

Baltimore Regional Housing Partnership Board of Directors



Joshua Civin, President and Chair, BRHP; Chief Legal Counsel, Baltimore City Public Schools

Joshua Civin is the chief legal counsel for Baltimore City Public Schools in Maryland, where he provides legal advice counsel, and litigation defense 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.



Margaret E. Williams, Vice Chair, BRHP; Advocate, Maryland Family Network

Margaret Williams is a former executive director and current advocate for the Maryland Family Network. She advocates for policies and initiatives that support education, childcare, and families. For over 27 years, she 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 childcare, parenting education, connection to adult education, job training, mental health, medical care, and more. She is an expert in gaining support from private and public childcare 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.



Trent Williams, 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.



Michael Oppenheimer, Secretary, BRHP; Attorney Advisor, Training Division, Defender Services Office, Thurgood Marshall Federal Judiciary Building

(Bio pending)



Abhijeet Bhutra, Senior Investment Advisor, PNC Institutional Asset Management

Abhijeet Bhutra is a senior investment advisor for PNC Institutional Asset Management. He coordinates the delivery of investment solutions for charitable organizations, endowments, foundations, and defined benefit plans. His key responsibilities include maintaining strong relationships with clients by providing thought leadership, managing portfolios in accordance with the client's investment objectives, and supporting the development of new business relationships. Prior to PNC, Abhijeet was at J.P. Morgan Asset

Management for 11 years where he served as a senior member of the Chief Investment Officer (CIO) team managing multi-asset discretionary portfolios for ultra-high-net-worth clients.



Cheryl Boyer, Director of Diversity Services, Berkshire Associates

Cheryl Boyer is currently the director of diversity services for Berkshire Associates, a human resource consulting firm headquartered in Columbia, Maryland. She brings over 25 years of HR experience to Berkshire's Leadership Team, providing valuable strategic direction to the company on solving client's business issues as they relate to Diversity, Equity and Inclusion. Prior to joining Berkshire, Cheryl was Vice President of Human Resources for LifeBridge Health, a regional health care system.



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.



Tom Coale, Attorney, Talkin & Oh, LLP

Tom Coale is an attorney with the law firm of Talkin & Oh, LLP. His practice concentrates on government relations, land use, and zoning. Most recently, Tom has been hired as General Counsel for the Save Our Sun campaign, which is focused on bringing local ownership to The Baltimore Sun. Tom is heavily involved in the community and has served on numerous nonprofit and government boards and commissions, including the Howard County Charter Review Commission, the Ellicott City Master Plan Committee and the Maryland Comptroller's "Reform on Tap" Task Force. Tom currently serves on the Board of Trustees for the Maryland Science Center and the Steering Committee for the Howard County Housing Affordability Coalition.



Ryan Downer, 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.



Andrew Freeman, 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).



Bert Hash, Jr., President/CEO (Retired), 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.



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.



Dr. Kris Marsh, Associate Professor of Sociology, University of Maryland, College Park

Dr. Kris Marsh is an Associate Professor of Sociology at the University of Maryland, College Park. She received her PhD from the University of Southern California in 2005. She was a Postdoctoral Scholar at the Carolina Population Center at the University of North Carolina before joining the faculty of Maryland where she has been tenured since 2014. Dr. Marsh's general areas of expertise are the Black middle class, demography, racial residential segregation, and education. She has combined these interests to develop a research agenda that is divided into two broad areas: avenues into the Black middle class and consequences of being in the Black middle class.



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.



Monica Rhodes, Director of Resource Management, National Park Foundation

Monica Rhodes is the director of resource management at the National Park Foundation. In this role, Rhodes oversees facility and construction grant making to the National Park Service and leads efforts to develop strategies for African American and Latinx engagement. Prior to her role at NPF, Rhodes was the founding director of the National Trust's HOPE (Hands - On Preservation Experience) Crew, which was created to expand the preservation movement to a younger, more diverse audience.



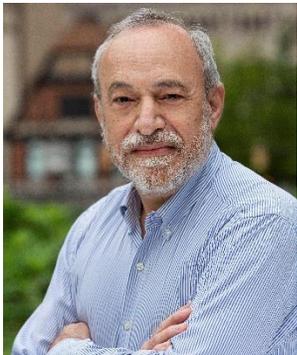
Barbara Samuels, Managing Attorney (Retired), Fair Housing, ACLU of Maryland, Fair Housing Advocate

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 retired as the managing attorney of the ACLU of Maryland's housing program.



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

Zelda Tally 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, Director (Retired), Baltimore Office of Public Housing, U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development

Bill Tamburrino is a former director of the Baltimore Office of Public Housing 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.



Dr. Rachel Thornton, Associate Professor, Johns Hopkins School of Medicine

Rachel J. Thornton, MD, PhD is Associate Professor at Johns Hopkins School of Medicine, and Executive Director for Clinical Services for Johns Hopkins Medicine Office of Population Health where she oversees the design and execution of models of care and deployment of clinical resources to optimize population health management and support community health. She has extensive expertise in cross sector collaboration and continues to see practice primary care pediatrics. She is an expert in health equity and health disparities research and the impacts of non-health sector policies on child health and family well-being.