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Celebrating Women's History and National Fair Housing Months Through Fair Housing Lens

———— MARCH 31ST - APRIL 1ST 2022 ————

WHY DO WE DO IT? BECAUSE THEY DID...



Jewish women who went to the South for the civil rights movement demonstrated a willingness to put their bodies on the line to fight racism. *Jewish Women's Archive*. "Civil Rights Movement - still image [media]." <<http://jwa.org/node/3580>> (January 31, 2010).



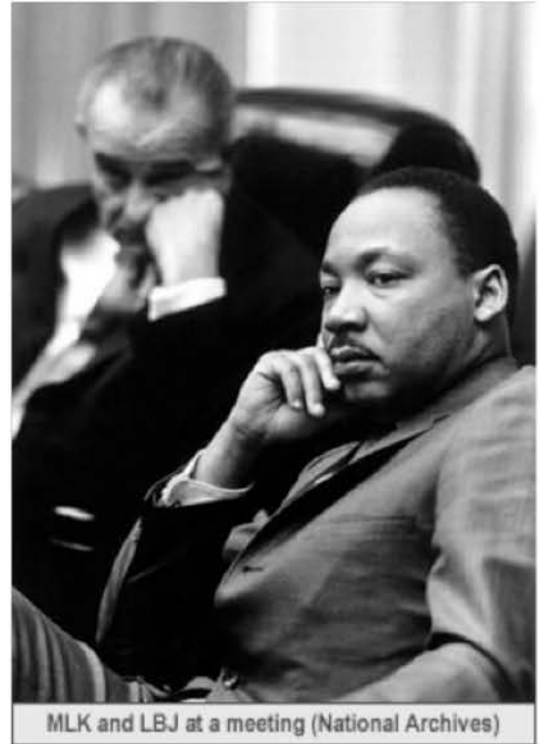
Eleanor Roosevelt addressing the NAACP Both Harry and Eleanor favored increased civil rights for African Americans.



Robert F. Kennedy speaking to a Civil Rights crowd in front of the Justice Department building, June 1963.



Cesar Chavez founded the National Farm Workers Association in 1962. Chavez used strikes, fasts, picketing, and marches to obtain contracts from a number of major growers.



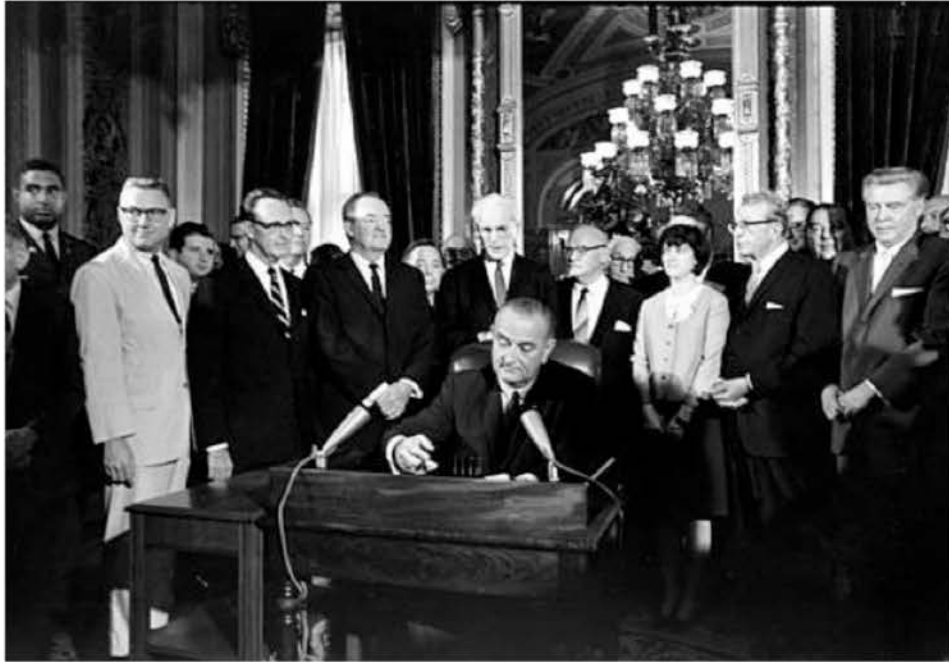
MLK and LBJ at a meeting (National Archives)

The unlikely partnership of Johnson, a master politician, and King, a visionary preacher, began just a few days after Johnson became president upon the sudden assassination of John F. Kennedy.

Kennedy had proposed landmark legislation that outlawed segregation in U.S. schools and public places. But the bill was stuck in congressional committees. And King, frustrated by the slow progress under Kennedy, was now willing to test the moral imagination of the new president.

Johnson was born and raised in conservative and segregationist Texas. As a teacher, Johnson believed segregation condemned the South to educational and economic backwardness. But if he wanted to be a successful politician, he had to be careful. <http://www.history.com/content/king/mlk-and-lbj>

AND WE MUST.



Lyndon Baines Johnson signs the federal Fair Housing Act, 1968.



“I’m sick and tired of being sick and tired.”

Fannie Lou Hamer was born in the Mississippi Delta, beaten because of her beliefs, shunned by the people she helped forgiving all she persevered to change a nation that had long forgotten the meaning of compassion for all its citizens.

Justice

That Justice is a blind goddess
Is a thing to which we blacks are wise:
Her bandage hides two festering sores
That once perhaps were eyes.

—Langston Hughes



Barbara Jordan was a top aide to Martin Luther King Jr. during the civil rights movement. Her community initiatives include increasing the availability of affordable housing.



March on Washington for Jobs and Freedom, 1963.

Still I Rise

You may write me down in history
With your bitter, twisted lies,
You may trod me in the very dirt
But still, like dust, I’ll rise.

Does my sassiness upset you?
Why are you beset with gloom?
‘Cause I walk like I’ve got oil wells
Pumping in my living room.

Just like moons and like suns,
With the certainty of tides,
Just like hopes springing high,
Still I’ll rise.

Did you want to see me broken?
Bowed head and lowered eyes?
Shoulders falling down like teardrops.
Weakened by my soulful cries.

Does my haughtiness offend you?
Don’t you take it awful hard
‘Cause I laugh like I’ve got gold mines
Diggin’ in my own back yard.

You may shoot me with your words,
You may cut me with your eyes,
You may kill me with your hatefulness,
But still, like air, I’ll rise.

Does my sexiness upset you?
Does it come as a surprise
That I dance like I’ve got diamonds
At the meeting of my thighs?

Out of the huts of history’s shame
I rise
Up from a past that’s rooted in pain
I rise
I’m a black ocean, leaping and wide,
Welling and swelling I bear in the tide.
Leaving behind nights of terror and fear
I rise
Into a daybreak that’s wondrously clear
I rise
Bringing the gifts that my ancestors gave,
I am the dream and the hope of the slave.
I rise
I rise
I rise.

Maya Angelou



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HONORING STELLA ADAMS THE FEMME RENAISSANCE OF FAIR HOUSING

Stella Adams is a life-long activist in the struggle for civil and human rights, focusing on fair lending and fair housing.

She is currently CEO of SJ Adams Consulting, which promotes fair housing and fair lending through research, community education and community involvement. Most recently, she served as Chief of Equity and Inclusion for the National Community Reinvestment Coalition (NCRC), which empowers and supports economically vulnerable individuals, communities and small businesses through advocacy, organizing, technical assistance and direct services.

For her public warning to financial regulators of “the danger that non-traditional mortgages posed to the economy,” Stella was cited by the National Commission on the Causes of the Financial and Economic Crisis of the United States. In 1998, Stella went on a 30-day hunger strike to bring national attention to the predatory lending practices of Nationsbank/Bank of America, resulting in a \$100 million commitment to North Carolina communities.

She is a founding member of North Carolina’s HKonJ/Moral Monday Movement, was arrested as a member of the “Tillis 15” and is named plaintiff in a lawsuit challenging the constitutionality of restrictive building rules imposed by the NC General Assembly.

Stella has been recognized by many honors and awards, including the Stella J. Adams Fair Housing Advocacy Award established by Legal Aid of North Carolina in 2013. She was named 2014 Woman of the Year in Civil and Human Rights by Spectacular Magazine. She is also a recipient of the Charles A. McLean Distinguished Service Award of the NC NAACP



(2012), City of Durham Lifetime Achievement Award (2008), Individual Achievement Award of the International Association of Official Human Rights Agencies (2006), and the Civil Rights Award granted by the National Association of Human Rights Workers (2005). She is also the recipient of the National Fair Housing Alliance “Fair Lending Advocacy Award” and HUD’s Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity “Pioneer Award” for her work in fighting predatory lending.

Stella currently serves on the following Boards and Commissions: The National Community Reinvestment Coalition; The National Association of American Veterans, Inc. The North Carolina Fix the Debt Steering Committee, Headwaters Group of the Sierra Club, Reinvestment Partners and The NC State Conference of Branches of the NAACP. Stella is married to Thomas C. Adams, III and has three children.

Congratulations, Stella Adams!

Thank you to The Fair Housing Council of San Diego and all of our partners in the fight for equal justice and fair housing.



Congratulations

To our dear friend and esteemed honoree!

Stella Adams

The Fair Housing Council of the San Fernando Valley

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SPECIAL GUESTS



CAROL JOHNSON, ESQ., who now serves the inaugural role as Austin's first Civil Rights Officer where she directs the City's inaugural Civil Rights Office, has spent her professional career advocating for housing protections, educational equality, fair wages, safe labor standards, workers' compensation for injured workers, police reform, and other important and necessary civil rights protections in housing, education, employment, and public accommodations.



WADE HENDERSON, ESQ., is interim president and CEO of The Leadership Conference on Civil and Human Rights and The Leadership Conference Education Fund, leads the country's oldest and most diverse coalition of civil and human rights organizations. The Leadership Conference was founded in 1950 and aims to ensure equality under law through legislative advocacy and public education. It consists of more than 220 national organizations and represents people of color, LGBTQ individuals, women, children, individuals with disabilities, religious groups, civil libertarians, and human rights organizations.

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TOM BURGESON is a retired accountant and an advocate who volunteers and supports recently released inmates on the path to reentry.



KEN CARROLL, ESQ., is director of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's Region IX Office of Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity, leading a team of 38 public servants who are investigating and attempting to resolve housing discrimination complaints from the public, ensuring civil rights compliance by entities that receive HUD funding, and monitoring HUD's Fair Housing Assistance Program and Fair Housing Initiative Program partners. Region IX FHEO covers California, Nevada, Arizona, Hawaii, and the U.S. Pacific Island Territories.

Stella,

Thank you for your leadership and friendship!

Chris • Liz • Liza
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SCOTT CHANG, ESQ., has litigated cases to include: a precedent setting case establishing that fair housing organizations have standing in the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals and affirming a large damages award to a fair housing organization, a fair housing and hate crime case involving a group of Asian American Stanford University students who were intimidated based on their national origin when they attempted to rent a house and a disability discrimination case against a large city in which 4,000 affordable housing units will be made highly accessible for people with mobility and sensory disabilities.



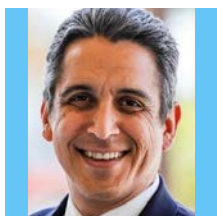
ERWIN CHEMERINSKY, ESQ., became the 13th Dean of Berkeley Law on July 1, 2017, when he joined the faculty as the Jesse H. Choper Distinguished Professor of Law. Prior to assuming this position, from 2008-2017, he was the founding Dean and Distinguished Professor of Law, and Raymond Pryke Professor of First Amendment Law, at University of California, Irvine School of Law, with a joint appointment in Political Science.



EMILY COFFEY, ESQ., Emily Coffey is a Housing Justice Attorney at the Shriver Center on Poverty Law. Emily focuses her work on the preservation of affordable housing, fair housing, and the intersection of environmental and health justice and affordable housing. She represents tenants throughout Illinois in campaigns to preserve affordable housing at risk due to uninhabitable conditions and works with community organizations to redress systemic housing discrimination. Emily graduated with honors from Beloit College and Loyola University Chicago School of Law.



NADINE COHEN, ESQ., is the Managing Attorney of the Consumer Rights Unit at Greater Boston Legal Services (GBLS). A major focus of her work has involved foreclosure prevention and predatory lending. The Consumer Rights Unit provides legal representation to low-income homeowners facing foreclosure, particularly those who have been victimized by predatory and abusive lending practices.



RICARDO FLORES was named Executive Director of Local Initiatives Support Corporation (LISC) San Diego in April 2017. He joined the non-profit funding agency after serving for 12 years in leading roles with top San Diego elected officials. Mr. Flores oversees LISC's extensive network of investment-based collaborations that support San Diego's underserved neighborhoods, including City Heights, Colina Park, and Greater Logan Heights.



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JAMES FURUKAWA is an MPH student attending University of California San Diego, studying public health with a focus on technology and informatics. He has an interest in geographic information systems (GIS) and their relevancy to public health practice, research, and policy.



TAMAR HAGLER, ESQ., joined the Civil Rights Division of the U.S. Department of Justice more than 20 years ago, and currently is a Deputy Chief in the Division's Housing and Civil Enforcement Section. She supervises an active docket of investigations and litigation nationwide, enforcing federal laws prohibiting discrimination in housing, land-use and zoning, and public accommodations.



MEGAN HABERLE, ESQ., is Senior Director of Policy at the National Community Reinvestment Coalition (NCRC), an association of more than 600 community-based organizations that promote access to affordable housing, basic banking services, entrepreneurship, job creation and vibrant communities. NCRC works with community leaders, policymakers and financial institutions to champion fairness and end discrimination in lending, housing and business. Megan came to NCRC from the NAACP Legal Defense Fund, where she was a Senior Policy Counsel leading LDF's economic justice policy work.



DR. GEORGE HIGHTOWER is a pediatric dermatologist and assistant professor of dermatology and pediatrics at UC San Diego School of Medicine. After graduating from UC San Diego's Medical Scientist Training Program (MD/PhD), he went on to the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill to complete a year internship in pediatrics and dermatology residency. He returned to UC San Diego/Rady Children's Hospital for Pediatric Dermatology Fellowship and then joined the faculty.

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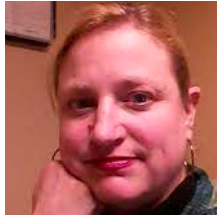


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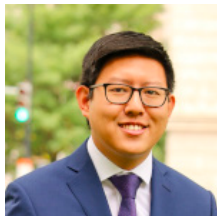
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MARLEY HOCHENDONER, ESQ., has served as Executive Director for Northwest Fair Housing Alliance (NWFHA), a private non-profit fair housing education and advocacy organization based in Spokane, Washington, since April 2005. She has overseen fair housing investigation, counseling, and advocacy services provided under U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Fair Housing Initiative Program grants, federal, state, and local government agency grants, and private training and testing contracts. Prior to joining NWFHA, Ms. Hochendoner was an in-house staff attorney and policy analyst for the Nez Perce Tribe from 2003 to 2005.



KEVIN KISH, ESQ., is a pediatric dermatologist and assistant professor of dermatology and pediatrics at UC San Diego School of Medicine. After graduating from UC San Diego's Medical Scientist Training Program (MD/PhD), he went on to the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill to complete a year internship in pediatrics and dermatology residency. He returned to UC San Diego/Rady Children's Hospital for Pediatric Dermatology Fellowship and then joined the faculty.



PETER KYE, ESQ., is Policy Counsel at Poverty & Race Research Action Council. Prior where his work focuses on federal subsidized housing programs and the duty to Affirmatively Further Fair Housing. Prior to joining PRRAC, he worked as a legal fellow and Associate Counsel in the Fair Housing Project of the Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights Under Law. He earned his J.D. from the University of Virginia School of Law and is a graduate of the College of William & Mary.



GEORGE LIPSITZ include *The Possessive Investment in Whiteness* (2018) and *How Racism Takes Place* (2011). Lipsitz is also the author of the chapter "Living Downstream: Fair Housing at Fifty" in the book *The Fight for Fair Housing* (2018) edited by Gregory Squires. He is a past board member of the Fair Housing Council of San Diego and of the National Fair Housing Alliance. Mr. Lipsitz was awarded the American Studies Association's Angela Y. Davis Prize for Public Scholarship in 2013 and its Bode-Pearson Prize for Career Distinction in 2016.

Congratulations Stella - you inspire us!

With admiration from your friends (and hang-out girls) in the struggle!"

Cheryl - Julie - Nadine



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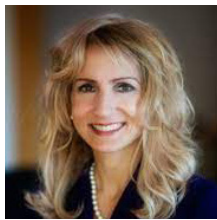
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NATALIE MAXWELL, ESQ., is a Senior Staff Attorney at NHLP. Natalie’s work focuses on disaster housing, fair housing, and rural housing. Prior to joining NHLP, Natalie worked in the Florida legal aid delivery system advocating for housing rights of low-income tenants, vulnerable populations and communities of color. She worked at both Legal Services Corporation (LSC) and non-LSC programs, where she engaged in direct representation, community lawyering, impact litigation, and policy advocacy at the local and state levels. She is a graduate of the University of Florida and earned her law degree from the American University, Washington College of Law.



WENDY PATRICK, ESQ., is a career prosecutor, named the Public Lawyer of the Year by the California State Bar Public Law Section. She has completed over 165 trials ranging from stalking to domestic violence, to first-degree murder. She teaches and trains on a variety of legal topics around the world. Ms. Patrick lectures nationally and internationally on the topics of sexual assault, domestic violence, and human trafficking, including courses in Hong Kong, South Korea, and South Africa.



ROBERT B. SCHWEMM, ESQ. is the Ashland-Spears Distinguished Professor at the University of Kentucky College of Law. He began his fair housing career as an attorney with the Leadership Council for Metropolitan Open Communities in Chicago in the 1970s and has written and lectured extensively on fair housing law ever since. His works include the major treatise in the field, *Housing Discrimination: Law and Litigation*, and many of his articles may be accessed at http://works.bepress.com/robert_schwemm.



MICHAEL SENG, ESQ., is a professor of law at UIC Law School. He has taught there since 1976. He is the Executive Director of The Fair Housing Legal Support Center. Professor Seng has authored many articles on civil rights and fair housing law. He is a co-founding presenter of the Fair Housing Laws and Litigation Conference. Michael Seng was a Fulbright Professor in Nigeria in 1983-84 and has been a Fulbright Senior Scholar in the Czech Republic.

The Fair Housing Project of Legal Aid of North Carolina honors Stella J. Adams for her many years of fair housing advocacy and friendship here in the Tarheel state. Our very existence as a fair housing organization is because of Stella’s work in North Carolina, leading the Fair Housing Center and setting the foundation upon which our own work has been based. It is not hyperbole to acknowledge that North Carolina has greatly benefited from Stella’s persistent work to build a coalition of friends and allies to further fair housing in our state. In speaking truth to power, Stella might not have made many friends among those who have benefited from historic patterns of racial and ethnic segregation, but she has been loved by those in the community who have seen her fight by their side, again and again, in the struggle for racial justice and a fairer North Carolina.



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MONTY SHARP is the Reentry and Homelessness Prevention Coordinator at The Reentry First-Stop Center for Tarrant County, Texas, a division of Cornerstone Assistance Network. He is a Certified Life Coach, TTI Success Insights DISC Certified, Mentor, and public speaker. He has a relentless passion to make a positive impact in the lives of other formerly incarcerated people and helping to shape leaders.



KEVIN STEIN, ESQ., is Deputy Director of the California Reinvestment Coalition (CRC). CRC is a statewide membership organization of more than three hundred nonprofit organizations and public agencies that advocates with financial institutions for increased lending, investment, and financial services to low-income communities and communities of color.



YOLANDA TAYLOR, ESQ., is an Adjunct Professor of Law at Wake Forest Law School and the lead attorney at the law firm, Yolanda L. Taylor Law Firm, PLLC d/b/a The Center for Community Law and Equity. She practices in the areas of Housing Justice, Health Equity, Affordable Housing and Community Economic Development law. As an adjunct professor of law, Ms. Taylor teaches law through the lens of justice in America and how justice relates to concepts like, “Power,” and “Oppression.” Her students engage in community lawyering that supports grassroots residents and their social movements.



TONY UCCIFERRI is the Special Assistant to the Executive Director for the Housing Authority of the County of Contra Costa where he is currently focused on the conversion of public housing to RAD and PBV-assisted housing. During his 30-year career in housing, he has served in numerous capacities including Director of HCV for the Housing Authorities of San Francisco and New Orleans and worked as an Analyst for the Housing Authority of the City of Alameda. He has specialized in the use of Project Based Voucher assistance, having worked with PHAs across the Bay Area, California, and the U.S. to establish PBV programs. Through partnerships with non-profit housing developers, he contracted over 3000 units of affordable and assisted housing in 99 projects and leveraged over \$2.3 billion in funding to ensure the availability of affordable housing for decades to come. He holds a B.A. from U.C. Berkeley in Political Science and, to date, the only PHA recipient of the NPH Unsung Hero Award.



FARRAH WILDER is the California Association of REALTOR®’s Chief Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Officer. Farrah supports C.A.R.’s fair housing and inclusion efforts. She collaborates with internal and external partners and key stakeholders including C.A.R. members, REALTOR® associations, and others on initiatives that will dramatically heighten awareness, allyship, equity and capabilities within the REALTOR® community, the real estate industry and beyond.



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AGENDA - THURSDAY MARCH 31, 2022

9:00/
9:30

WELCOMING REMARKS

Opening Speaker - Wade Henderson, Esq. Interim President and CEO of The Leadership Conference on Civil and Human Rights and The Leadership Conference Education Fund

9:30/
10:30

A Review of the Supreme Court- Under Fair Housing Lens

Speakers: Erwin Chemerinsky, Esq.
Robert G. Schwemm, Esq.

10:30/
10:45

BREAK

10:45/
11:45

Are We Under-Valuing Housing Discrimination Damages for Victims/Families if we Do Not Include Damages to Children's Health. An Update on the Research

Speakers: George Lipsitz
Dr. George Hightower

12:15/
1:15

LUNCH PROGRAMME IN HONOR OF STELLA JONES ADAMS

Co-Hosting

Yolanda Taylor, Esq. -- Ann Moss Joyner, Esq.
Welcome and Introductions

Remarks

T. C. Adams

Danielle Adams

Kenya Myers, Mentee, Sister & Friend

Ann Moss Joyner, Esq., Cedar Grove Institute for Sustainable Communities



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Jeffrey May, International Development and Planning, L. L. C.

John Taylor, former CEO, National Community Reinvestment Coalition

Nadine Cohen, Esq., Greater Boston Legal Services

Ed J. Gorman, Chief, Community Dev., National Community Reinvestment Coalition

Yolanda Taylor, Center for Community Law, and Equity

Angela McIver, Fair Housing Rights Center in Southeastern Pennsylvania

Deborah Maxwell, President, North Carolina NAACP

Jeffrey May, International Development and Planning, L. L. C.

2022 Award Recipients

Mary Scott Knoll, Fair Housing Council of San Diego

Unsung Hero

Marley Hochendoner, Esq., Northwest Fair Housing Alliance
Legal Aid Foundation of Los Angeles-Denise McGranahan, Esq.

Community Service

Stella J. Adams Scholarship-University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
Introduction of Scholarship

Zach Hawkins, Development, Student Affairs, UNCCH, University of North Carolina

Special Mention

Ann Marquart, Project Sentinel, is Retired
Carole Conn- Executive Director, Project Sentinel

Closing Remarks

STELLA JONES ADAMS

Our Femme Renaissance of Fair Housing

1:30/
2:30

Race (isms) and Housing-What are the Historical and Present-Day Markers?

Speakers: Yolanda Taylor, Esq.
George Lipsitz
Michael Seng, Esq.



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The Impact of Crime Free Housing Policies on Those with Criminal Records through the Lens of Restorative Justice-a Review of Policies, Programs and Resources.

Speakers: Michael Seng, Esq.
Carol Johnson, Esq.
Monty Sharp
Tom Burgeson

3:45/
4:00

BREAK

4:00/
5:00

Is Redlining Back?-A San Diego Demonstration. This panel will discuss current reported trends and developments with a view towards needed reforms, legislation, and litigation.

Speakers: Kevin Stein, Esq.
Ricardo Flores
James Furukawa
Nadine Cohen, Esq.

DAY 1 ADJOURNS

Fair Housing is only fair if it's affordable. Affordable Housing Advocates fights to enforce and expand tenants' rights and affordable housing restrictions. We represent tenants, and nonprofits advocating on their behalf, to ensure inclusive and affordable housing for all. For more information, visit us at www.affordablehousingadvocates.org

Congratulations to the Fair Housing Council of San Diego on its 29th Anniversary Fair Housing Laws & Litigation Conference, "Housing for the Future".



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AGENDA - FRIDAY APRIL 1, 2022

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9:30

WELCOMING REMARKS

Opening Speaker - Carol Johnson, Esq., Office of Civil Rights-City of Austin

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10:30

Environmental Justice and Fair Housing

Speakers: Megan Haberle, Esq.
Emily Coffey, Esq.

10:30/
10:45

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For Public Housing Authorities - NHLP answers... "How Does the Obligation to Affirmatively Further Fair Housing Apply for PHAs"? We applaud the Contra Costa Housing Authority

Speakers: Natalie Maxwell, Esq.
Peter Kye
Tony Ucciferri

12:15/
1:15

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The Enforcement Trio -The U. S. Department of Justice---U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development---California Department of Fair Employment and Housing--- What Are the Most Noteworthy Fair Housing Updates?

Speakers: Tamar Hagler, Esq.
Ken Carroll, Esq.
Kevin Kish, Esq.



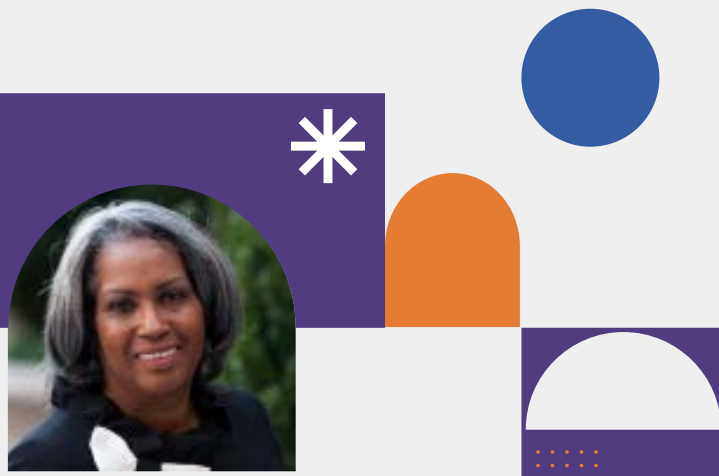
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Thank you,
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How to “Read” Potential Jurors. This unique seminar will teach you in a day and age where you are constrained as to what you can legally and ethically ask. The seminar will incorporate the tried-and-true jury selection techniques used by Dr. Patrick in her well-over one hundred jury trials.

Speakers: Wendy Patrick, Esq.

3:45/
4:00

BREAK

4:00/
5:00

**A Roundtable Review of Recent Cases and Center News Around the Country-
What Common or different Issues in Your Service Areas?**

Speakers: Scott Chang, Esq.
Marley J. Hochendoner
Carol Johnson, Esq.

CONFERENCE ADJOURNS

Congratulations to Stella Adams for this well-deserved recognition of her lifetime of leadership and service to freedom loving people everywhere. Her insistence on stepping up, standing up, and speaking up for people who are segregated, shunned, silenced, and suppressed inspires us, gives us hope, helps us take heart, and enables us to discover our best selves. From Stella Adams we have learned to do the work that really matters, the work that Toni Cade Bambara describes as walking upright and seeing clearly, breathing easily, thinking better than we have been taught, being better than we have been programmed to be, and accompanying neighbors and stranger on the long and hard road to social justice.

George Lipsitz



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National **Community Reinvestment** Coalition

Thank you Stella for your many
accomplishments and your
life-long service in the fight for
a #JustEconomy.



NCRC and its grassroots member organizations
create opportunities for people to build wealth. We
work with community leaders, policymakers and
financial institutions to champion fairness in banking,
housing and business.

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2022 NCRC Just Economy Conference
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OUR SISTERS AND HUMANIST HEROINES MAKING HISTORY

Kamala Harris Vice President. United States of America-
“My mother told me not to let anyone Tell Me Who I Am...
She said, “You tell them Who You Are”

Sacajawea is well-known as the Native American woman who led Lewis and Clark on their famous expedition to find the Pacific Ocean. Throughout the expedition, Sacajawea maintained a helpful, uncomplaining attitude of cheerfulness in the face of hardship. This was so remarkable that it was commented on by all the men who kept diaries.

Rosetta Wakeman (1843-1864) - Posed as a male to serve in Union Army during Civil War.

Diana Fletcher (circa 1830's) - Daughter of a former slave father and Kiowa mother, activist, taught in Black Cherokee school.

Dorothy Fuldheim (1893-1989) - Jewish-American news journalist and television broadcaster; developed format for television news programming.

Rear Admiral Grace Hopper, USNR (1906-1992) - Computer pioneer and the oldest officer in active duty when she retired in 1986.

Anne Hutchinson (1591-1643) – A Puritan woman who defied the male-dominated Massachusetts Bay Colony and after banishment helped settle Rhode Island and New York. (1837-1930)

“Mother” **Mary Harris Jones** - Irish immigrant who lost her family to yellow fever and became the self-proclaimed mother and “hell-raiser” for the downtrodden American laborer, especially children.

Juliette Gordon Low (1860-1927) - Founder of the American Girl Scouts.

Ella Josephine Baker (December 13, 1903 – December 13, 1986) was an African American civil rights and human rights activist beginning in the 1930s. She was a behind-the-scenes activist whose career spanned over five decades. She worked alongside some of the most famous civil rights leaders of the twentieth century.

Elizabeth Van Lew (1818-1900) - Crazy Bet, an abolitionist in the South during the Civil War, who feigned insanity to help free slaves and help the Union Army.

Biddy Mason (1818-1891) - Entrepreneur, one of first African American women to own land in California.

Margaret Skapes (1892-1968) - Immigrant from Greece, suffragette.

On Path to the Podium, we hear about **Hillary Clinton's** life. She was born in Chicago, Illinois and attended Wellesley College. While there she was an active Republican, but that changed after the Civil Rights Movement and the Vietnam War.

Susan Brownell Anthony (1820-1906) - Napoleon of the women's suffrage movement, mother of the 19th Amendment, abolitionist.

Ida B. Wells Barnett (1862-1931) - African-American educator, newspaperwoman, anti-lynching campaigner, founder NAACP.

Margaret Bourke-White (1904-1971) - Groundbreaking photo-journalist and author

Mary Elizabeth Bowser (1839-?) - African-American Union spy in the Confederate White House.

Margaret “Molly” Tobin Brown (1867-1932) - Titanic survivor and a woman who was determined to break the rules of “high society.”

Abbie Burgess (Grant) (1839-1892) - Lighthouse keeper at Matinicus Rock and Whitehead Light Stations in Maine, commissioned by U.S. Coast Guard.

Martha Jane “Calamity Jane” Cannary (1852-1903) - A lone woman in the wilds of the Rocky Mountain west

Rachel Carson (1907-1964) - Marine biologist, science writer, and environmentalist.

Mary Ann Shadd Cary (1823-1893) African-American born pioneer journalist and lecturer.

Carrie Chapman Catt (1859-1947) - Suffragette, founder of the League of Women Voters.

Bessie Coleman (1893-1926) - First African-American woman to get pilot's license.

Mary Fields (1832?-1914) - African-American entrepreneur, stagecoach driver, pioneer.

Belle Boyd (1844-1900) - Confederate spy during the Civil War.

Zelma Watson George (1903-1994) - African-American delegate to the U.N., opera singer, speaker, and educator.

Emma Goldman (1869-1940) - Vilified in her day as the “most dangerous woman in America,” this Russian emigrant earned her title, “Queen of the Anarchists” as labor leader, lecturer, writer, women's rights activist, and free love advocate.

Charlotte Forten Grimke (1837-1890) - African-American writer, abolitionist, and educator.



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Zora Neale Hurston (1903-1960) - African-American writer from The Harlem Group, influenced Toni Morrison and Alice Walker.

Harriet Jacobs (1813-1897) - African-American escaped slave, author, and abolitionist.

Elizabeth Keckley (1820-?) Personal maid, best friend, and confidant to Mary Todd Lincoln. Wrote tell-all book after leaving Mrs. Lincoln's employ.

Marie LaVeau (1796?-1863?) - African-American Voodoo Queen of New Orleans and famous herbalist.

Maria Mitchell (1818-1889) - Astronomer and professor at Vassar College. First female member of the American Academy of Arts and Science,

Alice Paul (1885-1977) - The woman who rescued the woman suffrage movement (1910) and made sure women got the vote.

Molly Pitcher (Mary Ludwig Hays McCauley) (1754-1832) - Born Mary Ludwig, this revolutionary heroine followed the Continental Army for more than 3 years, doing what was needed to free the colonies from the tyranny of England.

Eleanor Anna Roosevelt (1884-1962) - Wife of President Franklin D. Roosevelt, first activist First Lady

Susan McKinney Steward (1848-1918) - First female African-American doctor in New York State.

Susie King Taylor (1848-1912) - First African-American U.S. Army nurse during the Civil War.

Sojourner Truth (Isabella Baumfree) (1797-1883) - African-American abolitionist, Civil War nurse, suffragette.

Mary Edwards Walker (1832-1919) - Prisoner of war during the Civil War, writer, doctor, fashion trend-setter and the only female to receive the Medal of Honor.

Constance Motley Brown - was the first African American woman to argue a case before the Supreme Court, and the first to serve as a federal judge.

Judge Ketanji Brown Jackson On February 25, 2022, President Joe Biden nominated Judge Jackson to become the 116th Associate Justice of the United States Supreme Court.

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The Fair Housing Laws & Litigation Conference was first presented in 1993 as an idea whose time had come. The effort began as collaboration among several established fair housing agencies in the southern California area, then known as the Fair Housing Consortium of Southern California, two law schools and several fair housing attorneys. The founders believed this conference would fill a need to: produce more fair housing-trained attorneys in the region and state; better prepare those attorneys and advocates to work effectively together and in coordination to address housing discrimination cases; and provide a source of ongoing training updates for improving and honing the knowledge base and skills level of all fair housing practitioners.

The Conference's founding attorneys, agencies and law schools were: Christopher Brancart; John P. Relman; F. Willis Caruso; Michael P. Seng; Merilyn Brown; The Fair Housing Councils of San Diego, San Fernando Valley, Orange County, et al; The John Marshall Law School Fair Housing Legal Support Center (based in Chicago, IL); and the California Western School of Law in San Diego California.

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To date, the Laws & Litigation Conference has been attended by thousands of attorneys, advocates, city government and community development personnel, industry professionals, property managers, law enforcement personnel, community-based organizations, human relations agencies, FHAP agencies and fair housing center staff and many more.

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