

Agenda

Time	Event	Presenter
9:00 AM	Welcome	James Perry , GNOFHAC Executive Director
09:15 AM	Opening Remarks. Having played a central role in the national struggle for civil rights for decades, Barbara Arnwine will contrast the movement's successes with the battles yet to be fought. Arnwine will energetically charge attendees to take bold steps to further the causes of fair housing and civil rights.	Barbara R. Arnwine , President & Executive Director of the Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights Under Law
10:15 AM	Morning Plenary: Assessing the Impact of 20 Years of Fair Housing in New Orleans. 2015 marks the Greater New Orleans Fair Housing Action Center's 20th anniversary. Current and previous organizational leaders will reflect on the successes, pitfalls, and overall impact of the organization over the last two decades.	Jeffrey May , Former GNOFHAC Executive Director; James Perry , Current GNOFHAC Executive Director; and Stacy Seicshnaydre , Founding GNOFHAC Executive Director Moderator: Kate Scott , Current Assistant Director
11:30 AM -12:30 PM	Lunch and Mondale-Brooke Awards Ceremony. GNOFHAC honors the 2015 recipients of the Mondale-Brooke Award for Fair Housing Leadership and Civic Participation. Awarded to individuals who have distinguished themselves through leadership as a champion of civil rights and housing equity. The award is named in honor of Senators Walter Mondale and Edward Brooke, who championed the Fair Housing Act in April of 1968.	Presenters: Tracy Lea , GNOFHAC Board Chair, Monika Gerhart , GNOFHAC Policy Director
12:30 PM	Keynote Address. Beginning with his pivotal role in the Civil Rights Movement, Julian Bond - an expert on diversity in the law - has always been on the cutting edge of social change and leadership. Legendary as the first black US vice presidential nominee and former Chairman of the NAACP, Bond continues to deliver a powerful message of equality, freedom, and justice with a renewed sense of relevance. One of the founders of the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee, he organized voting drives and sit-ins. An elected member of the Georgia House of Representatives, Bond was denied his seat by legislators until the intervention of the United States Supreme Court. As a first-hand eyewitness to many watershed moments of the Civil Rights Movement, Bond will speak on the centuries-long struggle of African-Americans for equality, the fight for fair housing, and civil rights moving into the future.	Julian Bond , Acclaimed Civil Rights Leader
1:45 PM	Break	

AGENDA CONTINUED

2:00 PM	Looking Forward: The Future of Fair Housing in Louisiana Concurrent Afternoon Workshops	
2:00 PM	<p>Fair Housing Enforcement: Evolving Issues in Fair Housing Law. This presentation is geared toward the attorney-advocate and has three focuses: 1) the ethical considerations of envelope-pushing advocacy in the fair housing arena, 2) advocating for LGBT persons in housing under current law and otherwise; and 3) advocating for victims of domestic violence in housing under current law and otherwise. The CLE is designed to give legal practitioners the tools to identify and advocate for LGBT individuals and domestic violence victims in the housing context.</p> <p><i>Approved for 1.50 hours of CLE credit, including 1.00 hour of ethics credit.</i></p>	<p>Aurora Bryant, GNOFHAC Staff Attorney; Elizabeth Owen, GNOFHAC Legal Director; and Peter Theis, GNOFHAC Senior Staff Attorney</p>
2:00 PM	<p>Education: Train the Trainer. A workshop for educators, parents, and activists about how to lead effective fair housing workshops and facilitate meaningful dialogue regarding discrimination with young people.</p>	<p>Sophie Rosen, GNOFHAC Education and Outreach Director; and Rowan Shafer, Educator at Morris Jeff Community School and Co-creator of the <i>Fair Housing Five Workshops</i></p>
2:00 PM	<p>Policy: Understanding Barriers to and Pursuing Fair Housing Protections for Survivors of Domestic Violence and LGBT People in Louisiana. During this session, attendees will hear from a panel of local practitioners serving survivors of domestic violence and LGBT individuals & families about the difficulties their clients face in securing a safe place to call home. GNOFHAC's Policy Department will also launch an exciting new initiative that will make it easy for supporters across the State to act in support of important fair housing protections that the organization is fighting for.</p>	<p>Misty Frye, Program Coordinator, New Orleans Family Justice Center; Monika Gerhart, GNOFHAC Policy Director; Deon Haywood, Executive Director, Women with a Vision, Inc.; and David Munroe, Board Chair, In This Together and GNOFHAC Board Member</p>
2:00 PM	<p>Homeownership Protection: Predatory Lending, Loan Scams, and the Impact of the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau. During this session, GNOFHAC will release a new white paper regarding the problems of predatory lending, lending discrimination and mortgage modification scams in the greater New Orleans area and the devastating impact of these practices on Louisiana homeowners. Panel participants will also discuss new efforts to protect borrowers from predatory lending practices including new federal government rules and regulations and investigations of loan modification scam operators.</p>	<p>Allison Brown, Deputy Assistant Director for Servicing within the Office of Supervision Policy at the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau in Washington, DC.; Linda Mullenbach, Senior Special Counsel for the Fair Housing & Community Development Project at the Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights Under Law; and Seth Weingart, GNOFHAC Homeownership Protection Supervisor</p>
3:30 PM	End	