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Planning Federation Hosts Educational Session regarding Fair Housing

POMONA – The Rockland Municipal Planning Federation and the Rockland Independent Living Center are co-sponsoring an educational session on Tuesday, September 27, 2012, regarding Fair Housing. The session, which will be presented by Scott P. Moore, Esq, will take place from 7 to 9:30 pm at the Orangetown Town Hall, New Courtroom. The session is free of charge and open to the public; however, pre-registration is requested.

Mr. Moore is Special Legal Counsel to and an instructor for the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's *Fair Housing Accessibility FIRST* Program. During the session, he will discuss the Fair Housing Laws impacting governmental agencies, discrimination claims common to governmental agencies (such as Common Interference Claims and Reasonable Accommodation Claims), and the False Claims Act. A question and answer period will be provided at the end of the presentation for participants to get answers to their questions.

Recognized as a national expert in fair housing law and litigation, Mr. Moore represents clients in all fair housing and public accommodation matters. He is also a former senior trial attorney with the Housing and Civil Enforcement Section of the U.S. Department of Justice. While at the Justice Department, Mr. Moore served as lead counsel on some of the largest pattern or practice cases brought by the United States under the Fair Housing Act. Scott Moore is named in The Best Lawyers in America 2011 and listed in the 2011 Great Plains Super Lawyers.

Fair Housing Accessibility FIRST promotes compliance with the Fair Housing Act design and construction requirements. The program offers comprehensive, detailed instruction programs, online resources and a toll-free information line for technical guidance and support.

The educational session is geared toward municipal Planning and Zoning Board of Appeals members, elected officials, building inspectors, code enforcement officers, architectural board members, architects, building department staff, engineers, environmentalists, property developers and managers, real estate professionals, planners and attorneys involved in land use law. Registration is free; however, the course will provide two hours of Continuing Legal Education Credits (NY). Therefore, a handling fee of \$20 will be charged for anyone wishing to earn the CLE credits. AICP professionals may earn 2.5 hours of CEU credits, and attendees will also be eligible to receive two hours of credit toward the required annual training hours for municipal Planning and Zoning Board members.

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The Rockland Municipal Planning Federation is comprised of Town and Village Board, Planning Board and Zoning Board of Appeals members, plus members of the Rockland County Planning Board and the Rockland County Department of Planning. The staff, attorneys, consultants and building inspectors for the boards and land use professionals such as planners, surveyors, architects, and engineers are also members. Any individual interested in the purposes of the Federation may become an Associate Member.

The Federation serves a number of purposes, including creating and maintaining a forum to discuss common land use planning and regulation, zoning and related issues. The Federation also offers education and training in planning and zoning methods and land use issues, as well as certification for municipal planning and zoning board members.

To register for the Rockland Municipal Planning Federation's September 27th Educational Session, please call Arlene Miller at 845-364-3448, or send an e-mail to millera@co.rockland.ny.us.

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