



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, real estate professionals 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 CE credits, ND Real Estate CE applied for)**.

Thursday, February 28, 2013

9:00 – 11:30 a.m.

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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).

Scholarship 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



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 C.E. credits

Real Estate C.E. credits

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

11:30 – 1:00 Lunch on your own.

1:00 – 2:30 Fair Housing – Additional 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.