

Mass. Law Reform Institute and Mass. Continuing Legal Education present

# **ACCESSING AFFORDABLE HOUSING: REPRESENTING LOW-INCOME CLIENTS EFFECTIVELY**

**Wednesday, December 9, 2009, 9:30 – 4:00  
at MCLE, 10 Winter Place, Boston (Downtown Crossing)**

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## **Why attend?**

Low-income housing is a scarce commodity in Massachusetts, and locating affordable housing is an activity that requires a combination of awareness, skill and perseverance. This training is for advocates working with low-income and homeless clients and focuses primarily on the rules and regulations governing access to public and subsidized housing programs. The training examines issues that advocates need to understand when helping poor individuals and families find housing. Using a combination of lecture, case study and small group discussion, the faculty introduces participants to every stage of the subsidized housing application process.

## **You will learn...**

- ▶ How to identify the various housing programs administered by federal and state agencies
- ▶ The ins and outs of the application process
- ▶ What the common barriers are to accessing and utilizing housing programs
- ▶ Strategies to overcome barriers
- ▶ How to assist clients with special needs, including those with disabilities and non-citizens

## **Agenda**

- ▶ Recognizing Different Types of Subsidized Housing
- ▶ The Application Process
- ▶ Eligibility and Preferences
- ▶ Clients with Particular Needs
- ▶ Barriers to Access
- ▶ Reasonable Accommodations for People with Disabilities
- ▶ Special panel on emerging issues for working with homeless clients

## **Materials include...**

*Legal Tactics: Finding Public and Subsidized Housing* – Newly revised 2009 edition

## **Faculty**

Amy E. Copperman, Esq., Chair, Massachusetts Law Reform Institute ▪ Grace Carmark, Central Massachusetts Housing Alliance ▪ Renay Frankel, Esq., Committee for Public Counsel Services ▪ Ashley Mann, HomeStart, Inc. ▪ Jessica May, Greater Boston Legal Services ▪ Gerry McCafferty, Esq., City of Springfield ▪ Mac McCreight, Esq., Greater Boston Legal Services ▪ Ellen Shachter, Esq., Cambridge and Somerville Legal Services ▪ Kelly Turley, Massachusetts Coalition for the Homeless

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- Tuition for Legal Services Staff, Social Services/Health Services/Community and Non-Lawyer Advocates: \$25
  - Tuition for All Others: \$95

**For details and registration information, go to the [MCLE website](#)\***

This training is one in a series of 11 trainings at MCLE in Boston for legal, social and health services, and community advocates who assist low- and moderate-income individuals and families.

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