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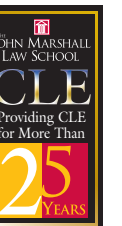
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Persons convicted of a crime are not a specific protected class under the Fair Housing Act. Sex-offense registration laws, restrictions imposed by public housing agencies and private housing providers, and background checks make it difficult for many persons convicted of a crime—even in the distant past—to find housing where they want to live. Many ex-offenders fall within classes that are otherwise protected by the Fair Housing Act. A disproportionate number of ex-offenders are African-Americans, and women are increasingly being caught up in the criminal justice system. Many offenders have physical or mental limitations that may fall within the handicap provisions of the Fair Housing Act. Is the denial of housing an intentional act of discrimination or can advocates show that the impact of restrictions on ex-offenders limits the ability of protected classes to obtain housing? These issues will be addressed in the conference.

Professor Janine Geske of the Marquette University Law School has been a pioneer in the restorative justice movement and she will discuss the impact of a restorative justice approach to crime. Professor George Lipsitz of the University of California Santa Barbara will discuss the relationship between race and crime. Experienced litigators and government officials will discuss the fair housing implications of restrictions on ex-offenders in obtaining housing. A separate panel will look at the innovative ways some municipalities are confronting these problems. On Saturday, experts will look at two related areas of housing discrimination: the problem of domestic abuse and restrictions on illegal aliens.

## Program Agenda: Friday, August 26, 2011

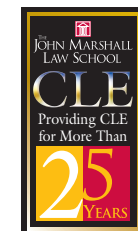
- 8:45 a.m. **Welcome**
- 9 a.m. **Restorative Justice and Housing Ex-Offenders**  
 Hon. Janine P. Geske, *Distinguished Professor of Law, Marquette University Law School; Wisconsin Supreme Court Justice (ret.)*  
**Moderator: Michael P. Seng, Co-Executive Director, The John Marshall Law School Fair Housing Legal Support Center and Clinic**  
 Hon. Sheila M. Murphy, *Presiding Judge, Cook County Circuit Court (ret.)*  
 Hon. Joan B. Gottschall, *Judge, U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Illinois*  
 Thomas J. Dart, *Sheriff, Cook County, Illinois*
- 10:45 a.m. **Break**
- 11 a.m. **The Problems Encountered by Ex-Offenders in Obtaining Housing—the Relationship between Crime, Race, and National Origin**  
 George Lipsitz, *Professor, Department of Black Studies, University of California, Santa Barbara*  
**Moderator: F. Willis Caruso, Co-Executive Director, The John Marshall Law School Fair Housing Legal Support Center and Clinic**  
 Gregory D. Squires, *Professor, George Washington University*  
 Randolph N. Stone, *Clinical Professor, University of Chicago Law School*  
 Janet L. Smith, *Associate Professor and Co-Director, Nathalie P. Voorhees Center for Neighborhood and Community Improvement, University of Illinois at Chicago*

Friday, August 26 (continued)

- 12:30 p.m. **Lunch**
- 1:30 p.m. **Establishing Discrimination Against Ex-Offenders Under Existing Protected Classes—Intentional Discrimination or Disparate Impact**  
**Moderator: Robert G. Schwemm, Ashland-Spears Professor of Law, University of Kentucky**  
 Christopher Brancart, Esq., *Brancart & Brancart*  
 John P. Relman, *Managing Partner, Relman Dane & Colfax PLLC*  
 Sara K. Pratt, *Deputy Assistant Secretary for Enforcement & Programs, U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, FHEO*  
 Steven H. Rosenbaum, *Section Chief Housing & Civil Enforcement Civil Rights Division, U.S. Department of Justice (invited)*
- 3:15 p.m. **Break**
- 3:30 p.m. **Ex-Offenders as a New Protected Class—Mobilizing for Action**  
**Moderator: Sara Joan Bales, Deputy Commissioner, Chicago Commission on Human Relations**  
 Eric M. Kestin, *Investigator, Madison, Wisconsin Human Rights Commission*  
 Mark Alber, *Chair, Champaign, Illinois Human Relations Commission (invited)*  
 Brenda Anibarro, *Policy Analyst, Seattle Office for Civil Rights*  
 Meredith Desautels, *Skadden Fellow, Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights of the San Francisco Bay Area*  
 Marie Claire Tran-Leung, *Staff Attorney, Sargent Shriver National Center on Poverty Law*
- 5 p.m. **Reception**

## Saturday, August 27, 2011

- 9 a.m. **Persons Under Protective Orders, Battered Women, and Women Ex-Offenders and Access to Housing**  
**Moderator: Allison K. Bethel, Clinical Director, The John Marshall Law School Fair Housing Legal Clinic**  
 Debra P. Stark, *Professor, The John Marshall Law School*  
 Kate Walz, *Staff Attorney, Sargent Shriver National Center on Poverty Law*  
 Meredith Desautels  
 Catherine McKee, Esq., *Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights of the San Francisco Bay Area*
- 10:45 a.m. **Break**
- 11 a.m. **Illegal Immigrants and National Origin Discrimination in Housing**  
**Moderator: J. Damian Ortiz, Clinical Professor, The John Marshall Law School Fair Housing Legal Clinic**  
 Christopher Brancart  
 Sara K. Pratt  
 Steven H. Rosenbaum
- 12:30 p.m. **Discussion and Concluding Remarks**
- 1 p.m. **Adjournment**



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## Registration Form The Disconnect between Crime and Discrimination in Housing Friday and Saturday, August 26–27, 2011

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