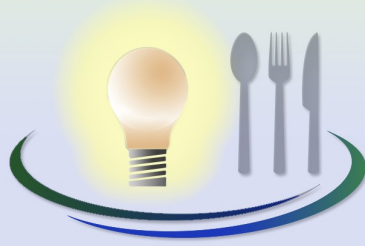


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Presenters— Allison K. Bethel, Esq., Clinical Professor of Law, Director
Fair Housing Legal Clinic, University of Illinois Chicago School of Law

Topic— *2023 Fair Housing Update*

Biography

ALLISON K. BETHEL joined University of Illinois Chicago School of Law in 2008 as a Clinical Professor of Law and Director of the Fair Housing Legal Clinic. She is a Chicago native and received her BS from Northwestern University and her J.D. from the University of Florida. While in law school, she received numerous awards for her advocacy skills including Best Oral Advocate, Best Brief Award and the Presidential Recognition Award.

Following law school, she worked in the private sector for two AV rated law firms in south Florida specializing in civil trial work. She later joined the Florida Attorney General's Office where she was appointed Assistant Director of the Civil Rights Division. In that capacity, she supervised the development and litigation of civil rights cases throughout the State of Florida. In 2000, she was promoted to Director of Civil Rights and remained in that position, serving both Republican and Democrat administrations, until joining the law school in 2008. Since joining academia, she has continued her work for housing justice through litigation, advocacy, teaching and writing.

Professor Bethel is AV rated, which is the highest rating a lawyer may receive by the Martindale-Hubbell rating system. She is vice chair of the Alternative Dispute Section Council for the Illinois State Bar Association (ISBA) and past co-chair of the Clinical Legal Education Section and Clinicians of Color Committee of the American Association of Law Schools. Other affiliations include serving as President of the Virgil Hawkins Florida Chapter of the National Bar Association, the Board of Governors of the Florida Bar and the Chicago Area Fair Housing Association. In 2018 and 2020 she was recognized for outstanding service to the law school and in 2021, her clinic received the " Excellence in Legal Education Award " from the ISBA.