High Plains Fair Housing Center

Understanding Fair Housing Laws

What You Need to Know

High Plains Fair Housing Center has arranged for two nationally renowned experts to visit Grand Forks and present a four-hour seminar on fair housing law. Learn what you need to know about housing discrimination – how to understand these important legal rights, how to ensure compliance with the law, and how to help people when the law may have been violated.

We invite attorneys, social workers, advocates, government officials/staff, management companies/housing providers, and others to learn more about how the federal Fair Housing Act applies to your work. Up to four hours of continuing education credits have been applied for (**ND/MN attorney CLE credits and Social Work CEU credits**).

Thursday, February 28, 2013
9:00 – 11:30 a.m.
lunch on your own
1:00 – 2:30 p.m.

Grand Forks Herald Community Room
375 2nd Avenue North
Grand Forks, North Dakota
http://www.visitgrandforks.com/things-to-do/grand-forks-herald-community-room

Cost: $10.00 per person. Register ahead via email (details below).
Scholarships available for non-profits.

Presenters:

F. Willis Caruso, Clinical Professor, Co-Executive Director, Fair Housing Legal Support Center, The John Marshall Law School

Michael Seng, Professor of Law, Co-Executive Director, Fair Housing Legal Support Center & Clinic, The John Marshall Law School

Special Guest:

Deborah G.E. Manigault, Equal Opportunity Specialist, Denver HUD

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Pre-registration preferred: Please email the following information to highplainsfairhousing@gmail.com to reserve your seat:

Name:
Address:
Email address:
Profession/agency:
Continuing education credits sought:
___ North Dakota State Bar CLE credits
___ Social Work CEU credits

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SCHEDULE OF TOPICS COVERED

Seminar Information
Fair housing laws require both private and publicly-funded housing providers to avoid discriminating against persons and groups based on protected characteristics. This obligation is well established, but can seem complicated to apply. In addition, entities that receive federal housing funds must avoid further categories of discrimination and must take affirmative steps to promote balanced and integrated living patterns.

Learn how these law apply to your work, to the populations you serve, and/or to the programs you operate. This seminar will provide specific information you need to comply with fair housing laws.

Specific topics covered during the program include the following:

9:00 – 11:30 Fair Housing Law Refresher

- Basic fair housing law requirements for both private and publicly-funded housing providers. What does the law require? What principles can guide our understanding of the law as specific situations arise?

- Legal remedies for violations of fair housing law. How to help people who may have been victims of housing discrimination. What are their options for pursuing justice?

- Review and update on providing reasonable accommodations for persons with disabilities.

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SCHEDULE OF TOPICS COVERED (CONTINUED)

- Overview of design and construction requirements ensuring accessibility for persons with disabilities.

11:30 – 1:00 Lunch on your own.

1:00 – 2:30 Additional Fair Housing Requirements for State and Local Governments

- Zoning and planning concerns;
- Analysis of impediments to fair housing;
- The duty of all recipients of HUD program money to affirmatively further fair housing;
- Errors and omissions that provide the basis for a housing discrimination lawsuit.

We hope you are able to join us for this important seminar.
Please call with any questions.
701-335-9244