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2012 CONFERENCE OF THE GBLA FAIR HOUSING LAW PROJECT

Fair Housing
Law Project



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When & Where

DATE:.....TUESDAY, APRIL 24, 2012

TIME: ARRIVAL & REGISTRATION9:30–10:00 AM

CONFERENCE SESSIONS.....10:00 AM–2:30 PM

LOCATION:.....KERN COUNTY MENTAL HEALTH
EAST TRAINING ROOM
3300 TRUXTUN AVE.
BAKERSFIELD, CA

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April 24, 2012

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Celebrating National Fair Housing Month,
44th Anniversary of the Fair Housing Act, and
1st Anniversary of the GBLA Fair Housing Law Project

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GBLA's Fair Housing Law Project (FHLP) is recognizing National Fair Housing Month with its first fair housing conference. This year's theme, *"Your Life, Your Home, Your Choice,"* reminds us that all residents of Kern County have the right to the housing they choose and can afford, without regard to their race, color, national origin, religion, sex, disability, family status, marital status, sexual orientation, age, source of income, or arbitrary physical characteristics.

FHLP was established in April 2011 with funding from the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development to provide fair housing education, investigation, and enforcement services in Kern County.

The goal of this year's conference is to make local residents—and the agencies and businesses who serve them—aware that they have a right to live free from housing discrimination. And, if their rights are violated, housing discrimination victims and advocates can turn to FHLP for assistance.

We hope you will join us at the conference and that you will join us in creating equal opportunity in every community.

Conference Schedule*

REGISTRATION & REFRESHMENTS..... 9:30–10:00 AM

- ◆ GBLA Fair Housing Law Project Staff

WELCOME & INTRODUCTION 10:00–10:45 AM

Introduction to Fair Housing & GBLA Fair Housing Law Project

- ◆ Mark Roy, Esq. | GBLA Fair Housing Law Project

RACE & NATIONAL ORIGIN DISCRIMINATION ... 10:55–11:20 AM

The Problem of Race & National Origin Discrimination in Housing

- ◆ Dr. Jesus "Jess" Nieto | Herencia de America

LUNCH & KEYNOTE ADDRESS 11:20 AM–12:20 PM

Is Bakersfield Ready for Fair Housing?

- ◆ Christopher Brancart, Esq. | Brancart & Brancart

SURVIVORS OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE 12:30–1:20 PM

Special Problems for Domestic Violence Survivors in Rural Areas

- ◆ Jeanne Scovotti | Women's Shelter—High Desert

Housing Rights of Survivors of Domestic & Sexual Violence

- ◆ Nathan Gardner | Brancart & Brancart

BARRIERS TO COMMUNITY LIVING

FOR INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES 1:30–2:20 PM

Barriers Transitional Age Youth Have to Finding Housing

- ◆ Brenda Story | Kern County Mental Health

Legal Barriers to Housing for Individuals with Disabilities

- ◆ Kevin Bayley, Esq. | Disability Rights California

CLOSING COMMENTS 2:20–2:30 PM

- ◆ GBLA Fair Housing Law Project Staff

* Subject to change. For up-to-date information, contact FHLP at fairhousing@gbla.org.