs
- Ryan Downer, Relman, Dane & Colfax PLLC
- Thomas Silverstein, Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights Under Law
- Moderator: Joseph Rich, Lawyers Committee

Break (3:15 pm to 3:30 pm)

Panel 4: Federal Threats – Panelists will discuss threats to fair housing gains posed by the Trump Administration and Congress and the advocacy response to HUD's delay of the Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing rule, its suspension of the Small Area Fair Market Rent rule, and an array of attacks on HUD's budget. (3:30 pm to 4:45 pm)

- Lisa Cylar-Barrett, PolicyLink
- Sasha Samberg-Champion, Relman Dane & Colfax PLLC
- Philip Tegeler, PRRAC
- Moderator: Ajmel Quereshi, NAACP LDF

Closing: Olati Johnson, Columbia Law School and PRRAC (4:45 pm to 5 pm)

A reception at the offices of the Poverty and Race Research Action Council located at 740 15th Street N.W., Suite 300, Washington, D.C., will follow from 5:30 pm to 7 pm.

With special thanks to Citi Community Development for its support for this event.

