



Fair Housing Laws & Litigation Conference 2003

Celebrating its Tenth Year Anniversary with a Dynamic Agenda!

(Content for Advocates, Attorneys, Entitlement Cities, Industry Professionals, PHAs/Others)

**Friday, February 14 and
Saturday, February 15, 2003**

California Western School of Law
225 Cedar Street
San Diego, CA 92101

M.C.L.E. Credit: 10.75 hours for Attorneys

Conference Speakers:

10th ANNIVERSARY

Catherine Bishop has been a staff attorney at the National Housing Law Project for more than 20 years. She has engaged in litigation and advised attorneys and advocates involved in litigation relating to federally assisted housing programs nationwide.

Christopher Brancart, a founding presenter, is a partner at Brancart & Brancart, a law firm specializing in fair housing litigation throughout California. He specializes in federal fair housing litigation and serves on the Editorial Advisory Board of a leading fair housing publication, *Fair Housing—Fair Lending*.

Elizabeth Brancart is a partner at Brancart & Brancart and lead counsel for *Holley v. Meyer*, 258 F. 3d (9th Cir. 2001), a case granted certiorari for argument before the U. S. Supreme Court in December, 2002.

Merilyn Brown, a founding presenter, is an Attorney Adviser at the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), Region V, Chicago, IL. Formerly, she was affiliated with the John Marshall Law School Fair Housing Legal Support Center.

F. Willis Caruso is founding presenter, an Adjunct Professor of Law at the John Marshall Law School and former General Counsel for the Chicago Housing Authority. Mr. Caruso's representative cases include *Metropolitan Housing Development Corporation v. Village of Arlington Heights*, 517 F.2d.409 (7th Cir.1975) and *Village of Bellwood v. Gladstone Realtors*, 569 F.2d. 1013 (7th Cir.1978)

D. Scott Chang began private practice in 1997 specializing in fair housing litigation and formerly was a staff attorney at the Legal Aid Society of Santa Clara County. He was lead counsel in *Marin v. Combs*, a race discrimination case in which the district court entered a \$98000 judgement.

Hector M. Jimenez is the Hate Crimes Prosecutor for the San Diego County District Attorney's Office. Mr. Jimenez has been influential in bringing law enforcement together with the local fair housing community to address the issue of hate crimes in housing.

Elizabeth K. Julian has an extensive array of experiences in the fields of fair housing, affordable housing and community development. Ms. Julian formerly served as HUD's Deputy Counsel for Civil Rights and Litigation, and also as Assistant Secretary for Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity.

George Lipsitz is Professor and Chair of the Department of Ethnic Studies at the University of California - San Diego. His recent book, *The Possessive Investment in Whiteness. How White People Profit From Identity Politics* has won Gustavus Myers Center Outstanding Book Award for 1999.

Bill Lockyer was elected as California's 30th Attorney General in November 1998 and since then has reinvigorated the office's environmental protection, anti-trust, consumer law, civil rights enforcement and law enforcement functions. Attorney General Lockyer has taken a leadership role in the development of important consumer protections and established his Civil Rights Section as one of the largest state offices in the nation.

Joan A. Magagna is Chief of the Housing and Civil Enforcement Section, Civil Rights Division, U. S. Department of Justice and has been with the Civil Rights Division since 1976-handling litigation in a wide range of civil rights cases including discrimination in housing.

Wendy Patrick is a Deputy District Attorney in the San Diego District Attorney's Office, and works in the Special Operations Division/Hate Crimes Unit. She is a Hate Crimes Speaker for various community educational and legal organizations and an Instructor for Hate Crimes Training for law enforcement agencies countywide.

David Quezada has been the HUD Director of the Pacific/Hawaii Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity Program Center, South since 1999. Mr. Quezada considers making fair housing and civil rights compliance a reality in our lifetime to be more than just a job; he believes it is our solemn duty to convince America to fulfill the promises of equality and justice for all.

John P. Relman, a founding presenter, is the founder and director of Relman & Associates. Since 1986, he has represented scores of plaintiffs and public interest organizations in discrimination cases in federal court. Among Mr. Relman's better-known cases is *Dyson V. Denny's Restaurants* (\$17.725 million class settlement for race discrimination).

Beth Rosen Prinz is the Regional Administrator of the Housing Unit at the California Department of Fair Employment and Housing (DFEH) with responsibility for enforcing federal and state fair housing laws. She began working with DFEH in December, 1982 and became Administrator of the Southern Housing Unit in July, 1994.

Robert Schwemm is the Ashland Professor and former Dean of the University of Kentucky College of Law, where he has taught since 1975. Professor Schwemm has written and lectured extensively on fair housing law and is CO-Counsel in the case of *Holley v. Meyer*, 258 F. 3rd 1127 (9th Cir. 2001) scheduled for hearing before the U.S. Supreme Court in December 2002.

Michael P. Seng, a founding presenter and Professor at The John Marshall Law School, Chicago, IL, writes extensively on the subjects of fair housing including, "Counseling a Victim of Racial Discrimination in a Fair Housing Case" 26 The John Marshall L. Rev. 53 (with Einhorn and Brown) and "Liability of Land-Use Planners for Civil Rights Violations", 64 Chicago Bar Record 1586 (1982).

Kevin Stein is the Associate Director of the California Reinvestment Committee, a statewide CRA coalition of over 200 non-profit organizations and public agencies across the state of California. At CRC, Kevin works primarily on housing issues, including efforts to fight predatory mortgage lending practices.

Robert Trestan has been the Director of Civil Rights at the Boston Housing Authority (BHA) since 1996. Prior to that, he was an Assistant General Counsel at the BHA. Mr. Trestan has represented the BHA in several significant civil rights cases, most recently a class action lawsuit brought by HUD, the Lawyer's Committee for Civil Rights and the Justice Department.

All topics, presenters and time slots are subject to limited change

The Fair Housing Council of San Diego
and
The John Marshall Law School Fair Housing Legal Support Center
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California Western School of Law
invite you to attend

Fair Housing Laws & Litigation Conference 2003



The tenth annual Conference presentation will return to its original venue, the campus of California Western School of Law, and feature the *founding presenters* among a cast of fair housing experts. Also among the presenters will be two legal experts who are scheduled to argue *Holley v. Meyer, 258 F. 3d (9th Cir. 2001)*, before the U. S. Supreme Court in December, 2002.

During the two-day conference, a variety of topics will be covered to assist attorneys, fair housing center staff, public housing authorities, CDBG jurisdictions, industry professionals and others to gain or deepen their insights into the multi-tiered aspects of fair housing laws, regulations and emerging issues. The legal remedies that are available through a litigation process will also be highlighted and reviewed.

Friday's Forums and Saturday's Workshops will provide a setting for panel discussions and interactive questions and answers concerning current, crossover and "hot" fair housing topics. Forums and workshops will run for seventy-five minutes in length, with a repeat presentation of some, and time allotted for questions, to allow people to attend a variety, according to their interest. The workshop format is in response to high evaluation marks received from last year's attendees.

The Program will qualify for Continuing Legal Education credit (Calif.) in the amount of 10.75 hours. Out-of-state attorneys may qualify for credits upon approval of their state bar association and must provide information on each state's process to the FHCS in order for a request to be processed and forwarded.

Accommodations:

A special room rate of \$109 Single/\$119/Double, (10.5% tax not included), has been arranged for the conference attendees at the Raddison Hotel, 1646 Front Street, San Diego, CA (www.radisson.com/sandiego_harborview) Located downtown and only three minutes from the Airport, the Radisson is also walking distance of the Gaslamp Quarter, Seaport Village, Horton Plaza and Old Town with Little Italy at its doorstep. Complimentary Airport shuttle service is available. Rooms can be reserved by calling (619) 239-6800 before January 21, 2003 and mentioning the Fair Housing Council of San Diego. These special rates will be valid February 13-16, 2003 (and based upon availability).

Pre- or Post-Conference Retreat:

A pre and/or post-conference Strategic Planning and Rejuvenation Retreat is being planned for the California Fair Housing Centers, depending upon interest and attendance. During session(s), strategies for increased Community Development Block Grant funding commitments and fair housing enforcement throughout California can be reviewed and further developed.

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Registration:

M.C.L.E. Credit: 10.75 hours

Cost: Before January 25, 2003

- \$325.00 – All Attorneys
- \$205.00 – All Other Participants
- \$105.00 – 501c(3) Fair Housing Center
(Non-Attorney) Staff

After January 25, 2003

- \$345 – All Attorneys
- \$235.00 – All Other Participants
- \$120.00 – 501c(3) Fair Housing Center
(Non-Attorney) Staff

Registration includes Continental breakfast and afternoon refreshments (lunch on own)

Total No. of Registrants: _____

Total Amount Enclosed: \$ _____

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Phone: _____ FAX: _____

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Communicated no later than January 2, 2003

If an attorney, how many years have you practiced? _____

Type of practice: _____

Make your registration payment to:

Fair Housing Council of San Diego

Mail to: **625 Broadway, Suite 1114
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Attn: Fair Housing Training**

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In the event you should need to cancel your registration you must notify the Fair Housing Council of San Diego at the above address by phone. Full refunds will be given if your cancellation is made before February 1st and a partial refund (33%) will be given for cancellations made after that date. You may send someone in your place if you cannot attend. NO REFUNDS will be given after February 8th.

Conference Agenda:

February 14, 2003

Friday A.M. Sessions Only-The Radisson Hotel

- 8:00 A.M.** Registration
- 8:30 A.M.** Conference Opens
Plenary Session
Keynote Address — Professor Robert Schwemm

Friday General Session

9:15 A.M.-10:30 A.M. Basic Coverage of state and federal Fair Housing Laws. This will be an introduction for persons new to fair housing and will include a new case update on the core topics of fair housing.

10:45 P.M.- 12:00 P.M. Housing Discrimination Involving Native Americans, Farm Workers, Immigrants and Families with Children.

Friday Forums

1:30 P.M.- 4:15 P.M. Friday Afternoon will be devoted to a series of seventy-five minute, interactive Forums at California Western School of Law covering the following topics:

- Forum I:** Hate Crimes in Housing- Emphasis on Reconciling Tenant Screening/Relations for Terrorism Issues with Fair Housing Compliance.
- Forum II:** Predatory Lending- Legislative and Litigation Strategies to Eradicate unlawful Mortgage Lending Practices.
- Forum III:** Public Housing Issues, Affordable Housing, Tax Credit Properties-A Multi-Jurisdictional Approach using Fair Housing Principles.
- Forum IV:** New, Emerging Issues-Immigrant on Immigrant Discrimination; Voice Recognition
- Forum V:** First Amendment, High Technology (Internet) and Fair Housing Advertising.

February 15, 2003

Saturday Workshops

8:30 A.M.- 3:15 P.M. Saturday's workshops will cover an array of topics and in-depth discussions covering:

- I.** The Necessary Ingredients for Building a Fair Housing Case- Effective Investigation Techniques-Garden Variety and Advanced Testing Techniques; Audit/Research and Complaint-based Methodologies
- II.** New Construction Requirements under the FHA; Reasonable Accommodations and Modifications for Persons with Disabilities.
- III.** Pretrial Strategic Decisions for Attorneys; Choosing the Correct Forum.
- IV.** Appealing Fair Housing Cases.
- V.** The Psychological, Economic and Community Impact Damages of Housing Discrimination; Proving damages in a Fair Housing Case.

A fully developed agenda

with specific times, presenters and additional workshops will be available at www.fhcsd.com January 5 2003.