

# West Tennessee Fair Housing Celebration



**April 15, 2016  
8:30 AM – 3:30 PM  
Cecil Humphreys Law School  
University of Memphis  
One North Main, Downtown Memphis**

## **Program**

**8:00 - 8:30 AM Registration & Refreshments**

**8:30 - 9:00 AM Opening Plenary**

### **Comments and Welcome Remarks**

**Shelby County Mayor Luttrell  
Memphis Mayor Strickland  
Sernorma Mitchell, HUD Field Office Director  
Beverly Watts, Tennessee Human Rights Commission  
Donna Duarte, Tennessee Housing Development Agency**

**9:00 - 10:00 AM Plenary Session**

### **Fair Housing Issues and Challenges**

This will be an update and examination of the laws and issues, as well as providing options for people with disabilities. A presentation on specific best practices and current regulatory concerns will be delivered in this session.

**Tim Wheat, Director of Programs  
Memphis Center for Independent Living**

**10:00 - 10:15 AM Break**

**10:15 AM - 12:15 PM Plenary Session**

### **Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing**

Every public and private agency that receives Community Development Block Grant funds, FHIP or FHAP funds, Public Housing funding, HOME funds, housing counseling funds or related support from the United States Department of

Housing and Urban Development (HUD) has an obligation to “affirmatively further fair housing.” This session will focus on the new requirements for producing a quality Assessment of Fair Housing or AFH (formerly called an AI or Analysis of Impediments) and how to ensure compliance with the Fair Housing Act and HUD’s AFFH rule. Discussions will take place on strategies to develop effective collaborations in support of the statewide AFH, with the goals of increasing housing opportunities and reducing inequality.

**Zachary D. Blair, Senior Equal Opportunity Specialist  
HUD Office of Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity**

**Webb Brewer, Attorney & Founder  
Brewer & Barlow, PLC**

**M. Jean Holbert, Staff Attorney  
Memphis Area Legal Services**

**Morgan Mansa, Research Analyst  
Tennessee Housing Development Agency**

**Kent Archer, Grants Director  
TN Economic and Community Development**

**12:15 - 1:00 PM Lunch**

**1:00 - 2:15 PM Keynote Plenary**

**Stella Adams, Director of Civil Rights  
National Community Reinvestment Coalition  
(NCRC)**

NCRC is a coalition of leaders from business, government, community non-profits, media and academia working on issues affecting America’s communities. Ms. Adams’ speech will cover NCRC’s role in consumer protection, age-friendly banking standards and practices, local responsible banking ordinances, and new opportunities for policy makers and practitioners on community issues. We will also hear about the recent HUD fair lending settlement involving First Tennessee Bank and NCRC.

**2:15 PM - Closing**

**TN Human Rights Commission & HUD Update**

Hear the latest about state and federal fair housing laws, issues/complaints, best practice strategies and priorities during the last year and into the future.

**Beverly Watts, Executive Director  
TN Human Rights Commission**