

REGISTRATION>>>

Registration is required by April 23, 2012.

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_____ **Registration Fee for all participants: \$40.00**

_____ **The following CLE's are offered at \$5.00 each.**

_____ Keynote Address: Michael Allen CLE

_____ Zoning for Inclusive Communities CLE

_____ Zoning for Inclusive Communities: Model Ordinance Review CLE

_____ Anatomy of a Fair Housing Complaint CLE

_____ Fair Housing for People with Disabilities CLE

_____ **TOTAL Amount Owed**

Make checks payable to North Penn Legal Services. Send registration and payment to: NPLS, 65 E. Elizabeth Ave., Suite 800, Bethlehem, PA 18018. Please let us know during the registration process, if you need any special accommodations or have any dietary restrictions.

QUESTIONS? Call Alison at NPLS at 610-317-5314.

Online registration is also available. Go to www.northpennlegal.org to register TODAY.

The Fair Housing Act affects each and every one of us. Plan to attend the summit if you are a municipal official, landlord, real estate professional, housing provider, lender, insurance carrier, attorney, or nonprofit advocate.

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Fair Housing Summit

**Building a Fair
and Affordable
Lehigh Valley**

Thursday, April 26, 2012

Holiday Inn
9th & Hamilton Streets
Allentown, PA



Fair Housing Summit Session Information

Full day summit featuring information to build a fair and affordable Lehigh Valley. Cost is \$40.00. CLE's available for attorneys.

Speakers>>>

Jane Vincent



Jane C. W. Vincent was appointed by President Barack Obama on October 7, 2010 to the position of Regional Administrator for HUD's Region III office in Philadelphia. In this position she serves as HUD's liaison to mayors, city managers, elected representatives, state and local officials, congressional delegations, stakeholders and customers in Region III, which includes Delaware, Maryland, Pennsylvania, Virginia, West Virginia and Washington, D.C.

Michael Allen, Esq.



Michael Allen is a partner in the civil rights law firm of Relman, Dane & Colfax, PLLC where his practice focuses on litigation under the Fair Housing Act and Americans with Disabilities Act. He joined the firm in June 2006, after 11 years of litigation and other advocacy on behalf of poor people and people with disabilities at the Bazelon Center for Mental Health Law and a decade at Legal Services of Northern Virginia.

Additional speakers include representatives from NPLS, Fair Housing Council of Suburban Philadelphia, Lehigh Valley Planning Commission, Lehigh Valley Association of Realtors, and Community Action Committee of the Lehigh Valley.

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Morning Sessions>>>

9:30-10:00
Registration and Continental Breakfast

10:00-10:20
Morning Address: Jane C.W. Vincent, Regional Administrator, Region III, HUD

10:20-11:30
State of Fair Housing in the Lehigh Valley

The Fair Housing Act was signed into law 44 years ago this month. So why are Lehigh Valley residents still denied access to the home or neighborhood of their choice based solely on their race, color, national origin, religion, sex, familial status, or disability? Our morning panelists will provide a fresh look at the current fair housing landscape in the Lehigh Valley.

11:45-1:10
Keynote Address: Michael Allen, Partner, Relman, Dane & Colfax

Civil rights attorney Michael Allen was retained by a New York state nonprofit to address ongoing housing discrimination in Westchester County. The resulting *Westchester* case has had national implications, clarifying the obligations of local governments and providing communities with additional tools to overcome segregation. **(1 Substantive CLE Credit available)**

1:15 PM Sessions >>>

Workshops #1: Please choose from one of two sessions.

Zoning for Inclusive Communities
Learn both common errors and best approaches to zoning that can help ensure your jurisdiction is in compliance with fair housing. **(1 Substantive CLE Credit available)**

Fair Housing for People with Disabilities

To ensure that persons with disabilities have equal access and equal enjoyment of housing, both the Fair Housing Act Amendments of 1988 and the Pennsylvania Human Relations Commission Act provide protections. This may include a request for modifications or reasonable accommodations of rules, policies and procedures. Learn what these rights are and the obligation of the housing provider to timely respond to such requests. **(1 Substantive CLE Credit available)**

2:15 PM Sessions >>>

Workshops #2: Please choose from one of three sessions.

Lending for Inclusive Communities

The Fair Housing Act prohibits discrimination in mortgage lending. What does this mean for the Lehigh Valley? Panelists will look at how discrimination is measured and identified, and discuss recent enforcement actions.

2:15 PM Sessions Continued >>>

Planning and Zoning for Inclusive Communities

LVPC staff will review materials from Model Regulations Guides they have prepared on Inclusionary Zoning and Density Bonuses. They will also discuss recommendations in the Housing section of the Lehigh Valley Comprehensive Plan to educate attendees on some aspects of planning that is consistent with the requirements of the Fair Housing Act. **(1 Substantive CLE Credit available)**

Anatomy of a Fair Housing Complaint

A person applies for a rental unit, adds a new family member or seeks the help of a realtor to find a new home for their family, but they are turned down or directed to another apartment or neighborhood. Is it discrimination? What happens if a complaint of discrimination is filed, and what are the legal standards and strategies in a federal or state case? **(1 Substantive CLE Credit available)**

Public Comment Session >>>

3:15-3:45

The Lehigh Valley's counties and cities will continue to work, individually and through the Lehigh Valley Regional Fair Housing Initiative, to identify and overcome impediments to fair housing choice. Please stop by this public comment session to talk with staff about fair housing impediments you've recognized in your community, or comment on possible actions to overcome these impediments.