



6th Annual Fair Housing Conference

Celebrating 50 Years of Fair Housing

Wednesday, April 4, 2018

9:00 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, review the exhibit, and gather their breakfast – the conference will begin promptly at 9:00 AM

9:00 AM-10:00 AM: Workshop Series 1 – Attendees Choose One

Option 1: Fair Housing Disability Case Law Update: At this popular, yearly workshop, attendees will receive an update on recent Indiana and federal cases to address housing discrimination against persons with disabilities.

Moderator: Amy Sekhar, Director of Community Education & Programming, Indiana Statewide Independent Living Council (INSILC)

Speaker:

Tom Crishon, Managing Attorney, Indiana Disability Rights

Option 2: Fair Housing Basics and Update by the Indiana Civil Rights Commission. Join the Indiana Civil Rights Commission (ICRC) to learn some of the basics of fair housing in this workshop. In addition, hear about recent fair housing cases handled by the ICRC, statewide fair housing statistics, and more!

Moderator: Renee Davis, Affordable Housing Advocate, NEAR (Near East Area Renewal)

Speaker:

Doneisha L. Posey, Esq., Deputy Director & General Counsel, Indiana Civil Rights Commission

Option 3: LGBTQ+ Fair Housing Protections: During this workshop, attendees will learn of housing related protections for sexual orientation and gender identity as well as gaps in housing protections. Speakers will also discuss how we all can be better allies to our LGBTQ+ family, friends, and neighbors.

Moderator: Kim Opsahl, FHCCI Board Member

Speakers:

*Theo Ciccarelli Cornetta, Staff Attorney, LGBT Project, Indiana Legal Services
Kit Malone, Transgender Education and Advocacy Consultant, American Civil Liberties Union of Indiana*

Option 4: The History of Racial Covenants and Redlining: At this workshop, speakers will learn the historical history in Indiana of racial covenants which banned the ability of persons of color to buy homes in neighborhoods of their choice. Speakers will also discuss historical redlining sanctioned through government policies and an update on how redlining has made a comeback by learning about newly litigated lending cases.

Moderator: Dorothy Dodd, Community Lender, Centier Bank

Speakers:

*Bryan Preston, GIS Analyst
Laura Arandes, Associate, Relman, Dane & Colfax*

Option 5: When the Harasser Has a Key: The Impact of Sexual Harassment in Housing:

In this workshop, attendees will learn how sexual harassment due to gender is covered under fair housing laws, hear of recent cases in Indiana and the national level, and receive recommended policies for housing providers.

Moderator: Maria Wildridge, Director of Latino Services & Outreach, Marion County Prosecutor's Office

Speaker:

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

10:00 AM-10:15 AM: Break

10:15 AM-11:15 AM: Workshop Series 2 – Attendees Choose One

Option 1: Independent Living – Senior Housing Best Practices: During this workshop, attendees will learn of fair housing requirements that are specific to senior housing communities. When does a housing provider go too far in requesting “independent living” requirements. What are some of the most common forms of reasonable accommodations and modifications in senior housing? You will also learn about community resources and more!

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

Speakers:

Melissa Keyes, Legal Director, Indiana Disability Rights

Derick Brady, accessABILITY Center for Independent Living

Option 2: The Dangers of Rent-to-Own Housing Transactions. 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.

Moderator: Anna Hail, FHCCI Board Member

Speaker:

Chase Haller, Housing Attorney, Neighborhood Christian Legal Clinic

Judith Fox, Clinical Professor of Law, Notre Dame Law School

Option 3: Indiana General Assembly Update: This year's 2018 Indiana General Assembly was a short session that focused mostly on policy related legislation. At this workshop, attendees will hear of filed legislation, results, and impact of bills related to housing, lending, and addressing poverty.

Moderator: Kait Baffoe, Director of Real Estate Development, Partners in Housing

Speakers:

Kathleen Lara, Policy Director, Prosperity Indiana

Erin Macey, Policy Analyst, Indiana Institute for Working Families (IIWF)

Option 4: Fair Housing Hot Topics: A lot can happen between when we open conference registration and when the actual conference takes place! This workshop will be updated as the conference nears with the breaking news/hot topics in fair housing.

Moderator: Amy Nelson, Executive Director, Fair Housing Center of Central Indiana

Speakers:

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

Liz Keegan, Director of Education & Outreach, Fair Housing Center of West Michigan

Option 5: The Cost of Segregation: In this workshop, hear about a recent report which reveals the housing segregation related costs that have cost billions in lost income, lost lives, and lost potential. Discussion will continue on how if urban centers were less segregated, there would be an immediate impact upon additional income, reduction of crime, and more education opportunities.

Moderator: Paige Dowe, Online & Call Center Support Specialist, MIBOR

Speakers:

Lynnette McRae, Manager, Metropolitan Planning Council

11:15 AM-11:30 AM: Break

11:30 AM-12:30 PM: Workshop Series 3 – Attendees Choose One

Option 1: When Animals are Needed for Accommodations: During this workshop, attendees will learn about fair housing regulations and guidance related to when an accommodation for a disability should be and may not be allowed for an animal. Learn about the different types of animals, frequently asked questions, and case law.

Moderator: Traci Taylor, Director of Independent Living Services, Independent Living Center of Eastern Indiana

Speakers:

Tom Crishon, Managing Attorney, Indiana Disability Rights

John Burkhardt, Administrative Law Judge, Indiana Civil Rights Commission

Option 2: Criminal History – Locked Out of Housing: During this workshop, learn about how criminal history bans may be violations of fair housing laws. Learn about recent cases, and the work being done to secure adequate, safe, and affordable housing for the recently incarcerated.

Moderator: Emily Munson, Staff Attorney, Indiana Disability Rights

Speakers:

Laura Arandes, Associate, Relman, Dane & Colfax

Chelsea Haring-Cozzi, Ph.D., Community Impact, United Way of Central Indiana & Chair, Joint Housing Taskforce

Option 3: Best Practices to Counter National Origin Housing Discrimination: In this workshop, hear about recent fair housing cases to address uncovered housing discrimination due to national origin. Attendees will also learn about HUD's Limited English Proficiency (LEP) Guidance, when interpretation and materials are to be provided, cases targeting "English Only" policies, and best practices to ensure housing open and welcome to all.

Moderator: Evan Bever, Associate Pastor, First Baptist Church of Indianapolis

Speakers:

Aida Ramirez, Director, Columbus Human Rights Commission

Nikki Quintana, Executive Director, Fort Wayne Metropolitan Human Relations Commission

Option 4: Fair Lending & Sales Update: In this workshop, attendees will receive an update on recent fair lending cases including redlining, differential treatment, and more. Attendees will also learn about when sales interaction could be violations of fair housing laws including discussion around advertising, reasonable accommodations and modifications with condo and homeowners associations, and other topics. Best practices will also be discussed.

Moderator: Janis Bradley, Broker/Owner, JB Real Estate Consultants

Speakers:

Kelly Rota, U.S. Attorney's Office (pending)

Liz Keegan, Director of Education & Outreach, Fair Housing Center of West Michigan

Option 5: The Impact of Unfair Eviction Screenings on Gender and Communities of Color: In this workshop, hear about a new legal action challenging how eviction screening policies may be violations under fair housing laws due to gender and race. You also hear about challenges for consumers in finding safe, affordable housing in Indiana.

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

Speakers:

Eric Dunn, Staff Attorney – Center for Economic Justice, Virginia Poverty Law Center

Erin Macey, Policy Analyst, Indiana Institute for Working Families (IIWF)

12:30-1:15 PM: Lunch Break

1:15-3:30 PM: Afternoon Plenary Session

1:15 PM-1:25 PM: History of Fair Housing – 7 Days

1:25-1:30 PM: Introduction of HUD Assistant Secretary for Fair Housing & Equal Opportunity Anna María Farías by Maurice McGough

1:30 PM-2:00 PM: HUD Assistant Secretary for Fair Housing & Equal Opportunity Anna María Farías

2:00 PM-2:15 PM: Amy Nelson, Fair Housing Center of Central Indiana

2:15-2:25 PM: Spoken Word Artist

2:25 PM-2:30 PM: Introduction of Kevin Boyle

2:30 PM-3:15 PM: Kevin Boyle, Author, Arc of Justice

Closing Comments/Questions

3:30 PM: Adjournment