

Richard Mabbutt has served as the Executive Director of the Intermountain Fair Housing Council for 15 years. In this position, he has conducted Fair Housing workshops for thousands of housing providers and consumers. He has also been responsible for hundreds of fair housing enforcement actions with HUD's administrative process or litigation in the federal court system.

Gary Shook has been a full time realtor since 2006. He has been successful and in the top 5% of agents three out of the five years he has been selling property. He has dealt with foreclosures on a regular basis. He keeps up to date with foreclosure laws and procedures. He is also involved in the lending and mortgage part of the business. He has been involved with many commercial and investment transactions. Before real estate, he was a business owner and operator. Gary says he is a family man and enjoys seeing families together in homes making life enjoyable. He works hard to help families acquire a place where they can make good memories, a place to call "home."

Zoe Ann Olson has been an attorney with Idaho Legal Aid Services, Inc., for thirteen years. She is currently the Fair Lending Project Director and the State Housing Law Chair for Idaho Legal Aid. Ms. Olson has also practiced in the areas of senior, family, and consumer law. She conducts fair lending and fair housing, manufactured housing and landlord/tenant law trainings throughout Idaho. She graduated from Seattle University School of Law, received her Master's degree in Public Administration from Seattle University, and her Bachelor of Arts from the University of Washington. Ms. Olson has also received training in mediation at Seattle University and Boise State University, fair housing training through John Marshall and Seattle University of Schools of Law.

Karen McCarthy graduated from Ohio Wesleyan University in 1977, and the University of Idaho College of Law in 1985. She has been employed as a staff attorney with the Twin Falls office of Idaho Legal Aid Services since 1985. She handles landlord/tenant cases and fair housing complaints. Her primary focus is currently in the family law area, representing victims of domestic violence

and sexual assault. She has served as a tester for Intermountain Fair Housing Counsel and has presented continuing education programs on landlord/tenant and fair housing issues with the Intermountain Fair Housing Council through the College of Southern Idaho Small Business Office.

Michael McCarthy graduated with a B.A. from Western State University in 1980. He received his law degree from the University of Idaho in 1985. He has been employed by Idaho Legal Aid Services in their Twin Falls office since 1985. He became managing attorney in 1988. While working part time at Idaho Legal Aid currently, he also maintains a small private practice, doing primarily social security cases. At Idaho Legal Aid Mike handles senior issues, social security issues, landlord/tenant cases, Medicaid matters, foreclosure defense matters as well as serving as managing attorney for the Twin Falls office.

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AGENDA

Registration: 8:00 a.m. to 8:30 a.m.

Welcome: Karen C. McCarthy, Idaho Legal
Aid Services 8:35 a.m. to 8:40 a.m.

Intro: Syrena Hargrove and Amy Howe, Assistant
United States Attorneys
for Idaho 8:40 a.m. to 8:55 a.m.

MORNING SESSION

Fair Housing Basics:

Speakers:
Syrena Hargrove and Amy Howe, Assistant United
States Attorneys for Idaho
9:00 a.m. to 10:15 a.m.

Break (15 minutes)

Continuation of Fair Housing Basics:

Speakers:
Richard Mabbutt, Director, Intermountain Fair
Housing Council
Karen McCarthy, ILAS Attorney
10:30 to 12:00 p.m.

12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m.

BREAK FOR LUNCH ON YOUR OWN

AFTERNOON SESSION

Session A:
**Fair Lending, Foreclosures & Protecting Tenants
Against Foreclosure Act**
Speakers: Mike McCarthy, ILAS Attorney
Gary Shook, Realtor 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Session B:

Advanced Fair Housing/Support Animals/Reasonable Accommodations

Speaker:
Richard Mabbutt, Director, Intermountain Fair
Housing Council
1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

LATE AFTERNOON SESSION

Session A:

Building Capacity to Address Fair Housing Issues
Speakers:
Richard Mabbutt, Director, Intermountain Fair
Housing Council
Karen McCarthy and Mike McCarthy, ILAS
Attorneys
3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Session B:

**Refugee Travel Loans: How to Request a Write-
Off or a Deferral**
Speaker:
Zoe Ann Olson, ILAS Attorney
3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

BIOGRAPHIES OF SPEAKERS

Amy Howe has been an Assistant United States Attorney for the District of Idaho since 1998. She is in charge of the Financial Litigation Unit (FLU) and Affirmative Civil Enforcement. The Financial Litigation Unit collects civil penalties for violations of regulations involving, among other things, controlled substances, environmental protection, and aviation safety. The unit also collects criminal fines, assessments, and restitution, as well as civil debts for defaulted student loans and defaulted federally-financed mortgages. Ms. Howe is a two-time recipient of the National Crime Victims Award presented by the Attorney General. As Affirmative Civil Enforcement coordinator, Ms. Howe handles cases where the United States is a plaintiff seeking to recover money obtained through program fraud. The money collected goes back to agencies such as Medicare, Social Security, and the Small Business Administration. Ms. Howe also handles wildfire and other litigation where private parties have caused damage to federally owned property. Since January 2011, Ms. Howe has developed the office's civil rights program, enforcing compliance with anti discrimination laws. Prior to coming to the United States Attorney's office, Ms. Howe was a referee for the Idaho Industrial Commission, presiding over workers' compensation cases.

Syrena Case Hargrove is the Appellate and Civil Chief for the United States Attorney's Office for the District of Idaho. She graduated with distinction from Swarthmore College in 1992 and *cum laude* from Harvard Law School in 1997. She moved to Idaho to clerk for Judge Stephen S. Trott. She then spent nearly ten years working for federal judges in Idaho, including Judge Trott, the late Judge Thomas G. Nelson, and Chief District Judge B. Lynn Winmill. She has also worked in private practice in Washington, D.C. and as an Assistant City Attorney in Boise. She is married and has two young children, who seem to enjoy oral argument even more than she does.