

Fair Housing Research Guide

Overview

This research guide includes information and resources on fair housing. The Fair Housing Act refers to the “1968 federal statute that prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, sex, religion, family status, or national origin in the sale or rental of a dwelling, especially in the refusal to sell or rent.” (*Black’s Law Dictionary*, 11th ed.) The resources listed below are not exhaustive and may not include the most up-to-date information. It is for information purposes only and should not be construed as legal advice or act as the substitute for legal counsel.

Statutes and Codes

Texas Statutes Online www.statutes.capitol.texas.gov

Texas Property Code

- Ch. 301 Texas Fair Housing Act
<https://statutes.capitol.texas.gov/Docs/PR/htm/PR.301.htm>

United States Code

- 42 U.S.C. §1437 *et seq* General Program for Assisted Housing
<https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/USCODE-2010-title42/html/USCODE-2010-title42-chap8-subchapI.htm>

Code of Federal Regulations

- 24 C.F.R. Part 960 Admission to and Occupancy of Public Housing
<https://www.ecfr.gov/current/title-24/subtitle-B/chapter-IX/part-960>
- 24 C.F.R. Part 966 Public Housing Lease and Grievance Procedure
<https://www.ecfr.gov/current/title-24/subtitle-B/chapter-IX/part-966>

Secondary Resources in Print

Texas Torts and Remedies REF KFT 1395 .T49

- Vol. 1, Ch. 14 Real Estate Agents and Brokers §14.05 Fair Housing Act of 1968
- Vol. 1, Ch. 14 Real Estate Agents and Brokers §14.06 Texas Fair Housing Act

Texas Transaction Guide REF KFT 1268 .K45

- Vol. 19, Ch. 81E Residential Leases §81E.30 Anti-Discrimination Laws

Texas Litigation Guide REF KFT 1730 .T4

- Vol. 15, Ch. 234 Credit: Reporting and Discrimination §234.02(5)(B) Equal Credit Opportunity Act and FHA
- Vol 17, Ch. 253 Agents and Brokers §253.04(1) Application of Texas Fair Housing Act

CLE Materials

Advanced Real Estate Law Course KFT 1312 .A75

- 2021 Ch. 15 2014-2021 Supplement To Survey Case Law Affecting Property Owners Associations
- 2018 Ch. 14 Fair Housing Act: New Rules Regarding Harassment and Third Party Conduct
- 2015 Ch. 7 Fair Housing Issues

Online Resources

Housing Discrimination Under the Fair Housing Act (HUD)

https://www.hud.gov/program_offices/fair_housing_equal_opp/fair_housing_act_overview

Landlord/Tenant Law: Federally Subsidized Housing (TSL) <https://guides.sll.texas.gov/landlord-tenant-law/federally-subsidized-housing>

National Fair Housing Alliance
<https://nationalfairhousing.org/>

North Texas Fair Housing Center
<https://www.northtexasfairhousing.org/>

Tarrant County Fair Housing
<https://www.tarrantcountytx.gov/en/community-development-and-housing-department/fair-housing.html>

Housing Discrimination (Texas Workforce Commission)
<https://www.twc.texas.gov/partners/housing-discrimination>

Fair Housing 101 (Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs)
<https://www.tdhca.state.tx.us/fair-housing/>

Legal Assistance

Legal Lines – Ask Attorneys simple legal questions (free service)

- Tarrant County LegalLine Sign-up
<https://www.tarrantbar.org/>
- Dallas County LegalLine Sign-up
<https://www.dallasbar.org/index.cfm?pg=legalline>

Tarrant County Bar Association Lawyer Referral Service: 817-336-4101 (\$20 for the first 30 minutes)