Promoting Equal Access to Housing

As we acknowledge and celebrate the 56th year of the Fair Housing Act, REALTORS® recognize the significant role they play in the promotion of the Fair Housing Act goal...to end housing based discrimination.

"Fair Housing Regulations & Best Practices for REALTORS® & Investors" Featured Panelists:

Tessa Skogh-Prairie State Legal Services | Jocelyn Rios HOPE Fair Housing Center | Sarah Stasik-IVCIL | Lissa Olson-Veteran's Association

April 16th, 2024

12PM-2PM (11:30AM sign in) | IVCC: Administration Building C Room CTC124-125 | 815 N. Orlando Smith Rd. Oglesby, IL

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Meet Our Panelists



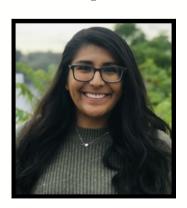
<u>Tessa Skogh</u>



Tessa Skogh graduated from Northern Illinois University College of Law in 2022, where she also completed her B.A. in Psychology and B.S. in Human Development/Family Sciences with an emphasis in Family Social Services. Prior to her legal career, Tessa worked as an advocate at a domestic violence/sexual assault crisis center. During her time in law school, Tessa completed two internships at Prairie State Legal Services before ultimately accepting a position as a Staff Attorney in their Fair Housing Project upon admission to the Illinois Bar.

Tessa currently splits her work time between three areas of law - Fair Housing enforcement, domestic violence survivor services, and eviction defense.

<u>Jocelyn Rios</u>





Jocelyn Rios has been with HOPE since February 2022 and recently transitioned into the role of Associate Director of Outreach last September.

As the Associate Director of Outreach, Jocelyn oversees HOPE's Education & Outreach activities. With this role, she implements new strategies to increase awareness of fair housing rights across the state and continues fostering relationships with community organizations and industry professionals to provide educational materials on fair housing at the federal, state and local levels.

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Lissa Olson



I have always known that I wanted to work somewhere that would help people and give back. Getting the job as a Veterans Service Officer became that and so much more. I am so passionate about helping the

Veterans in our community and beyond and I love what I do. I am currently the Assistant Superintendent, after working as the Outreach Coordinator for the first 2½ years. I am also the first civilian serving on the Board of Directors of our state association. I also serve as co-chair of the education committee and co-chair of the legislative committee for our state association. I am an IVAC ambassador and sit on many advisory boards throughout our community and beyond. I am also a wife and mother of a 4-year-old boy. Life is always an adventure in our house, and we love to make new memories.

Sarah Stasik





Sarah Stasik worked for 14 years as the Executive Director of the American Red Cross in Peru, and since 2019, as the Executive Director of the Illinois Valley Center for Independent Living, in Spring Valley. In April, 2023 IVCIL moved their location from LaSalle to Spring Valley.

They also have an outreach office in Streator that is open on Tuesdays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the OSF Center for Health. Sarah lives in Peru with her husband Ted and two dogs, Baxter and Biscotti.

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Patricia Walters: Moderator



Pat Walters is a long time area Realtor. She has proudly served with the Illini Valley Association of Realtors in the various capacities of committee member and chair, officer, and board member. Her real estate practice is in both residential and commercial. Pat is also a licensed health and life insurance broker specializing in Medicare insurance. She has served on the North Central Illinois ARTworks board since 2018.