

**The Tennessee Human Rights Commission
in partnership with
Equality Coalition for Housing
Opportunities**

**Present:
What You Need to Know:
Fair Housing Rights and Reasonable
Accommodations**

**Tuesday, June 22, 2021
9:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. CST**



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WEBINAR AGENDA

- 9:00 a.m.** **Welcome and Opening Remarks**
Beverly Watts-Executive Director, Tennessee Human Rights Commission
Mike Pappas- President, Equality Coalition for Housing Opportunities
Annazette Houston- Commissioner, Tennessee Human Rights Commission and ECHO Board Member
- 9:10 a.m.** **Panel Discussion with Q&A- Fair Housing, the ADA and Reasonable Accommodations**
Stephanie Brewer Cook- ADA Coordinator, City of Knoxville
Christina Magráns-Tillery- Staff Attorney, City of Knoxville
- Moderator: Joshalynd Hundley**- East Region Community Development Manager, First Horizon Bank
- 11:30 a.m.** **Closing remarks and adjournment**
Beverly Watts-Executive Director, Tennessee Human Rights Commission

PANELISTS



Stephanie Brewer Cook

ADA Coordinator, City of Knoxville

Stephanie Brewer Cook is the City of Knoxville's Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Coordinator and liaison to the Mayor's Council on Disability Issues (CODI). Since 1998, she has worked as a Policy Analyst and Disability Services Coordinator. In her daily work with City departments, she consults on proposed projects and policies with the goal of ensuring that they are accessible to and inclusive of people with disabilities and seniors as well as to ensure that they adhere to the ADA's requirements. Another important part of her job is the provision of reasonable accommodations to both members of the public and City employees.

She regularly educates architects, engineers and others in the design and construction industry about true accessibility and the purpose for it, with the goal of positively impacting the built environment. With the City's recent designation by AARP as an Age-Friendly City, she is leading the efforts to make Knoxville a truly livable community for all ages and abilities.

Mrs. Cook is formerly a member and past Chair of the Tennessee Council on Developmental Disabilities and held a position on the Board of Directors for the Epilepsy Foundation of East Tennessee for nearly fourteen years. She is the immediate past Chair of the Board of Directors for Disability Rights Tennessee and serves on the Knoxville Area Employment Consortium (KAEC) where she is a former Chair. In 2020, Mrs. Cook joined the Commission on Disability, led by the University of Tennessee, Knoxville. Mrs. Cook is a proud graduate of the University of Tennessee, Pellissippi State Technical Community College, the Tennessee Partners in Policymaking Leadership Institute, the Knoxville-Knox County CAC Leadership program and the United Way's Community Building workshop.



Christina Magráns-Tillery, ESQ.

Staff Attorney, City of Knoxville

Christina Magráns-Tillery joined the City of Knoxville in 2018 as an Assistant City Attorney. Her work focuses on legislative drafting, land use issues, property litigation, and contract drafting. She advises multiple departments and boards including the Plans Review and Building Inspections Department, the Board of Zoning Appeals, the Downtown Design Review Board, the Historic Zoning Commission, and the Office of Redevelopment. She received her J.D. from the University of Tennessee College of Law in Knoxville and her B.A. in Economics, Spanish, and Latin from Rhodes College in Memphis. During law school Ms. Magráns-Tillery was a clerk with the Legal Aid Society of Middle Tennessee and the Cumberlands in Oak Ridge, and she was a published member of the University of Tennessee's Journal of Race, Gender, and Social Justice. She also completed the training requirements to become a Rule 31 mediator, and she has served as a volunteer mediator with Community Mediation Services of Anderson County since 2012.

After law school, Ms. Magráns-Tillery served as the Pro Bono Coordinator for the Supreme Court Access to Justice Commission where she worked to help establish legal resources for low-income Tennesseans statewide. In 2014 she accepted a position as a staff attorney with Legal Aid of East Tennessee. Her work at Legal Aid focused on housing matters including discrimination under the federal Fair Housing Act, the state Human Rights Act, and the Violence Against Women Act. For her work in housing discrimination, she received the Tennessee Alliance for Legal Services New Advocate of the Year Award in 2017. Her work also led to her selection as one of the three attorney members of the Impact Litigation Team.

Between 2015 and 2018, she also served as the John L. Attorney for the Mountain View Youth Development Center in Dandridge, Tennessee where she advised the youth population on a variety of matters including civil rights, due process, and sentencing issues. She has presented on housing law many times to numerous groups including the Knoxville Community Development Corporation, the City of Knoxville, the Blount County Bar Association, the Sevier County Bar Association, the local chapter of the NAACP, the East Tennessee Law Association for Women, the Tennessee Valley Coalition for the Homeless, the Maryville Housing Authority, and more. Ms. Magráns-Tillery is a member of the Equality Coalition for Housing Opportunities (ECHO) board, a member of the Knoxville Bar Association and its Diversity Committee, and co-chair of the Barrister's Diversity Committee. She is a yoga enthusiast and currently resides in Knoxville with her husband and their four dogs.

MODERATOR



Joshalyn Hundley

East Region Community Development Manager -First Horizon Bank

Joshalyn is a member of the Community Reinvestment Act (CRA) team. Her responsibilities include Community Partnership and Engagement, Financial Empowerment and CRA regulatory alignment. Her geographical boundaries include the following markets Chattanooga, Knoxville and the Tri- Cities (Johnson City, Kingsport- Bristol). Before coming to First Horizon, she served in the Public Sector for 30 plus years, working with diverse populations, in the area of social services, community development, board development and non-profit education. Ten of those years were dedicated to overseeing compliance, diversity training and regulatory measures for the State of TN-TDOT and the City of Knoxville, TN.

Joshalyn serves her community well through Board and Committee Services, non-profits, philanthropic and civic organization. Her education speaks to her versatility:

- Lipscomb University, Nashville Tn. - Conflict Management Certification
- Masters Science Planning -College of Urban and Regional Planning emphasis; Economic and Community Development-University of Tennessee Knoxville
- Bachelors of Science – Business Organizational Management Tennessee Wesleyan College-Athens Tennessee

She lives in Knoxville, TN with her husband Dwight and they have three grown sons and nine grandchildren (our jewels).



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