

# Symposium on New State and Federal Protections Against LGBTQ Discrimination in Housing

Wednesday, August 20, 2014  
Legislative Office Building

## Agenda

**9:00 Welcome and Overview** – Executive Director Tanya Hughes; Deputy Director Cheryl A. Sharp and CHRO Staff.

**9:15- 9:45 LGBT 101:** An overview of the LGBT community for the audience and debunking of several misconceptions that often lead to confusion about the LGBT community and how people face discrimination based on their sexual orientation and gender identity – 25 minutes

Attorney Ashland Johnson, National Center for Lesbian Rights (NCLR)

**9:45-10:15 Housing Discrimination Against the LGBT Community:** An overview of how housing discrimination impacts the LGBT community and what discrimination looks like against LGBT people – 30 minutes

Robin McHaelen, MSW, Executive Director, True Colors, Inc.

**10:15-11:15 Introduction to HUD's Equal Access Rule and Gender Identity Discrimination as Sex Discrimination:** An overview of HUD's recently enacted equal access rule and an explanation as to how it protects against discrimination based on LGBT identity.

Attorney Ashland Johnson, NCLR

**11:15-12:00 Equal Access Rule and State Law:** A state-specific explanation of what the rule means in light of state nondiscrimination laws – 30 minutes

Attorney Alix Simonetti, Human Rights Attorney, CHRO  
Michelle Dumas Keuler, Human Rights Attorney, CHRO

**12:00 Lunch** – On your own.

**1:00-2:00 LGBT Housing Discrimination Case Studies and Discussion:**  
Introduction of scenarios involving LGBT housing discrimination and discussion of state and federal laws

Attorney Ashland Johnson, National Center for Lesbian Rights (NCLR)  
Attorney Alix Simonetti, Human Rights Attorney, CHRO  
Michelle Dumas Keuler, Human Rights Attorney, CHRO

**2:00-2:30 Local LGBT Resources:** Identification of various local organizations that provide services to the LGBTQ Community and a brief presentation from local LGBT organizations that can provide resources and materials for people engaged in this work

**2:30-3:30 Housing Discrimination and Homelessness in the Trans-Community; Best Practices: How to Comply with the New Rule for Shelter Staff, other Housing Activity and HUD Programs (Panel)**

Diana Lombardi, MSW, TransAdvocacy Coalition

Matt Morgan E.D., Journey home

Kim-Marie Mullin, Director of Education & Training, William Pitt • Julia B. Fee  
Sotheby's International Realty and National Association of Gay & Lesbian Real Estate Professionals.

**3:30 to 4:00 HUD/CHRO Complaint Processing**

Human Rights Attorney Robert Zamlowski

Human Rights Attorney Alix Simonetti

Human Rights Attorney Jody Walker-Smith