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STELLA ADAMS, CHIEF OF EQUITY AND INCLUSION, NATIONAL COMMUNITY REINVESTMENT COALITION

Best Practices in Fair Housing Track: Testing

Stella Adams is the Chief of Equity and Inclusion for the National Community Reinvestment Coalition (NCRC). Adams is a nationally recognized expert on the Fair Housing Act and its implementing regulations. She is also a nationally respected authority on predatory lending, small business testing and mortgage fraud investigative techniques.



CHRISTOPHER BRANCART, PARTNER, BRANCART & BRANCART

Attorney Training Track: The Principles of Fair Housing Litigation

Christopher Brancart is a partner at Brancart & Brancart, a law firm located in Pescadero, California, specializing in federal fair housing litigation. Since entering private practice in 1989, Brancart has represented plaintiffs in several leading fair housing cases and trained fair housing attorneys and advocates throughout the country.



MERILYN BROWN, ATTORNEY ADVISOR, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

Best Practices in Fair Housing Track: A Primer on Fair Housing Law

Merilyn Brown presently is working as an Attorney Advisor for the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development, Midwest Regional Office in Chicago, Illinois. Brown is the former Director of the Fair Housing Enforcement Division, Office of Investigations in Washington, DC.



MARLENE CAIN, CIVIL RIGHTS MANAGER, MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF CIVIL RIGHTS

Best Practice in Fair Housing Track: Panel, Working Relationships with FHIPs, FHAPs, and HUD

Marlene Cain has been the Civil Rights Manager for the MDCR Housing Unit since 2006. In this position, she is responsible for overseeing a team of Civil Rights Investigators who are stationed around the state of Michigan in Lansing, Grand Rapids, and Detroit. The Housing Unit investigates housing civil rights complaints and conducts fair housing outreach and education around the state throughout the year.

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CHERYL HAMPTON, PROGRAM ANALYST, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT (HUD), OFFICE OF FAIR HOUSING AND EQUAL OPPORTUNITY

Best Practices in Fair Housing Track: HEMS Training

Cheryl Hampton has been an employee of HUD's Office of Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity (FHEO) since 1987. When HUD's case tracking systems was computerized, Hampton was on the ground floor working closely with HQ staff to transfer case information to the new Complaint/Compliance Review System (CCRS).



DUANE INGRAM, DIRECTOR OF REAL ESTATE INVESTMENT, INDIANAPOLIS HOUSING AGENCY

State and Local Housing Leaders Track: Panel, Fair Housing Best Practices for State and Local Municipalities

Duane Ingram is the Director of Real Estate Management for the Indianapolis Housing Agency (IHA). Ingram is responsible for the day-to-day management of 16 apartment communities, including over 2,000 units of housing in Marion County.



KIM IRWIN, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, HEALTH BY DESIGN

State and Local Housing Leaders Track: Panel, Creating and Sustaining Diverse Communities

Kim Irwin, MPH, is the Executive Director of Health by Design, an organization that works at the intersection of the built environment and public health, collaborating across sectors and disciplines to ensure Indiana communities have neighborhoods, public spaces, and transportation infrastructure that promote active living for all. Irwin guides the strategic direction, partnership development and programmatic, operational and financial management of the organization.



SANDRA JENSEN, CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE, NATURAL RESOURCES COMMISSION (NRC)

Adjudicator Training Track: Adjudication: Proof--A Crash Course on Proper Handling of Evidence

After working as Deputy Prosecuting Attorney for Marion County in Indiana, Sandra Jensen served as a supervising attorney for the Indiana Civil Rights Commission until approximately 2000. For the NRC, Jensen presides over cases involving diverse subjects including coal mining and reclamation, oil and gas production, forestry matters, floodway issues, and topics associated with Indiana's public freshwater lakes.

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**LIZ KEEGAN, DIRECTOR OF FAIR HOUSING AND OUTREACH,
FAIR HOUSING CENTER OF WEST MICHIGAN (FHCWM)**

*Best Practices in Fair Housing Track: Working Relationships with FHIPs,
FHAPs, and HUD*

As Director of Education & Outreach at FHCWM, Liz Keegan is responsible for developing and implementing education and outreach activities for the general public, social service organizations, and the housing industry. Keegan has provided extensive technical fair housing training to more than 6,275 housing industry members in more than 275 training sessions covering lending, rental property management, property maintenance, advertising, real estate sales, and advanced topics upon request.



DAVE KITCHELL, MAYOR, CITY OF LOGANSPORT

State and Local Housing Leaders Track: Panel, Creating and Sustaining Diverse Communities

Dave Kitchell is the first-term mayor of Logansport, Indiana's 48th largest city. Prior to seeking office in 2015, Kitchell was a writer and editor for the Logansport Pharos-Tribune for 25 years. One of the primary focuses of his career was the coverage of state and national infrastructure funding of the Hoosier Heartland Corridor from Fort Wayne to Lafayette through the Logansport area. Kitchell was recognized by the Corridor Association for his efforts to bring four-lane access to Logansport and Cass County.



JAMES LIENHOOP, MAYOR, CITY OF COLUMBUS

State and Local Housing Leader Track: Panel, Creating and Sustaining Diverse Communities

James D. Lienhoop is the 37th Mayor of the City of Columbus, taking office on January 1, 2016. Although newly elected as Mayor, Lienhoop served City government since 2006. He was elected as Columbus City Councilman, at-large representative in 2012. Jim has been heavily involved in the Columbus community, having served on the board, usually in an officer capacity, of numerous not-for-profit endeavors.



**LON D. MELTESEN, FAIR HOUSING MANAGER, ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF
HUMAN RIGHTS**

Housing Industry Best Practices Track: Panel, Accessibility

Lon Meltesen is the Fair Housing Manager for the Illinois Department of Human Rights (IDHR). Meltesen served as the Department's Chief Legal Counsel for four years and as a staff attorney for the Department for over eleven years. Meltesen's previous work experience also include working as a Research Attorney for the Supreme Court of Illinois and as a Staff Attorney for Prairie State Legal Services, in St. Charles, Illinois.

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TIM MORAN, DEPUTY CHIEF IN THE HOUSING AND ENFORCEMENT SECTION, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, CIVIL RIGHTS DIVISION

General Law and Policy Track: U.S. DOJ Federal Law and Policy Update

Timothy Moran is a Deputy Chief in the Housing and Civil Enforcement Section of the Civil Rights Division of the United States Department of Justice. Moran has over 25 years experience litigating cases enforcing the Fair Housing Act and other civil rights statutes. Throughout Moran's career, he has tried cases in various federal district courts, argued cases in the United States Courts of Appeals, and drafted briefs filed in the United States Supreme Court.



RONALD MULLINS, CHAIRMAN, HAMMOND HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION

Adjudication Track: Adjudication from a Commissioners Perspective

Ronald Mullins was appointed to the Hammond Human Relations Commission (HHRC) in 2004; currently, he is the Chairperson of the Commission. A position he has held since 2007. The HHRC was established by city ordinance in the mid-1980s to hear complaints of discrimination in education, employment, housing and business opportunities.



AMY NELSON, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, FAIR HOUSING CENTER OF CENTRAL INDIANA (FHCCI)

Specifics of Fair Housing Track: Reasonable Accommodations v. Reasonable Modifications

Amy Nelson is the Executive Director of the Fair Housing Center of Central Indiana (FHCCI). The mission of the FHCCI is to ensure equal housing opportunities by eliminating housing discrimination through advocacy, enforcement, education and outreach. In her fair housing career, Nelson has conducted Analyses of Impediments to Fair Housing reviews and has overseen and/or investigated over 2,500 allegations of housing discrimination.



AMBER O'HAVER, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, INDIANA STATEWIDE INDEPENDENT LIVING COUNCIL

Housing Industry Best Practices Track: Panel, Accessibility

Amber O'Haver is the Executive Director of the Indiana Statewide Independent Living Council (INSILC). Prior to this onboarding with the INSILC, O'Haver worked as Deputy Director for accessABILITY, Center for Independent Living as the Center's Housing Program Manager. O'Haver started with accessABILITY as one of its Independent Living Advocates beginning in August 2011.

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JOSEPH PELLETIER, DIRECTOR, FAIR HOUSING ASSISTANCE PROGRAM, HUD

Specifics of Fair Housing Track: HUD Conciliation Standards

Joseph Pelletier was selected as the Director of the Fair Housing Assistance Program (FHAP) in September 2014. In that position he heads the FHAP Division of the FHEO Office of Enforcement, which is responsible for policy development and grants management oversight of a \$24 million program that funds the investigation and enforcement of claims of housing discrimination by approximately 80 State and local governmental entities.



DONEISHA POSEY, DEPUTY DIRECTOR AND GENERAL COUNSEL, INDIANA CIVIL RIGHTS COMMISSION

Leadership in Fair Housing Track: Enforcement Best Practices: Investigating Your Fair Housing Complaint in 100 Days

Doneisha Posey is currently the Deputy Director and General Counsel of the Indiana Civil Rights Commission. Posey serves as the chief legal officer of the agency and oversees its team of staff attorneys responsible for all aspects of civil rights enforcement around the state. In addition, she manages the daily operations of the state agency.



SARA PRATT, COUNSEL, RELMAN, DANE & COLFAX

Attorney Training Track: Disparate Impact v. Disparate Treatment

Sara Pratt is Counsel at Relman, Dane & Colfax in Washington, D.C. Pratt practices fair housing and civil rights law and is nationally recognized as a speaker and trainer on civil rights issues. Prior to joining Relman, Dane & Colfax she was Deputy Assistant Secretary for Enforcement and Programs and Senior Advisor to the Assistant Secretary at the Department of Housing and Urban Development's Office of Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity.



CHRIS PRICE, PRESIDENT, INDIANA CONSTRUCTION ROUNDTABLE AND THE INDIANA CONSTRUCTION ROUNDTABLE FOUNDATION

Housing Industry Best Practices Track: Design and Construction

Chris Price is the President of the Indiana Construction Roundtable (ICR) and the Indiana Construction Roundtable Foundation. Before joining the ICR in 2008, Price worked in the construction and civil engineering fields. Through his work with both groups, Price is currently involved with programs that aim to add to the diversity of our construction workforce.

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NIKKI QUINTANA, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, FORT WAYNE METROPOLITAN HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION

Leadership in Fair Housing Track: Enforcement Best Practices: Investigating Your Fair Housing Complaint in 100 Days

Nikki Quintana is the Executive Director of the Fort Wayne Metropolitan Human Relations Commission ("Metro"). Quintana has worked for Metro for over six years, starting as an investigator in 2012, was promoted to Staff Attorney in 2013, and was appointed the Executive Director in August of 2017.



DANA ROSENTHAL, OFFICE OF GENERAL COUNSEL, HUD

General Law and Policy Track: Updates on Fair Housing Law

Dana Rosenthal has represented HUD in front of the Department of Housing and Urban Development's Office of Administrative Law Judges in various fair housing cases, has assisted AUSA's in litigating election cases in Federal Court, and has worked on fair housing compliance matters.



CAROLINE STEPHENS RYKER, ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE, INDIANA CIVIL RIGHTS COMMISSION

Adjudication Training Track: Purpose, Principles and Powers Training on Drafting Ethical Fair Housing Policies

Caroline A. Stephens Ryker is the Indiana Civil Rights Commission's current Administrative Law Judge, and she is responsible for presiding over hearings and motions practice before the agency. Before moving into the Administrative Law Judge position, she litigated cases in state court and in the administrative forum as a staff attorney with the ICRC.



PHILIP C. SHELTON, DIRECTOR OF FAIR HOUSING AND EQUAL OPPORTUNITY, HUD INDIANAPOLIS FIELD OFFICE

Leadership in Fair Housing Track: FHIP/FHAP/HUD Roundtable Discussion

In October 2011, Philip C. Shelton became the Director of Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity for the Indianapolis Branch of Housing and Urban Development. Prior to that he was the State Equal Employment and Diversity Manager (SEEM) for the Illinois National Guard.

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JAKE SIPE, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, INDIANA HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

State and Local Housing Leaders Track: Panel, Fair Housing Best Practices for State and Local Municipalities

Jake joined the Indiana Housing and Community Development Authority (IHCDA) in September 1999; he learned the ropes and advanced into positions of greater responsibility. In July of 2012, Sipe was named Interim Executive Director and was appointed Executive Director in January 2013.



TAMMY THEMEL, CEO AND EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, ACCESSIBILITY

Housing Industry Best Practices Track: Design and Construction

Tammy Themel has spent the past 20 years working in non-profit organizations on behalf of families and local communities. As the CEO and Executive Director of accessABILITY, Tammy is committed to continuing the high standard of service and outreach that has been associated with accessABILITY for many years.



SUNILA THOMAS-GEORGE, CHAIRWOMAN AND INVESTIGATING COMMISSIONER, MASSACHUSETTS COMMISSION AGAINST DISCRIMINATION

Leadership in Fair Housing Track: Operations and Community Outreach

As a Commissioner, Attorney George is responsible for the administration, adjudication, and education of civil rights matters in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. She serves as the Investigating Commissioner on cases filed south of Boston, in the southeastern part of the state, Cape Cod and the Islands, and holds public hearings on various cases found to have Probable Cause.



LORI VINSON, DIRECTOR OF CIVIL RIGHTS OPERATIONS, MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF CIVIL RIGHTS

Leadership in Fair Housing Track: Enforcement Best Practices: Investigating Your Fair Housing Complaint in 100 Days

As the Director of Civil Rights Operations, Lori Vinson oversees the department's eight Enforcement Units throughout the state of Michigan. These units investigate allegations of unlawful discrimination and ensure equal protection for everyone residing or doing business in Michigan.

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KIONNA WALKER, FOUNDER, NEXT GREAT ARCHITECTS

Housing Industry Best Practices Track: Design and Construction

Kionna Walker is the founder of Next Great Architects, which is a teaching studio that introduces children to architecture. Walker is also a Designer and BIM Coordinator at Meticulous Design + Architecture. Through her work, she has introduced over 5,000 children to architecture through her company, Next Great Architects, and honored as one of the United Way of Central Indiana's 100 Heroes.



PAUL ZIEZULEWICZ, ASSOCIATE GENERAL COUNSEL, MINNESOTA DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RIGHTS

Best Practices in Fair Housing Track: Service Animals

Paul Ziezulewicz serves as Associate General Counsel for the Minnesota Department of Human Rights (MDHR). He assists the Department in overseeing discrimination investigations, drafting appeal decisions, and providing legal advice to the Commissioner and Department employees. Prior to joining MDHR, he practiced as a housing attorney at Southern Minnesota Regional Legal Services in Saint Paul, Minnesota.