



**5<sup>th</sup> Annual Fair Housing Conference & Anniversary Celebration**  
***No Hate in Our Neighborhood***  
**Thursday, April 6, 2017**  
**8:30 AM – 3:30 PM**  
**Marriott East – Indianapolis, IN**

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***The following agenda is tentative and subject to change.***

**8:00 AM: Registration Opens/Continental Breakfast**

*We encourage registrants to arrive by 8:30 AM to receive their registration packet and gather their breakfast – the conference will begin promptly at 9:00 AM*

**9:00-9:05 AM: Welcome & Introduction**

*Amy Nelson, Executive Director, Fair Housing Center of Central Indiana*

**9:05-9:45 AM:**

*Ise Lyfe, artist, justice advocate, businessman, and social architect  
“Building the Fair Housing Toolkit”*

**9:45 AM-10:00 AM: Break**

**10:00 AM-11:15 AM: Workshop Breakouts – Attendees Choose One**

***Option 1: Fair Housing Disability Case Law Update-Part 1 (Rental Focus):*** At this workshop, attendees will receive an update on Indiana and federal cases to address housing discrimination against persons with disabilities, including actions related to reasonable accommodations and modifications, accessibility design and construction, and any differential treatment in lending transactions. This will be a “beyond the basics” discussion of recent case law and settlements of interest.

*Moderator: Emily Munson, Staff Attorney, Indiana Disability Rights*

*Speakers:*

*Tom Crishon, Managing Attorney, Indiana Disability Rights*

**Option 2: Fair Housing 101-Part 1 (Rental Focus).** The workshop will be in two parts for those new to fair housing to learn the basics of fair housing laws. In this workshop, you will learn about fair housing protected classes, most common regulations under fair housing laws, what are reasonable accommodation and modifications, and other important basics. This workshop is divided into two parts. Attendees interested in this overview should plan to attend both workshops.

*Moderator: David Suzuki, Director, Equity Institute on Race, Culture & Transformative Action (IUPUI)*

*Speaker:*

*Tom Kayes, Associate, Sidley Austin LLP*

**Option 3: Ensuring Fair Lending (Lending/Sales Focus):** At this workshop, attendees will hear an update on federal fair lending actions, including as it relates to pregnancy/maternity leave discrimination due to gender, differential income lending requirements for those with disabilities, redlining actions impacting persons of color, and predatory lending actions due to race, color, and national origin. Information will also be shared about recent changes to underwriting and lending requirements. In addition, attendees will hear how CRA requirements are working to ensure housing opportunities for all and any barriers.

*Moderator: Jean Ishmon, Northwest Indiana Reinvestment Alliance*

*Speakers:*

*Timothy Moran, Deputy Chief, Housing and Civil Enforcement Section, Civil Rights Division, U.S. Department of Justice*

*Diana Rice-Wilkerson, Senior Loan Officer, Fairway Independent Mortgage Corporation*

*Speaker Pending, Fifth Third Bank*

**Option 4: Housing Bias Impacting Gender and LGBTQ (Rental, Sales, Lending, & Zoning Focus):** At this workshop, attendees will learn about HUD's recent harassment regulation and its applicability in fair housing. Speakers will also discuss recent HUD guidance which applies to LGBTQ protections for housing providers, federal grantees, and shelters. In addition, attendees will learn about nuisance laws and how such laws could impact survivors of domestic violence and new immigrants. Recent fair housing cases addressing sexual harassment, city nuisance ordinances, domestic violence, and LGBTQ will also be shared for discussion. Housing providers will learn how to implement policies effectively to eliminate potential for discrimination. Participants will also hear about how we can address hate targeting our LGBTQ family, friends, and neighbors.

*Moderator: Kerry Hyatt Bennett, Legal Counsel, Indiana Coalition Against Domestic Violence*

*Speakers:*

*Anne Houghtaling, Executive Director, HOPE Fair Housing Center*

*Theo Ciccarelli Cornetta, Staff Attorney, LGBT Project, Indiana Legal Services*

*Kit Malone, Transgender Education and Advocacy Consultant, American Civil Liberties Union of Indiana*

**Option 5: Locked Out of Housing: Understanding Housing Challenges with Criminal History Backgrounds (Rental Focus):** In recent months, a growing number of reports have been released showing the significant impact upon the recently incarcerated when safe, affordable housing is not obtainable upon release. In this session, hear about HUD's new *Application of Fair Housing Act Standards to the Use of Criminal Records by Providers of Housing and Real Estate-Related Transactions* guidance. Housing providers will hear how to best interact with applicants with criminal history to ensure housing opportunities while meeting lease requirements. Attendees will also learn about the fair housing case, *The Fortune Society v. Sandcastle Towers Housing Development Fund Corp.*, which is challenging restrictive criminal history bans in housing. Discussion will also occur about the challenges faced by the recently incarcerated in locating housing, recidivism, and other barriers.

*Moderator: Terri Jett, Associate Professor - Political Science, Butler University*

*Speakers:*

*Sara Pratt, Counsel, Relman, Dane & Colfax PLLC*

*JoAnne Page, President and CEO, The Fortune Society*

*John Burkhardt, Director of Compliance and ADR, Indiana Civil Rights Commission*

**11:15 AM-11:30 AM: Break**

## **11:30 AM-12:45 PM: Workshop Breakouts – Attendees Choose One**

**Option 1: Fair Housing Disability Case Law Update-Part 2 (Rental Focus):** At this workshop, learn about changes to the Home and Community Based Services rule and how it will impact assisted living, group home, nursing home, and other residential care providers. Housing providers will hear about these changes and how best to incorporate into their rules and policies. Discussion of fair housing cases involving such providers will also be shared and reviewed. Speakers will also discuss HUD's new Criminal History Guidance and its impact upon persons with disabilities in housing.

*Moderator: Amber O'Haver, Executive Director, Indiana Statewide Independent Living Council (INSILC)*

*Speakers:*

*Melissa Keyes, Legal Director, Indiana Disability Rights*

*Anne Houghtaling, Executive Director, HOPE Fair Housing Center*

**Option 2: Fair Housing 101-Part 2 (Rental Focus).** The workshop will be in two parts for those new to fair housing to learn the basics of fair housing laws. In this workshop, you will learn about fair housing protected classes, most common regulations under fair housing laws, what are reasonable accommodation and modifications, and other important basics. This workshop is divided into two parts. Attendees interested in this overview should plan to attend both workshops.

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**Option 3: Lending Hot Topics (Lending/Sales Focus):** In Indianapolis and in many urban centers, we have seen an increase in so-called rent to own or land sale/trust housing transactions. A recent report by the National Consumer Law Center describes land sale contracts as potentially “toxic transactions” causing significant hardship in “communities of color.” A subset of these contracts: the “rent-to-own” agreements or “lease with option to purchase” have received significant attention. Learn how these believed lending products function and how they may be violations of fair housing and/or consumer protection laws. Also at this workshop, attendees will hear about fair lending cases being filed by fair housing organizations across the country, recent lending guidance by the Consumer Finance Protection Bureau, new info on mortgage scams, and other emerging issues. Lenders and real estate agents will learn how to identify any predatory products.

*Moderator: Marcy Wenzler, Center Director, Housing Law Center, Indiana Legal Services*

*Speakers:*

*Chase Haller, Housing Attorney, Neighborhood Christian Legal Clinic*

*Amy Nelson, Executive Director, Fair Housing Center of Central Indiana*

**Option 4: How Immigration, Refugee, and Religious Status Impacts Fair Housing Choice (Rental Focus):** Over the past year, the State of Indiana has had extensive debate regarding placement of refugees due to their religion and bias against certain faiths. Persons of Jewish and Muslim faiths are also some of the most common victims of hate crimes. As hate crimes have increased, debate has continued in Indiana on passage of a hate crime law which would provide needed religious based protections. Recent events have also raised concerns about the protections available to new immigrants and refugees. During this workshop, attendees will learn about religious based hate crimes and religious based fair housing cases. Housing providers will learn how to create safe places in their communities across religion and non-religion. In addition, attendees will learn about the most common misconceptions faced by those who are Jewish and Muslim and how we can all address unfair bias. Finally, attendees will learn about fair housing implications of religious bias and what protections are in place for new immigrants and refugees.

*Moderator: Pastor David Greene, Chair, Concerned Clergy of Indianapolis (invited)*

*Speakers:*

*Sara Pratt, Counsel, Relman, Dane & Colfax PLLC*

*Lauren Morgan, Program Director, Indianapolis Jewish Community Relations*

*Speaker pending, Muslim Alliance of Indiana (invited)*

**Option 5: Fair Housing Hot Topics (Rental and Zoning Focus):** *In this workshop hear updates from our fair housing partners the Indiana Civil Rights Commission and the U.S. Department of Justice. Attendees will learn about agency statistics, significant fair housing case filings and resolutions, and emerging trends identified by these agencies on the front lines addressing housing discrimination. For those unable to attend the previous criminal history workshop, information will also be shared about working with the recently incarcerated to ensure housing choice.*

*Moderator: Caroline Richardson, Attorney, McNeely Stephenson*

*Speakers:*

*Barbara Malone, Deputy Director, Indiana Civil Rights Commission*

*JoAnne Page, President and CEO, The Fortune Society*

*Timothy Moran, Deputy Chief, Housing and Civil Enforcement Section, Civil Rights Division, U.S. Department of Justice*

**12:45-1:00 PM: Break**

**1:00-3:30 PM: Lunch, Fair Housing Program, and Keynote Address**

*Lunch Break*

*Fair Housing in Action – Celebrating 5 Years of Fair Housing in Indiana*

*Amy Nelson, Executive Director, Fair Housing Center of Central Indiana*

*Luncheon Keynote Address: Lecia Brooks, Southern Poverty Law Center*

*SPLC: Fighting Hate, Teaching Tolerance, Seeking Justice*

*Closing Comments/Questions*

**3:30 PM: Adjournment**