

**New Community Opportunities Center Presents...**  
*Effective Partnerships to Increase Accessible,  
Affordable, Integrated Housing*

**Part II: Forging Legal Alliances to Ensure Fair  
Housing Enforcement**

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# CILs and Attorneys

Question: Does your CIL have attorneys on staff?

\_\_\_\_\_ yes                      \_\_\_\_\_ no, but wish we did

\_\_\_\_\_ no, but happy we don't

# CILs and Attorneys

Question: Has your CIL ever worked with attorneys?

\_\_\_\_\_ yes      \_\_\_\_\_ no      \_\_\_\_\_ have no clue

# Ways Lawyers Can Help

Question:

How can lawyers help your CIL?

# Ways Lawyers Can Help, cont'd.

Question: How can lawyers help your CIL?

- a) Legislative advocacy
- b) Public policy work
- c) To grimace at your bad lawyer jokes
- d) Educate consumers about the law
- e) Create self-help forms
- f) Sue bad guys/girls
- g) Research the law
- h) There's no need for them. The ADA solved all our problems.

# Recruiting Attorneys

Question:

Where do you find attorneys to work with?

# Recruiting Attorneys, cont'd.

Question: Where do you find attorneys to work with?

- a) Public interest organizations
- b) Law firms
- c) Chasing ambulances
- d) Law schools
- e) Bar associations
- f) Highway billboards

# Managing the Relationship with Lawyers



Question:

How do you initiate positive relationships with lawyers?



# Managing the Relationship with Lawyers, cont'd.



Question: How do you initiate positive relationships with lawyers?

- a) Forget it, it is not possible – lawyers are too stuffy, dull, and full of themselves
- b) Be clear, concise, and specific about what you need
- c) Do background work before making contact with lawyer to demonstrate need and the issue's importance

# Managing the Relationship with Lawyers, cont'd. 2



Question:

After relationship is established, what should CILs do?

# Managing the Relationship with Lawyers, cont'd. 3



Question: After relationship is established, what should CILs do?

- a) A happy dance
- b) Educate lawyer about independent living philosophy
- c) Insist that lawyer work "with" the CIL rather than "for" the CIL
- d) Take the lawyer to lunch

# Questions??

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# Conflicts Check

Lawyers sometimes cannot handle matters due to conflicts.

Question: What does this mean?

# Challenges

Question:

What are the challenges of adding a legal component to the CIL's work?

## Challenges, cont'd.

Question: What are the challenges of adding a legal component to the CIL's work?

- a) Funding
- b) Deciding the focus for legal work
- c) Maintaining the focus
- d) It is not like on TV
- e) Patience

# Challenges, cont'd. 2

Question:

How can a CIL fund legal work?



## Challenges, cont'd. 3

Question: How can a CIL fund legal work?

- a) Grants
- b) Financial support from law firms
- c) Winning cases (attorneys' fees)
- d) Bake sale
- e) Fellowships

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