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
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.

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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?
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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
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?
Question:
What are the challenges of adding a legal component to the CIL’s work?
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a) Funding
b) Deciding the focus for legal work
c) Maintaining the focus
d) It is not like on TV
e) Patience
Question:
How can a CIL fund legal work?
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a) Grants
b) Financial support from law firms
c) Winning cases (attorneys’ fees)
d) Bake sale
e) Fellowships
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