



ADVANCING HOUSING JUSTICE

2019 HJN

NATIONAL MEETING & TRAINING

MARCH 18-20, 2019 | NEW ORLEANS



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THE 2019 HOUSING JUSTICE NETWORK NATIONAL MEETING



Join the staff of the National Housing Law Project in New Orleans on March 18 through March 20 for a not-to-be-missed HJN National Meeting. Come to learn, reflect, and grow professionally as network members from throughout the country share successful client strategies, study emerging issues, identify policy priorities, and enjoy thought-provoking plenary speakers.

Ahead of the 2020 elections, problems of access and sky-high housing costs are fueling renewed energy at every policy level to seek solutions to difficult housing problems. Many Presidential hopefuls have introduced bills in Congress and for the first time, housing policy may find a place in the platforms of the major candidates. On state levels, a groundswell of activism is sweeping the country as cross sector coalitions rise to advocate for rent control, creation of more affordable housing, and improved housing access. At the grassroots, the streets of many urban communities have become the de facto home for millions who have fallen through the cracks, creating an urgency for cities to grapple with the complicated issues of homelessness.

Low income families seeking access to decent housing and the stability of an affordable home have long benefited from the policy advocacy and legal support of their champions, NHLP and the HJN. Please join us in New Orleans as we examine current challenges and opportunities in our nation's housing landscape and identify strategies that will move housing justice forward.

MEETING OVERVIEW

MONDAY MARCH 18

Registration and Continental Breakfast opens at 7:30 am.

RAISING THE ROOF: ADVOCACY IN ACTION

(NHLP's Federal Housing Training Part 2)

Interactive Training with Experienced Advocates on Recurring Housing Issues

Session runs from 8:30am to 2:30 pm.

HJN ISSUES AND STRATEGIES

Roundtables, Listening Sessions, Policy Working Groups

Session runs from 3:00pm to 5:30pm

LAGNIAPPE WELCOME MIXER

Starts at 6:00pm

Location to be announced

TUESDAY MARCH 19

HJN WORKSHOPS AND PLENARY

Registration and Full Breakfast, opens at 8:00am

Welcome and plenary starts at 8:30am

Last session of the day ends at 5:30pm

HJN RECEPTION – Hotel Monteleone

6:30 to 8:30pm

WEDNESDAY MARCH 20

Continental breakfast opens at 8:30am

HJN WORKSHOPS AND PLENARY

Luncheon and Plenary 11:30am to 1:30pm

First session starts at 9:00 am, last session ends at 3:30pm

NHLP'S COMPREHENSIVE FEDERAL HOUSING PROGRAMS TRAINING FOR NEW PRACTITIONERS

IN TWO-PARTS: ONLINE PRE-CONFERENCE WEBINAR AND IN-PERSON ADVANCED TRAINING

NHLP's federal housing training provides two opportunities to learn with the nation's top experts on the programs. An expert team of housing advocates will provide a comprehensive overview of the federal housing programs in live webinar sessions on February 26 as Part One. Part Two is an in-person session on March 18 at the HJN Meeting in New Orleans, where NHLP staff will be joined by a team of highly-experienced HJN trainers. Trainers and participants will move past the basics and engage in interactive learning and simulated client cases.

Part One: Laying the Foundation in Federal Housing 101 **Live Webinars**

Date/time: February 26 from 12:00pm to 3:30pm Eastern Time, 9:00am to 12:30pm Pacific

Online access information and training materials will be provided after payment of registration.

The training will be provided by the NHLP attorneys.

Description: The online component of NHLP's federal housing training provides an introduction to the major federal housing programs of HUD and the USDA, and the IRS's Low Income Housing Tax Credit program. The webinars are geared toward new housing advocates and attorneys who desire to refresh their knowledge of federally subsidized housing. Materials will be provided for download in advance of the training.

Covering:

- HUD's Public Housing, RAD and Multifamily Housing Programs
- Housing Choice Vouchers
- Low Income Housing Tax Credits

And: USDA Rental Housing Programs: Listen Anytime Podcast available beginning February 26.

Note: The Part One webinar training provides foundational knowledge needed for participation in the second part of the program, live training at the HJN conference.



Part Two: Raising the Roof: Advocacy in Action

In-person training at the Hotel Monteleone, New Orleans

Date/time: Monday, March 18, 8:30am-2:30pm

Registration and Continental Breakfast begins at 7:30am

The HJN Trainers:

NHLP's staff of housing law experts will be joined by a team of experienced HJN attorneys from throughout the country.

After learning the fundamentals of the federal housing programs in online sessions, advocates will have an opportunity to apply their knowledge in a fun and interactive training. Participants will take a deeper dive into the material with the help of national housing law experts and will tackle complex problems related to evictions, admissions, and the preservation of subsidized housing. The exercises will replicate real-world issues that advocates face when representing tenants in the federal housing programs. Training participants will walk away with a foundation of knowledge that will be invaluable for representing clients back in their communities.



THE 2019 NATIONAL MEETING OF THE HOUSING JUSTICE NETWORK

MARCH 18-20 AT THE HOTEL MONTELEONE IN NEW ORLEANS

The Housing Justice Network will convene for its 2019 National Meeting at the historic Hotel Monteleone in New Orleans. The conference will be a dynamic two and a half day event, bringing together affordable housing allies from across the nation. Attendees will participate in sessions on current developments in the federal housing programs, share ideas on litigating, advocating, and organizing, and gain new insights and perspectives from thought-provoking panelists and plenary speakers.

Monday, March 18

3:00pm-5:30pm

Examining Front Burner Issues and Strategies

Working groups, listening sessions, roundtables; two sessions beginning at 3:00 and ending at 5:30.

Tuesday and Wednesday, March 19 and 20

First session starts Tuesday at 8:30am, last session ends Wednesday at 3:30pm

Meeting Highlights

What to Expect in the Next Two Years from Federal Housing Policy

Fair Housing and Housing Opportunity

- Atypical defendants in fair housing litigation
- New frontiers in affirmatively furthering fair housing
- Key issues in disparate impact fair housing litigation post-ICP
- Immigrants' rights
- VAWA implementation in the Continuum of Care program

Evictions and Admissions

- Criminal reentry and admissions
- Hoarding, clutter, and reasonable accommodations
- The past, present, and future of *Basco v. Machin*

Preserving Affordable Housing

- Preserving affordable homes in the HUD programs
- Enhanced vouchers A to Z
- New Issues in RAD
- Strategies for preserving and strengthening manufactured housing
- Hot topics in the Low Income Housing Tax Credit program
- Working with NCSHA and state housing finance agencies

Disaster and Other Threats to the Housing of Low-Income Families

- Lessons learned from past disasters for housing lawyers
- Environmental justice
- Strategies for preserving and strengthening manufactured housing



SPECIAL EVENTS

Front Burner Issues and Strategies

Monday afternoon, 3:30pm to 5:00pm at the Hotel Monteleone

Sit down with colleagues in roundtables and listening sessions for focused discussions on the prominent housing issues facing our clients; identify policy priorities and strategies in HJN Working Group meetings.

Lagniappe – Welcome Freshmen and HJN Members

Monday, 6:00 to 8:30pm, location to be announced.

Join us as we welcome a new *krewe* to the Housing Justice Network.

Come to see *who dat* and *pass a good time!*

(LAGNIAPPE (LAN-yap/lan-YAP) An extra or unexpected gift or benefit; something given or obtained gratuitously or by way of good measure.)

HJN Reception

Tuesday night at 6:00 to 8:00pm at the Hotel Monteleone

Please join your conference hosts, the NHLP staff, for a New Orleans-style street party at the Hotel Monteleone.

PLENARIES – WITH MORE TO BE ANNOUNCED!

Facts Don't Lie: Digging into Data to Strengthen Your Advocacy Around Evictions

In this plenary, multiple data researchers from different areas of the country will share the various ways they have located and accessed eviction data, analyzed that data, and used it to make various projections, estimates, and other important findings connected with evictions. Much of this work entails the use of maps and mapping software, which enables researchers to detect correlations between eviction and factors such as income level, race, and other demographic factors spatially, and which enable the researchers to powerfully demonstrate their observations and conclusions graphically.

The session will empower advocates both with inspiring new ideas for data-driven advocacy against evictions, and with important insights into the kinds of data, analysis, and mapping that is necessary to pursue those strategies.

FEES

HJN Meeting + 2-Part Training

	BY 2/18	AFTER 2/18	STUDENTS/RESIDENTS
1 attendee	\$650	\$775	\$580
2-5 attendees	\$625	\$750	\$555
6 or more attendees	\$575	\$700	\$530

HJN Meeting Only | March 18-20

1 attendee	\$525	\$625	\$450
2-5 attendees	\$500	\$600	\$425
6 or more attendees	\$475	\$575	\$400

2-Part Training Only | Online and March 18

1 attendee	\$300	\$375	\$250
2-5 attendees	\$275	\$350	\$225
6 or more attendees	\$250	\$325	\$200

Additional discounts are available for multiple attendees who come from the same organization or program. The more staff you send, the more you save!



HJN Meeting Only Registration Includes:

HJN Issues and Strategies Sessions, Monday afternoon 3:00 to 5:30
Workshops and Plenaries, Tuesday and Wednesday
HJN Mixer, Monday night
HJN Reception, Tuesday night

HJN Meeting and 2-Part Housing Training ALSO Includes:

Live online training webinar February 26, all-in-one day, plus a "listen anytime" rural housing podcast
Six-hour Interactive Advanced Training with the HJN Training Team on Monday, 8:30 to 2:30

Cancellation/Refund Policy

To qualify for a refund less a \$50 handling fee, a written cancellation must be received by NHLP not later Thursday February 28, 2019. **No refunds will be given after that date.**

Registration

Early registration and discount deadline is Monday, February 18. Register online at www.nhlp.org.

Online registration is preferred but a printable registration for those needing to register by mail is available [here](#).

Mailed forms must be postmarked by February 18 to be eligible for discounts.

Questions on your registration? Email Wendy Mahoney at wmahoney@nhlp.org



CONFERENCE HOTEL AND LODGING

Hotel Monteleone
214 Royal Street, New Orleans, LA 70130
800.217.2033 or 504.523.3341

The Hotel Monteleone is the site for the interactive federal housing training and the HJN National Meeting. The hotel is listed on the Historic Hotels of America registry and is situated at the doorway to New Orleans' famous French Quarter neighborhood. On beautiful Royal Street, home to the city's finest antique dealers and art galleries, the Hotel Monteleone is just a short block away from the vibrant night life, tourist attractions, and world famous restaurants of the French Quarter. However, before stepping out from your conference hotel to enjoy the many attractions of New Orleans, plan to stop at the world-famous Carousel Bar – perhaps to enjoy a Vieux Carre, created at the Bar in 1938.

NHLP has negotiated deeply discounted HJN room rates of \$199 per night at the Hotel Monteleone. Rate is single/double occupancy plus tax. These rates are substantially less than the going seasonal rate so, please, make your room reservations early!

If booking by phone, please reference the Housing Justice Network National Meeting to secure your discount.

Book online at [HJNMeeting](#)

PARKING

Mention at check-in that you are attending the Housing Justice Network conference to receive a discounted parking rate at the hotel garage.

Please make your reservations early! Rooms at the conference rate are limited and are available on a first-come, first-served basis through February 18, 2019. This is festival season and these rates will not be available elsewhere or after February 18 at the conference hotel.

MEET THE NHLP ADVOCATES

The National Housing Law Project's staff are the experts on federal housing law and policy, and the housing challenges intrinsically embedded in the struggles of families who face poverty and racism. Together, the NHLP attorneys possess nearly 200 years of cumulative housing law experience and specialized expertise.



Gideon Anders
Senior Staff Attorney

Expertise in rural rental housing and homeownership programs operated by the U.S. Department of Agriculture developed over five decades, primarily at the National Housing Law Project. A 2009 recipient of the Legal Aid Association of California Award of Merit.



Noelle Porter
Director of Government Affairs

A government affairs professional with expertise in housing and homelessness policy; responsible for managing relationships with Congress and the Administration, organizational policy priority development, and strategic advocacy planning and execution.



Kara Brodfuehrer
Staff Attorney

Expertise includes public housing and the Rental Assistance Demonstration (RAD) program, reasonable accommodations for people with disabilities, tenants' rights issues in California, and the Low-Income Housing Tax Credit Program.



Shamus Roller
Executive Director

A seasoned policy advocate and widely regarded housing leader. Experienced in legislative advocacy, development of innovative strategies to expand access to affordable housing, the intersection of health and housing, and homelessness programs.



Arianna Cook-Thajudeen
**Bank of America Foundation
Legal Fellow**

Expertise centered on the intersection between immigrant rights, the housing protections under the Violence Against Women Act, and the impact of nuisance and crime-free ordinances on marginalized groups of people.



Bridgett Simmons
Staff Attorney

As the David Bryson Fellow in 2017, served as editor of the 5th Edition Online Green Book. Focuses on local nuisance ordinances, subsidized housing smoking bans, housing opportunities for those reentering communities, and affordable housing preservation.



Eric Dunn
Litigation Director

Over 18 years' litigation experience, primarily with LSC-restricted legal aid programs. Areas of expertise include rental admission screening, consumer rights in housing, and due process rights for those facing eviction or termination from subsidized housing programs.



Lisa Sitkin
Senior Staff Attorney

Expertise in consumer and housing laws related to foreclosure prevention and the rights of homeowners, successors-in-interest and tenants in properties at risk of foreclosure, utilities and energy efficiency programs.



Jim Grow
Senior Staff Attorney

National expert on legal strategies and policies related to HUD housing preservation, HUD-subsidized multifamily housing, HUD troubled properties, Low Income Housing Tax Credits program, and utility and energy issues. A 2015 recipient of the Legal Aid Association of California Award of Merit.



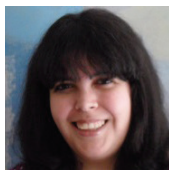
Deborah Thrope
Supervising Attorney

Special expertise includes federal housing choice vouchers and tenant mobility, public housing, PHA regionalization strategies, MTW, and access to housing for people with criminal records including fair chance to housing ordinances.



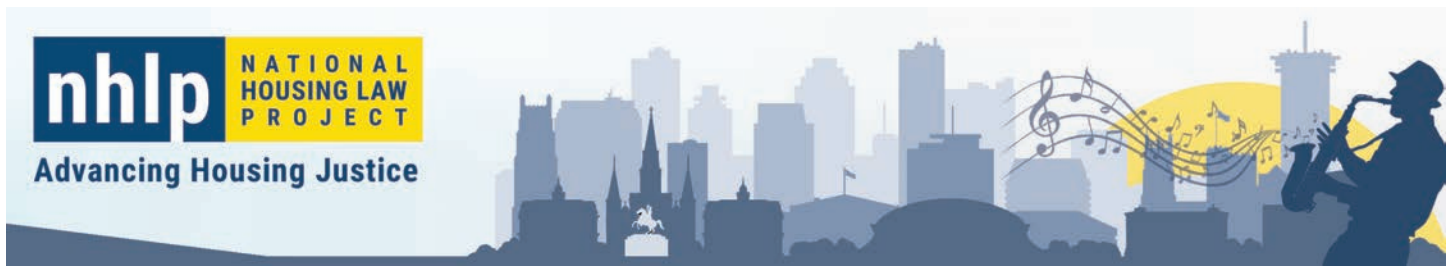
Karlo Ng
Supervising Attorney

Lead attorney for NHLP's initiatives to improve housing security for survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault and the national Protecting Immigrant Families campaign. Other expertise on fair housing law, immigrant and LEP housing rights.



Renee Williams
Staff Attorney

Expertise on fair housing issues, AFFH, housing rights of domestic violence survivors, local ordinances and access to housing, language access rights for persons with limited English proficiency.



ABOUT THE HOSTING ORGANIZATIONS

NATIONAL HOUSING LAW PROJECT (NHLP)

NHLP's exceptional leadership serves as a beacon for attorneys who serve residents of the federally assisted housing programs. NHLP has worked for over five decades to protect and preserve affordable housing and to advance the housing rights of families in need of a stable, decent home. In communities throughout the country, NHLP partners with legal services attorneys, housing advocates, and tenant leaders to improve housing access and opportunity through litigation, technical assistance, and training.

With over 200 years of housing law experience collectively, NHLP's attorneys are considered national experts in the laws and policies that govern the federal housing programs. New initiatives in recent years have expanded the scope of NHLP's expertise to intersectional housing issues including those related to domestic violence, reentry, and the housing rights of people with disabilities. In the wake of the 2008 recession, NHLP emerged as a leading advocate for low income homeowners and tenants threatened by foreclosure and injurious lending practices.

NHLP's advocacy and litigation programs are supplemented by in-depth publications and thoughtful research. NHLP released the fifth edition of its seminal work, HUD Housing Programs: Tenants' Rights at the end of 2018. The manual has served as housing attorneys' guide of choice and a critical resource supporting the field's representation of federally assisted tenants. In the policy arena, NHLP guides federal, state, and local policymakers in strategies aimed at improving our housing policies, provides influential commentary, suggests constructive changes to housing practices, and shapes ongoing developments in housing law.

THE HOUSING JUSTICE NETWORK (HJN)

NHLP created the Housing Justice Network (HJN) in 1977 to unite and mobilize housing advocates and clients across the country. Forty-two years later, HJN numbers more than 1,400 advocates, attorneys, organizers, community activists, residents, and other allies. It is a unique and energetic forum where members consult each other on legal and technical housing questions; exchange information on policy developments, regulatory trends, and litigation strategies; and coordinate advocacy.

Members have the opportunity to join issue-specific working groups—such as RAD, tax credits, and vouchers—which identify priorities, build local and national strategies, and advance housing justice for those most in need.

The HJN Meeting is open to non-members, but all registrants must meet HJN eligibility requirements by working in the public interest and on behalf of low-income residents. To apply for membership, go to www.nhlp.org/about/hjn

REGISTRATION

REGISTER ONLINE AT WWW.NHLP.ORG

mail to NHLP, 1663 Mission St. Suite 460, San Francisco, CA 94103

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PERSONAL INFORMATION

NAME		NAME ON BADGE (IF DIFFERENT)	
ORGANIZATION			
MAILING ADDRESS			
CITY		STATE	ZIP
PHONE		FAX	
EMAIL		ORGANIZATION'S WEBSITE	
Housing experience _____ years. What issues have you worked on? _____			

Is this your first HJN meeting? Yes No How many have you attended?

Do you require special arrangements? (Please attach a description.)

Access Visual Audio Vegetarian Other dietary

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Housing Justice Network (HJN) Meeting Only	\$525	\$625	\$450
Two-Part Training + HJN Meeting	\$650	\$775	\$580

Cost above is for one attendee. See page 6 for multiple discount information.

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SPECIAL EVENTS

If using a credit card, payment must be included at the time of registration. Check or money order payments may be mailed separately.

This payment covers more than one registration. I have attached a registration form for each paid attendee. My payment is based on a discount for _____ attendees.

I've enclosed a check for \$ _____ made payable to National Housing Law Project.

Please bill my Mastercard Visa for \$ _____

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NAME OF CARDHOLDER	AUTHORIZED SIGNATURE
BILLING ADDRESS (REQUIRED FOR CREDIT CARD ORDERS)	CITY STATE ZIP

Questions on your registration? Email Wendy Mahoney at wmahoney@nhlp.org

