



# ADVANCING HOUSING JUSTICE

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## HJN National Meeting

SUNDAY & MONDAY, OCTOBER 16 & 17, 2011

### Federal Housing Programs: One-Day Training for New Practitioners

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8:30 am – 5:30 pm

This substantive training provides a comprehensive overview of the federal housing programs, recent changes, current trends, and issues facing practitioners. The full-day training is designed for advocates with limited housing experience—and will help prepare you for more in-depth discussion at the HJN Meeting sessions. Practitioners are welcome to attend just the meeting or just the training. Note: There is a discounted rate for attending both.



## Housing Justice Network (HJN) National Meeting

SUNDAY & MONDAY, OCTOBER 16 & 17, 2011

8:00 am – 6:00 pm (Last session will end at 5:00 p.m. on October 17)

The National Meeting of the Housing Justice Network is a dynamic two-day event that brings together low-income housing allies—public interest attorneys, affordable housing advocates, policy analysts, organizers, and residents—from across the nation. Attendees participate in sessions on current developments in the federal housing programs, discuss strategies for representing the interests of low-income residents, and exchange ideas on litigating, advocating, and organizing. HJN members also have the opportunity to meet with their working groups to review accomplishments, set goals, and formulate work plans for the coming year.

The meeting is a tremendous opportunity to meet with colleagues and build our collective capacity to advance housing justice for low-income households across America.

### Meeting Highlights

#### WORKSHOPS ON **FORECLOSURE**

- Foreclosure Defense
- Habitability Issues in Foreclosed Properties
- Foreclosures in Communities of Color
- Rural Development Single Family Foreclosure Avoidance
- Tenants in Foreclosed Properties

#### WORKSHOPS ON **FAIR HOUSING**

- Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing
- Domestic Violence and Sexual Harassment in Housing
- Developments in Systemic Litigation
- Immigrant and Language Access Issues in Housing
- Inclusive Gentrification that Benefits Low-Income Residents
- Reasonable Accommodation and Disability Cases: Techniques & Trends

#### WORKSHOPS ON **PRESERVATION OF ASSISTED HOUSING**

- Preservation of HUD-Subsidized Housing: Emerging Issues
- Rural Development Rental Housing Preservation
- Troubled Properties: Preserving Units and Protecting Tenants

#### WORKSHOPS ON **VOUCHERS AND PUBLIC HOUSING**

- Administrative Hearings/Strategies for Overturning Terminations
- HUD Policy Roundup
- Moving to Work
- Public Housing Demolitions and Dispositions
- Section 8 Voucher Issues Beyond Terminations
- Trespass and Banning Policies

#### WORKSHOPS ON **OTHER CURRENT AND CRITICAL HOUSING ISSUES**

- Enforcing Federal Rights in Housing Cases
- HEARTH Act Developments
- Housing Issues Affecting the Elderly
- Intersection of Health and Housing
- Low-Income Housing Tax Credit Issues
- Permanent Supportive Housing for the Homeless
- Reentry: Access to Affordable Housing for Clients with Criminal History
- Section 3 Enforcement
- Sustainable Communities Initiative
- Working with Resident Groups and Community Organizations

#### FEATURING **PLENARIES** ON...

**Emerging Fair Housing Issues • The Future of Subsidized Housing**

# 2011 Housing Justice Network Meeting

## Agenda at a Glance

Sunday, October 16, 2011

8:00am-8:30am	Registration				
8:30am-8:45am	Welcome				
9:00am-10:30am	<b>Workshop 1A</b> <b>Criminal Records &amp; Access to Housing</b>  <i>Strategies to creatively address housing access for persons with criminal records and for recently released ex-offenders</i>	<b>Workshop 1B</b> <b>To Be Announced</b>	<b>Workshop 1C</b> <b>Current Issues in LIHTC Properties</b>  <i>Current issues and advocacy opportunities in the Low-Income Housing Tax Credit (LIHTC) program</i>	<b>Workshop 1D</b> <b>Foreclosure Defense</b>  <i>Claims and defenses that homeowners may raise in foreclosure</i>	
10:40am-12:00pm	<b>Workshop 2A</b> <b>Sustainable Communities</b>  <i>Exchange ideas and learn about challenges and successes in sustainable community advocacy</i>	<b>Workshop 2B</b> <b>Due Process in Admin Proceedings</b>  <i>An overview of the hearing process and discussion of current challenges for tenants, and strategies for overcoming them</i>	<b>Workshop 2C</b> <b>Emerging Issues in HUD-Assisted Housing</b>  <i>Threats to the long-term viability of HUD-assisted housing, proposed solutions, and strategies for preservation</i>	<b>Workshop 2D</b> <b>Tenants in Foreclosed Properties</b>  <i>Recent legal developments, eviction defense strategies, affirmative litigation, and policy advocacy for tenants in foreclosed homes</i>	
12:00pm - 1:30pm	Lunch on Your Own				
1:40pm-3:00pm	<b>Plenary 1: Advocates' Perspective on the Future of Affordable Housing</b> <i>Panelists: Sheila Crowley, President, NLIHC; Moises Loza, Executive Director, HAC; Barbara Sard, Vice President for Housing Policy, CBPP</i>				
3:10pm-4:30pm	<b>Workshop 3A</b> <b>Health &amp; Housing</b>  <i>A look at the link between health and housing; the civil rights/environmental justice consequences of health-related disparities; the formulation and adoption of local laws</i>	<b>Workshop 3B</b> <b>Fair Housing &amp; National Origin</b>  <i>The rights of immigrants to fair housing, including rights of persons with limited English proficiency</i>	<b>Workshop 3C</b> <b>Trespass &amp; Ban Lists</b>  <i>Discussion of trespass policies and ban lists to prevent certain individuals from visiting public housing property; whether these policies can and should be challenged</i>	<b>Workshop 3D</b> <b>Working with Organizers</b>  <i>Successful collaborative efforts to protect tenant rights and preserve affordable housing; ways for advocates to work with community groups</i>	<b>Workshop 3E</b> <b>Rural Development Foreclosure</b>  <i>Foreclosure avoidance mechanisms that are provided to owners in the USDA single-family homeownership program</i>
4:40pm-6:00pm	<b>Workshop 4A</b> <b>Public Housing Demolitions &amp; Dispositions</b>  <i>Recent demolition/disposition litigation, strategies re: housing authorities, creating replacement housing, efforts to improve HUD's policies</i>	<b>Workshop 4B</b> <b>Disability and Housing</b>  <i>Recent cases, guidance, and administrative efforts to help people with disabilities access affordable housing</i>	<b>Workshop 4C</b> <b>Troubled Properties</b>  <i>Strategies for challenging losses of affordable units</i>	<b>Workshop 4D</b> <b>Permanent Supportive Housing</b>  <i>Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) models; barriers to development and effectiveness; budget/policy advocacy; role of clients; recent developments</i>	<b>Workshop 4E</b> <b>Rural Development Rental Housing Preservation</b>  <i>Preservation strategies, latest developments, and litigation regarding USDA rural rental housing</i>
6:10 pm- 7:45 pm	Reception & Presentations of the David B. Bryson Memorial Award and the Housing Justice Award (sponsored by AARP Foundation Litigation)				



# Monday, October 17, 2011

8:00am-9:20am	<b>Workshop 5A</b> <b>Housing &amp; Disaster Relief</b>  <i>Discussion of steps housing advocates can take to prepare for future disasters and provide legal assistance to clients during and after disasters</i>	<b>Workshop 5B</b> <b>Housing Concerns for an Aging Population</b>  <i>Housing-related concerns your clients will face as the population ages</i>	<b>Workshop 5C</b> <b>Enforcing Federal Rights</b>  <i>Strategies for enforcing federal housing rights via Section 1983, implied rights of action, and preemption</i>	<b>Workshop 5D</b> <b>Impact of Foreclosure on Communities of Color</b>  <i>John Relman of Relman, Dane &amp; Colfax and David Berenbaum of NCRC will discuss foreclosure's impact on communities of color and strategies to address the impact</i>
9:30 am - 10:50 am	<b>Plenary 2: Emerging Fair Housing Issues</b> <i>Panelists: Professor Sheryll Cashin, Georgetown University Law Center; Sara Pratt, HUD Deputy Asst. Secretary for Enforcement Programs; John P. Relman, Managing Partner, Relman, Dane &amp; Colfax; Elizabeth Julian, President, Inclusive Communities Project (moderator)</i> (Fair housing plenary and workshops sponsored by Relman, Dane & Colfax)			
11:00am-12:20pm	<b>Workshop 6A</b> <b>Racial Impact &amp; Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing (AFFH)</b>  <i>Fair housing racial impact liability, the status of HUD's racial impact regulations, and HUD AFFH complaints</i>	<b>Workshop 6B</b> <b>Section 3</b>  <i>Discussion of recent developments and an opportunity to meet with Staci Gilliam-Hampton, the Director of HUD's Office of Economic Opportunity</i>	<b>Workshop 6C</b> <b>Moving to Work (MTW)</b>  <i>Discussion of harmful and beneficial policies enacted as part of MTW, transparency and accountability, and best practices</i>	<b>Workshop 6D</b> <b>HAMP Enforcement</b>  <i>The Home Affordable Modification Program (HAMP) and how it provides opportunities for advocates seeking to keep clients in their homes</i>
12:30pm - 1:50pm	<b>Lunch and Keynote Speaker John A. Payton, President and Director-Counsel, NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund</b>			
2:00pm - 3:20pm	<b>Workshop 7A</b> <b>Diversity &amp; Stability in Gentrifying Neighborhoods</b>  <i>Harnessing improvements related to gentrification to benefit existing residents; assessing long-term goals of stable neighborhood racial and economic integration</i>	<b>Workshop 7B</b> <b>Federal Housing Policy Roundup</b>  <i>Updates on HUD's public housing occupancy guidebook; HUD's proposed Rental Assistance Demonstration; federal budget and appropriations; and Section 8 voucher reform legislation</i>	<b>Workshop 7C</b> <b>HEARTH Act and HPRP</b>  <i>Lessons learned from the Homelessness Prevention and Rapid Rehousing Program (HPRP), how those lessons can influence HEARTH Act implementation, and the status of the HEARTH regulatory process</i>	<b>Workshop 7D</b> <b>Habitability Issues in Foreclosed Properties</b>  <i>Litigation, organizing, and policy approaches to addressing the growing problem of habitability issues in foreclosed properties</i>
3:30pm-4:50pm	<b>Workshop 8A</b> <b>Domestic Violence &amp; Sexual Harassment</b>  <i>Updates on the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) reauthorization, HUD efforts to implement survivors' housing protections, recent litigation, state law developments, and DOJ's efforts to combat sexual harassment in housing</i>	<b>Workshop 8B</b> <b>Systemic Fair Housing Litigation</b>  <i>Updates on three fair housing cases, including a discussion of HUD as a party, settlement logistics when the federal government is involved, and the process of federal court enforcement of settlement agreements</i>	<b>Workshop 8C</b> <b>Voucher Funding and Policy</b>  <i>Proposals for legislative, regulatory, and administrative changes to the Section 8 voucher program, and the funding outlook for the program</i>	<b>Workshop 8D</b> <b>HUD Listening Session on Public Housing</b>  <i>Advocates will have an opportunity to discuss with HUD staff current issues regarding public housing demolitions and dispositions</i>

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**Sunday, October 16, 2011**

**8:00 am - 8:30 am                      Registration**

**8:30 am - 8:45 am                      Welcome**

**9:00 am - 10:30 am                      Workshop Session #1**

**1A.      Accessing Housing for Clients with Criminal Records**

*Kate Walz, Shriver Center; Mac McCreight, Greater Boston Legal Services; Peyton Whiteley, Legal Services of Northern Virginia; Dorinda L. Wider, Legal Aid Society of Minneapolis*

The panelists will share their strategies, in litigation and with other forms of advocacy, to creatively address housing access for both persons with criminal records and for recently released ex-offenders.

**1B.      To Be Announced**

**1C.      Current Issues in Low-Income Housing Tax Credit Properties**

*Mark Schwartz, Regional Housing Legal Services; Navneet Grewal, National Housing Law Project; Jeffrey Hearne, Legal Services of Greater Miami; Ed Johnson, Oregon Law Center*

This workshop will discuss current issues and advocacy opportunities in LIHTC housing.

**1D.      Foreclosure Defense**

*Tom Domonoske, Consumer Attorney; Nina Simon, Center for Responsible Lending*

This session will cover claims and defenses that homeowners may raise in foreclosure, including standing, fraud, the Truth In Lending Act, and the Real Estate Settlement Practices Act.

**10:40 am - 12:00 pm                      Workshop Session #2**

**2A.      Toward Real Sustainable Communities**

*Mona Tawatao, Legal Services of Northern California; Deborah Hallisky, Community Legal Services of Mid-Florida; Kalima Rose, PolicyLink; Tim Thompson, Housing Preservation Project*

Attendees will discuss challenges and successes in sustainable community advocacy.

**2B.      Due Process in Administrative Proceedings in Subsidized Housing**

*Mac McCreight, Greater Boston Legal Services; Lee Todd, Legal Action of Wisconsin; Julie Becker, Legal Aid Society of the District of Columbia; Fernando Gaytan, Legal Aid Foundation of Los Angeles*

The preservation of due process rights during the administrative hearing is vital to those facing termination and/or denial of admissions to public housing and Section 8 Voucher programs. This workshop will provide a general overview of hearing process, as well as a discussion of current challenges tenants face, and strategies for overcoming them, at the hearing stage and beyond.

## **2C. Emerging Preservation, Budget, & Energy Issues in HUD Assisted Projects**

*Kate Walz, Sargent Shriver National Center on Poverty Law; Jack Cann, Housing Preservation Project; Linda Couch, National Low Income Housing Coalition*

New challenges continue to threaten the long-term viability of HUD-assisted projects. This workshop will review these topics and propose solutions and strategies for preservation.

## **2D. Tenants In Foreclosure: From Eviction Defense To Making New Law**

*Matt Hill, Public Justice Center; Madeline Howard, Bay Area Legal Aid; Kent Qian, National Housing Law Project; Aaron Wenzloff, Connecticut Legal Services Inc.*

This workshop will discuss protections for tenants in foreclosed homes and recent developments in the law, as well as a discussion of litigation strategies for enforcing these protections. We will address eviction defense as well as affirmative litigation strategies and legislative advocacy.

**12:00 pm - 1:30 pm                      Lunch on Your Own**

**1:40 pm - 3:00 pm                      Plenary #1: Advocates' Perspective on the Future of Affordable Housing**

*Sheila Crowley, President, National Low Income Housing Coalition; Moises Loza, Executive Director, Housing Assistance Council; Barbara Sard, Vice President for Housing Policy, Center on Budget and Policy Priorities*

**3:10 pm - 4:30 pm                      Workshop Session #3**

## **3A. Breaking Down the Barriers to Effectively Addressing Health-Related Housing Disparities**

*Michael L. Hanley, Empire Justice Center; Jane Malone, National Center for Healthy Homes; Kami Kruckenberg, Poverty & Race Research Action Council; Pierre R. Erville, District Dept of the Environment Lead and Healthy Housing Division*

This workshop will look at the link between health and housing; the civil rights/environmental justice consequences of health-related disparities; and the formulation and adoption of local laws.

## **3B. Fair Housing and National Origin**

*Scott Chang, Relman, Dane & Colfax; Navneet Grewal, National Housing Law Project; Ilene Jacobs, California Rural Legal Assistance*

Immigrants face numerous barriers to accessing and maintaining housing. This workshop will address the rights of immigrants to fair housing, including rights of persons with limited English proficiency.

## **3C. Keep Out: Ban Lists and Trespass Policies in Subsidized Housing**

*Ariela Migdal, Women's Right Project, ACLU Foundation; Susan Ann Silverstein, AARP Foundation Litigation; Gwendolyn Washington, Public Defender Service for D.C.; Angela Acree, Public Defender Service for D.C.; Jeffrey M. Hearne, Legal Services of Greater Miami*

Many housing authorities have instituted trespass policies to prevent certain individuals from visiting public housing. This discussion will focus on whether these policies can and should be challenged.

## **3D. Working with Resident Groups and Community Organizers to Advance Housing Justice**

*Mac McCreight, Greater Boston Legal Services; Sam Tuttle, Sargent Shriver Nat'l Ctr on Poverty Law; Sara Shortt, Housing Rights Committee of San Francisco*

Workshop participants will hear about successful collaborative efforts to protect tenant rights and preserve affordable housing. We will discuss ways that advocates can work with community groups to build organizing capacity.

### **3E. Rural Development Foreclosures**

*Gideon Anders, National Housing Law Project*

Workshop participants will discuss foreclosure avoidance mechanisms that are provided to owners in the USDA single-family homeownership program.

## **4:40 pm - 6:00 pm                      Workshop Session #4**

### **4A. Public Housing Demolitions and Dispositions**

*Charles Elsesser, Florida Legal Services; Kate Walz, Sargent Shriver National Center on Poverty Law; Bill Wilen, Sargent Shriver National Center on Poverty Law*

Workshop participants will hear about recent litigation involving demolition or disposition of public housing, explore strategies for dealing with small housing authorities and creating replacement housing, and learn about recent efforts to improve HUD's policies.

### **4B. Reasonable Accommodation and Disability Cases: Techniques & Trends**

*Michael Allen, Relman, Dane & Colfax; Navneet Grewal, National Housing Law Project; Ed Johnson, Oregon Law Center; Bonnie Milstein, Bazelon Center for Mental Health Law*

Presenters will discuss recent cases, guidance, and administrative efforts that aim to help people with disabilities access affordable housing within the community.

### **4C. HUD Troubled Projects**

*Jack Cann, Housing Preservation Project; Gregory Countess, Legal Aid Bureau (Baltimore); Jim Grow, National Housing Law Project; Tabinda Riaz, Legal Aid Bureau (Baltimore)*

This workshop will explore strategies for challenging losses of affordable units, including litigation, administrative advocacy, tenant organizing, and cross-sector partnerships.

### **4D. An Action Plan to Develop Permanent Supportive Housing in Your Community**

*Carolyn Johnson, Homeless Persons Representation Project; Amber Harding, Washington Legal Clinic for the Homeless; Gai Lorenzen, Legal Action of WI; Lauren Young, Maryland Disability Law Center*

Topics will include a discussion of different models of Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH); barriers to development and effectiveness; budget and policy advocacy; the role of clients; strategies to combat restrictive admission and program rules; and recent developments.

### **4E. Rural Development Rental Housing Preservation**

*Gideon Anders, National Housing Law Project*

Topics will include preservation strategies, latest developments, and litigation regarding USDA rural rental housing.

## **6:10 pm - 7:45 pm                      Reception and Presentation of the David B. Bryson Memorial Award and the Housing Justice Award (Sponsored by AARP Foundation Litigation)**

# Monday, October 17, 2011

8:00 am - 9:20 am

## Workshop Session #5

### 5A. Housing and Disaster Relief

*Craig Castellonet, Public Interest Law Project; Chuck Elsesser, Florida Legal Services; Reilly Morse, Mississippi Center for Justice*

Advocates will discuss steps housing advocates can take to prepare for future disasters and provide legal assistance to clients during and after disasters.

### 5B. Housing-Related Concerns for An Aging Population

*Vivian Vasallo, AARP Foundation; Susan Silverstein, AARP Foundation Litigation; Julie Nepveu, AARP Foundation Litigation*

Join us for a discussion of the housing-related concerns your clients will face as the population ages.

### 5C. Enforcing Federal Rights

*Gai Lorenzen, Legal Action of Wisconsin, Inc.; Rochelle Bobroff, National Senior Citizens Law Center*

Topics will include strategies for enforcing federal housing rights via Section 1983, implied rights of action, preemption, and more.

### 5D. The Impact of Foreclosure on Communities of Color

*John P. Relman, Relman, Dane & Colfax; David Berenbaum, National Community Reinvestment Coalition*

This session provides an overview of understanding the impacts of foreclosure on communities of color and strategies to address the impact through legal remedies and policy change.

9:30 am - 10:50 am

## Plenary #2: Emerging Fair Housing Issues

Sheryll Cashin, Professor of Law, Georgetown University Law Center; Sara Pratt, HUD Deputy Assistant Secretary for Enforcement Programs; John P. Relman, Managing Partner, Relman, Dane & Colfax; Elizabeth Julian, President, Inclusive Communities Project (moderator)

(Emerging Fair Housing Issues plenary and the HJN Meeting's fair housing workshops sponsored by Relman, Dane & Colfax)

11:00 am - 12:20 pm

## Workshop Session #6

### 6A. Racial Impact Theory and Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing

*Olga Pomar, Legal Services of New Jersey; Julie Nepveu, AARP Foundation Litigation; Michael Allen, Relman, Dane & Colfax*

Topics include fair housing racial impact liability in practice, an update on HUD's racial impact regulations, and the use of statutory obligations to affirmatively further fair housing in HUD complaints.

### 6B. Section 3

*Robert Damewood, Regional Housing Legal Services; Catherine Bishop, National Housing Law Project; Victor Bach, Community Service Society of New York. (See following page for workshop description)*



Section 3 requires that employment, training and contracting opportunities generated by HUD assistance be directed to low-income residents of the areas where HUD-funded projects are located, to the greatest extent feasible. We will discuss recent developments, and then meet with Staci Gilliam-Hampton, the Director of HUD's Office of Economic Opportunity.

#### **6C. Moving to Work (MTW): What Have We Learned?**

*Will Fischer, Center on Budget and Policy Priorities; Ed Gramlich, National Low Income Housing Coalition; Susan Hegel, Cambridge and Somerville Legal Services; Jeff Lines, TAG Associates; Barbara Samuels, ACLU of Maryland; Ellen Shachter, Cambridge and Somerville Legal Services*

Topics will include a discussion of harmful and beneficial policies enacted as part of MTW, public participation, transparency and accountability, best practices, and the future of MTW.

#### **6D. HAMP Mortgage Modification Program and Related Foreclosure Defenses**

*Alys Cohen, National Consumer Law Center; Rebekah Cook-Mack, South Brooklyn Legal Services*

This session provides a summary of the Home Affordable Modification Program (HAMP) and an overview of how the failure of the loan modification process provides both affirmative and defensive opportunities for advocates seeking to keep their clients in their homes.

**12:30 pm - 1:50 pm**                      **Lunch and Keynote Speaker John A. Payton, President and Director-Counsel, NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund**

**2:00 pm - 3:20 pm**                      **Workshop Session #7**

#### **7A. Can We Achieve Diversity and Stability in Gentrifying Neighborhoods?**

*Sheryll Cashin, Georgetown University Law Center; Elizabeth Julian, Inclusive Communities Project; Ingrid Gould Ellen, Furman Institute for Real Estate and Urban Policy, New York University; Robert Damewood, Regional Housing Legal Services; Philip Tegeler, Poverty & Race Research Action Council*

We will explore the question of how to harness improvements associated with gentrification for the benefit of existing neighborhood residents without displacement. We will also assess the long-term goal of stable neighborhood racial and economic integration, and factors that favor this outcome.

#### **7B. Federal Housing Policy Roundup**

*Linda Couch, National Low Income Housing Coalition; Diane Yentel, Director, Public Housing Management and Occupancy Division, HUD*

Topics will include updates on revisions to HUD's public housing occupancy guidebook; HUD's proposed Rental Assistance Demonstration; the federal budget and appropriations landscape; and the status of Section 8 voucher reform legislation and the national housing trust fund.

#### **7C. Lessons Learned from HPRP and HEARTH Act Implementation**

*Ann Oliva, Director, Office of Special Needs Assistance Programs, HUD; Jeremy Rosen, National Law Center on Homelessness and Poverty; Steven Berg, National Alliance to End Homelessness; Carolyn Johnson, Homeless Persons Representation Project*

This workshop will discuss the lessons learned from the Homelessness Prevention and Rapid Rehousing Program (HPRP), how those lessons can influence HEARTH Act implementation, and the status of the HEARTH regulatory process.

## **7D. Habitability Issues in Foreclosed Properties**

*Purvi Shah, Florida Legal Services; Samantha Tuttle, Sargent Shriver National Center on Poverty Law; Lucia Kimble, Causa Justa/Just Cause; Emily Goldstein, NYC Tenants & Neighbors; Beth Harrison, Legal Aid Society of D.C.*

This panel discusses a range of litigation, organizing, and policy approaches to addressing the growing problem of habitability issues in foreclosed properties.

**3:30 pm - 4:50 pm**

### **Workshop Session #8**

## **8A. Housing Rights of Survivors of Domestic and Sexual Violence**

*Rebecca Bond, United States Department of Justice; Sandra Park, ACLU Women's Rights Project; Meliah Schultzman, National Housing Law Project*

This workshop will provide updates on the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) reauthorization, HUD's efforts to implement housing protections for domestic violence survivors, recent litigation, state law developments, and DOJ's efforts to combat sexual harassment in housing.

## **8B. Updates on Systemic Fair Housing Litigation**

*ReNika Moore, NAACP Legal Defense Fund; Barbara Samuels, ACLU of Maryland; Craig Gurian, Anti-Discrimination Center*

This workshop provides updates on three fair housing cases still pending (or recently settled) - which will get us into a discussion of dealing with HUD as a party, settlement logistics when the federal government is involved, and the process of federal court enforcement of settlement agreements.

## **8C. Voucher Funding and Policy**

*Jack Cann, Housing Preservation Project; Michael Dennis, Director of HUD's Office of Housing Voucher Programs; Will Fischer, Center on Budget and Policy Priorities*

This workshop will look at proposals for legislative, regulatory, and administrative changes to the Section 8 voucher program. It will also discuss the funding outlook for the voucher program, strategies for responding to local voucher cutbacks, and data available on local voucher programs.

## **8D. HUD Listening Session: Public Housing Demolitions and Dispositions**

*Dominique Blom, HUD Deputy Asst. Sec. of the Office of Public Housing Investments (invited); Ainars Rodins, HUD Special Applications Center Director (invited)*

Advocates will have an opportunity to discuss with HUD staff current issues regarding public housing demolitions and dispositions.

# Event Basics

## Fees

Fees include materials, Monday's speakers luncheon, and morning and afternoon refreshments.

	BY 9/16	AFTER 9/16	SPONSORED CLIENT*
Training only: Oct 15	\$ 250	\$ 320	\$ 250
Meeting only: Oct 16-17	\$ 485	\$ 625	\$ 390
Meeting + Training	\$ 600	\$ 750	\$ 580

\*This rate applies to clients whose registrations are paid for by a legal services organization.

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## Cancellation/Refund Policy

To qualify for a refund less a \$50 handling fee, a written cancellation must be received by NHLP no later than September 23, 2011. No refunds will be given after that date.

## Registration

Space is limited, so register early! **The deadline for early registration is September 16, 2011.** You may register via mail, fax, or online. Online registration is available on our website at [www.nhlp.org](http://www.nhlp.org). Mailed forms must be post-marked by that date; faxed forms must be received by that date.

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Check back in September at **[www.nhlp.org](http://www.nhlp.org)** to view draft agendas, speaker profiles and full workshop descriptions.

## Site Information

Washington Court Hotel

525 New Jersey Avenue, NW, Washington, D.C. 20001

800.321.3010 or 202.628.2100

Washington Court Hotel, located in the Capitol Hill neighborhood, is a five-minute walk to the U.S. Capitol Building and the National Mall and is just two blocks away from an array of shopping, dining and entertainment options. Washington Court Hotel is a union hotel.

Washington Court Hotel is the site for the training, meeting and guest accommodations. Please call the hotel directly to make reservations. Mention that you are attending the Housing Justice Network conference to receive a conference room rate of \$199. Rate is single/double occupancy plus tax.

**Please make your reservations early! Rooms at the conference rate are limited and are available on a first-come, first-served basis through September 16, 2011.**

## Questions

Contact Susan Stern at 415.546.7000 x3110 or [sstern@nhlp.org](mailto:sstern@nhlp.org).

# Registration

**Register online** at [www.nhlp.org](http://www.nhlp.org)

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Housing Experience: <input type="text"/> years. What issues have you worked on? <input type="text"/>			

☐ I am an HJN member. ☐ I would like to become an HJN member.  
Please send me an application form via ☐ email ☐ fax

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FEES

	BEFORE 9/16	AFTER 9/16	CLIENT
<input type="radio"/> Federal Housing Program: One Day Training	\$ 250	\$ 320	\$ 250
<input type="radio"/> Housing Justice Network (HJN) Meeting Only	\$ 485	\$ 625	\$ 390
<input type="radio"/> One Day Training + HJN Meeting	\$ 600	\$ 750	\$ 580

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PAYMENT

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# Meet NHLP's Attorneys

The National Housing Law Project's staff attorneys are recognized experts on federal housing law with over 150 years of cumulative housing law experience. Each attorney will provide HJN Meeting attendees with training and information in areas of housing law of which they have specialized knowledge.



**Gideon Anders**  
**Senior Staff Attorney**

Special expertise in rural rental housing and homeownership programs operated by the U.S. Department of Agriculture. A 2009 recipient of the Legal Aid Association of California Annual Award, which recognizes one attorney each year whose legal career exemplifies lifelong commitment and distinguished accomplishments in serving California's low income residents.



**Catherine Bishop**  
**Senior Staff Attorney**

Special expertise in public housing, Section 8 vouchers, project-based vouchers, Section 3, source of income discrimination, and resident empowerment. Lead attorney of NHLP's groundbreaking *Dialogues for Change* initiative, which served as a resident capacity-building program for policy dialogues between HUD Secretary Shaun Donovan and residents from across HUD's federally assisted housing programs.



**Navneet Grewal**  
**Staff Attorney**

A national leader in the language access movement with special expertise in access to housing for people with disabilities, housing rights of survivors of domestic violence, housing rights of immigrants, fair housing, and Low Income Housing Tax Credits program.



**Jim Grow**  
**Deputy Director and Senior Staff Attorney**

A leading national expert on legal strategies and policies related to HUD housing preservation, HUD-subsidized multifamily housing, HUD troubled properties, Low Income Housing Tax Credits program, and utility and energy issues.



**Karlo Ng**  
**Staff Attorney, Bryson Fellow**

2011-2012 David B. Bryson Fellow and lead project attorney for development and publication of the fifth edition of NHLP's *HUD Housing Programs: Tenants' Rights* scheduled for release in 2012.



**Kent Qian**  
**Staff Attorney, Skadden Fellow**

Special expertise in the federal Neighborhood Stabilization Program and a key attorney on NHLP's foreclosure response team. A national expert on the Protecting Tenants at Foreclosure Act (PTFA) and preventing displacement of tenants in foreclosed properties.



**Meliah Schultzman**  
**Staff Attorney**

A preeminent national expert on the housing rights of survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault with additional expertise in affordable housing development strategies under the federal Neighborhood Stabilization Program, utility and energy issues, and HUD housing preservation. Editor of NHLP's *Housing Law Bulletin*.



**Marcia Rosen**  
**NHLP Executive Director**

Extensive executive experience in private and public agency management, community development, housing, and civil rights. Recipient of numerous awards and citations in the San Francisco Bay Area and California for outstanding leadership in affordable housing and social justice efforts.



# About the Hosting Organizations



## National Housing Law Project (NHLP)

NHLP's exceptional leadership serves as a beacon for public interest housing attorneys who serve residents of the federally assisted housing programs. For over 42 years, NHLP has worked to protect and preserve affordable housing, improve existing housing conditions, and expand the access to decent and affordable homes of those who are traditionally challenged in realizing their basic human right to housing. In communities throughout the country, NHLP partners with legal services attorneys, housing advocates, and resident leaders to benefit low income renters in the federal housing programs, advancing their housing rights through litigation, technical assistance, and training.

With over 150 years of housing law experience collectively, NHLP's senior staff is considered national experts in the laws and policies that govern the federal housing programs. NHLP's advocacy and litigation programs are supplemented with in-depth publications and thoughtful research. In 2012, NHLP will release an updated fifth edition of its seminal work, *HUD Housing Programs: Tenants' Rights*. In the policy arena, NHLP guides federal, state, and local policymakers in strategies aimed at improving our housing policies, provides influential commentary, suggests constructive changes to housing practices, and shapes ongoing developments in housing law.



## Housing Justice Network (HJN)

NHLP created the Housing Justice Network (HJN) in 1977 to unite and mobilize housing advocates and clients across the country. Today, HJN numbers more than 700 advocates, attorneys, organizers, community activists, residents, and other allies. It is a unique and energetic forum where members consult each other on legal and technical housing questions; exchange information on policy developments, regulatory trends, and ongoing litigation; and coordinate efforts on legal, policy, and organizing fronts. Members have the opportunity to join issue-specific working groups—such as Public Housing and Vouchers, Multifamily Housing, Fair Housing, and Rural Preservation—which identify priorities, build local and national strategies, and advance housing justice for those most in need.

The HJN Meeting is open to non-members, but all registrants must meet HJN eligibility requirements by working in the public interest and on behalf of low-income residents. To apply for membership, download an application form at [www.nhlp.org/housingnetwork](http://www.nhlp.org/housingnetwork) and fax your completed application to Wendy Mahoney at (415) 546-7007.

