



Andrew Freeman, President, BRHP; Attorney, Brown Goldstein & Levy

Andrew Freeman worked with Brown Goldstein & Levy as co-counsel on *Thompson v. HUD*. Since then, he has continued to support other discrimination cases as partner at his firm. Notably, he worked on the precedent-setting fair housing cases of *Fenwick-Schafer v. Winchester Homes, Inc.* (1994) and *Baltimore Neighborhood, Inc. v. Leonard Stulman Enterprises, L.P.* (1997).



Joshua Civil, Vice President, BRHP; General Counsel, Montgomery County Public Schools

Joshua Civil is the general counsel for Montgomery County Public Schools in Maryland, where he leads policy development for the school system. Throughout his legal career, he has served as counsel in several Supreme Court cases. As an advocate for anti-discrimination policies, he often speaks across the country on the issue. Joshua is affiliated with Montgomery County Public Schools, NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund, Yale University, Yale Law School and the University of Oxford.



Bert Hash, Jr., Co-Treasurer, BRHP; Former President/CEO, Municipal Employees Credit Union of Baltimore

Prior to his retirement, Bert Hash served as president and CEO of the Municipal Employees Credit Union of Baltimore (MECU). Since then, he has remained a steady supporter and creator of programs and endowments focused on scholarship in business, science and other fields. Bert is a member of the Board of Trustees with the Maryland Affordable Housing Trust and serves as chairman of the Industrial Development Authority of Baltimore City.



Trent Williams, Co-Treasurer, BRHP; President, Global Recruiters of Columbia

Trent Williams is the president of Global Recruiters of Columbia, where he manages business development and focuses on creating an organizational culture of fairness and opportunity. He is affiliated with the Living Classrooms Foundation, United Way of Central Maryland, Bank of America, Wells Fargo, Harbor Bank of Maryland and University of Virginia.



Ryan Downer, Secretary, BRHP; Supervising Attorney, Civil Rights Corps

As an attorney at the Civil Rights Corps, Ryan Downer engages in advocacy and public education and specializes in innovative, systemic civil rights litigation with the goal of challenging systemic injustice in the American legal system. Ryan's work focuses on fair housing, employment and public accommodations matters. Prior to joining Civil Rights Corps, he worked for over a decade litigating civil rights cases at both Relman, Dane & Colfax and the NAACP Legal Defense Fund. Ryan is affiliated with the Arlie Civil Rights Training Conference, the National Fair Housing Alliance Annual Conference, Harvard Law School, Harvard College, the University of Pennsylvania Law School, New York University, New York University Law Review and the Juvenile Defender Clinic.

Iris Bradford, Participant, Baltimore Housing Mobility Program (Baltimore County)

Iris Bradford is a Baltimore Housing Mobility Program participant and active member of her community. Her volunteerism efforts include supporting the ACLU with fair housing initiatives, serving as president of the tenant council at Somerset Homes in Baltimore, and advocating for the homeless. Iris is also the recipient of funding from the Associated Black Charities and Annie E. Casey Foundation to manage afterschool and summer camp programs at Somerset Homes.



Robert Embry, Jr., President, Abell Foundation

As president of the Abell Foundation, Robert Embry focuses on improving the quality of life for underserved communities in Maryland, with a particular focus on Baltimore. Robert gathers support for programs seeking to improve education, workforce development, health and human services, community development and the environment. He is affiliated with the School Commissioners for Baltimore City, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, the Department of Housing and Community Development for Baltimore City, Baltimore City College, Williams College and Harvard Law School.



Matthew Hill, Attorney, Public Justice Center

As an attorney at the Public Justice Center, Matthew Hill supports fair housing projects and legislation. At the center, he leads the Human Right to Housing Project, an initiative that supports fair and equal housing, tenants' rights and the formation of respectful and lawful landlord-tenant relationships. Matthew is affiliated with Loyola College, American University Washington College of Law, American University's Community and Economic Development Law Clinic and Maryland Legal Aid Bureau.



Kathleen Koch, Executive Director, Arundel Community Development Services

Kathleen Koch is a leader and manager of housing and community development initiatives in Anne Arundel County in Maryland. She is an advocate for anti-discriminatory housing policy and fair housing and zoning. As executive director of Arundel Community Development Services, Inc., she focuses on revitalizing the county's low-income neighborhoods and promoting initiatives that support homeownership, housing rehabilitation programs, and the preservation and increase of available affordable housing units. Kathleen is affiliated with the Boys and Girls Clubs of Annapolis and Anne Arundel County, the Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development and the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.



Michael Oppenheimer, Training Director and Assistant Federal Public Defender, Office of the Federal Public Defender for the District of Maryland

Michael Oppenheimer is the training director and assistant federal public defender in the Office of the Federal Public Defender for the District of Maryland, where he works to rectify historical injustices based on race and socioeconomic status and promotes equality. He also examines inequalities and how they affect the public, and elevates the voices of underserved communities. Prior to joining the Federal Public Defender, he was a team leader and supervising attorney in the Criminal Defense Practice at the Bronx Defenders. Michael is affiliated with Georgetown Law and City University of New York School of Law.



Anne Perkins, Former *Thompson v HUD* Special Master

Anne Perkins is a social justice advocate with several years of work in Baltimore City and the global community. During *Thompson v. HUD*, she worked as a special master overseeing the implementation of the Partial Consent Decree. Anne also served Baltimore's 44th legislative district in the Maryland House of Delegates from 1979 to 1992. Her work internationally includes teaching and directing English as a Second Language programs in China and consulting for the National Democratic Institute for International Affairs in southern Africa and Liberia. Anne is a member of the Baltimore Arts Commission and serves on the board of the Baltimore Curriculum Project and Maryland Institute College of Arts.



Barbara Samuels, Managing Attorney, Fair Housing, ACLU of Maryland

Barbara Samuels worked as lead counsel on *Thompson v. HUD* with the Maryland branch of the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU). Throughout her career she has worked on cases challenging discriminatory government housing policies. Barbara is affiliated with the NAACP, Maryland Legal Services Corporation and Legal Aid Bureau. She currently works as managing attorney of the ACLU of Maryland's housing program.

Zelda Talley, Participant, Baltimore Housing Mobility Program (Howard County)

Zelda Talley is a Baltimore Housing Mobility Program participant and active member of her community. Her volunteerism efforts include working with and donating to causes of the homeless and at-risk-youth populations at local organizations like My Sister's Place and Bernadette's House. She is also vice president of the PTA at her son's school. Zelda began her professional career in healthcare and currently works in her field of passion, human services. She is the proud mother of three children, with a daughter in her first year of college. Zelda is a graduate of Anne Arundel Community College.

Bill Tamburrino, Former Director, Baltimore Public Housing Hub at the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development

Bill Tamburrino is a former director of the Baltimore Public Housing Hub at the U.S. Housing and Urban Development. He is affiliated with Johns Hopkins and the University of Pennsylvania.



Philip Tegeler, Executive Director, Poverty & Race Research Action Council

In his position of executive director of the Poverty & Race Research Action Council, Philip Tegeler focuses on research-based advocacy strategies, addressing structural inequality and the disruption of the systematic oppression of low-income people of color. He has published several journals on federal housing policy, segregated housing and institutional reform. Philip is affiliated with Mobility Works, HuffPost news, Building One America, the Connecticut branch of ACLU, University of Connecticut Law School, New York's Metropolitan Action Institute and Columbia Law School.



Margaret E. Williams, Executive Director, Maryland Family Network

Margaret Williams is the executive director of the Maryland Family Network, where she advocates for policies and initiatives that support education, childcare and families. For over 27 years, she has led the development of the state-sanctioned plan in Maryland to create a system of services for young children and their families, including high quality child care, parenting education, connection to adult education, job training, mental health and medical care and more. She is an expert in gaining support from private and public child care providers, parents and the greater community for legislation focused on eliminating barriers to education for children from low-income families. Margaret also served as executive director of Friends of the Family, Inc. for 17 years. She is affiliated with the Alliance of Statewide Family Resource and Support Networks and Connecticut College.