



38th Annual

# Housing Conference

Sunday, November 11, 2018  
8:00 am – 5:30 pm

**90-Minute Morning Class 9:00 - 10:30**

**24. COPING WITH EXCESSIVE HOARDING**

People who hoard collect things and fill their homes far beyond their capacity to manage them, potentially putting themselves, their neighbors and their buildings at risk. Public awareness of the hazards of hoarding has been growing, and in 2013 the medical profession officially declared hoarding to be a 'disorder'. Kristin Bergfeld is a nationally recognized expert working for decades with hoarders referred to her company by building managers, lawyers and hospitals. She is an author of the nationally accepted and utilized Clutter-Hoarding Scale© ICD 2011. She will distribute copies of this Scale, explain how to use it and will discuss how buildings can remedy these often complicated situations. Attorney Marc Schneider will help explore legal issues for boards with residents who hoard.

**90-Minute Midday Class 12:15 - 1:45**

**114. CONDO BORROWING OPPORTUNITIES**

When condominiums need funds to cover unexpected expenses or to fund major capital improvements, an association loan is an option to consider. A capital improvement loan enables the association to complete all the work at once and spread the cost over time rather than imposing a special assessment on the unit owners. Banker Harley Seligman and attorney Marc Schneider will discuss various ways that condominiums can borrow – or encourage their unit owners to borrow – to smooth the cost of maintaining and upgrading their building(s).

**2-Hour Afternoon Class 2:30 - 4:30**

**210. REASONABLE ACCOMMODATIONS:**

**Ramps, Comfort Pets, Parking Spots, etc. WHAT IS YOUR BUILDING REQUIRED TO DO?**

Marc Schneider, Esq. will discuss what your board should do when it receives a request for an accommodation or modification of the building based upon a medical necessity. His presentation will analyze the various laws applicable to such requests including the Fair Housing Act, the New York State Human Rights Law and the New York City Human Rights Laws. Mr. Schneider will share advice to help your board avoid lawsuits and discrimination claims. He will discuss what to do when the request is first made; what can and what cannot be asked of the person making the request. He will also discuss who pays for any costs related to compliance with the request. Can a fee be charged for an accommodation? What should the board do if a formal complaint is filed? Is the claim covered by insurance? Plus other issues that boards face in connection with a request.

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