

## **Biographical Statement of Michael Allen**

Michael Allen is Counsel to the civil rights law firm of Relman & Dane, PLLC where his practice focuses on litigation under the Fair Housing Act and Americans with Disabilities Act. He joined the firm in June 2006, after 21 years of litigation and other advocacy on behalf of poor people and people with disabilities. A nationally recognized expert on the disability provisions of the Fair Housing Act, Michael has litigated and lobbied at the federal and state levels, and appeared in national print and electronic media. He is a 1979 graduate of Georgetown University School of Foreign Service, and received his law degree in 1985 from the University of Virginia. He is admitted to practice in the District of Columbia and Virginia. In addition, Michael has written, lectured and consulted widely on civil rights and NIMBYism.



Michael has developed and litigated a number of innovative cases, including:

- ***United States ex rel. Anti-Discrimination Center v. Westchester County***, 495 F.Supp.2d 375 (S.D.N.Y. 2007)(holding that recipients of federal housing and community development funds are required to identify and analyze race-based fair housing impediments as a condition of receiving those funds); 2009 WL 455269 (S.D.N.Y. Feb. 24, 2009)(finding, as a matter of law, that Defendant had filed repeated false certifications and claims concerning the obligation to “affirmatively further fair housing”).
- ***National Fair Housing Alliance, et al. v. A.G. Spanos Construction Co., et al.***, 542 F.Supp.2d 1054 (N.D. Cal. 2008)(holding that continuing violation doctrine established in *Havens* applies to Fair Housing Act design and construction obligations)

He is co-author of:

- ***Reconstructing Fair Housing***, available at <http://www.ncd.gov/newsroom/publications/2001/pdf/fairhousing.pdf>
- ***For the Rest of Their Lives: Seniors and the Fair Housing Act***, available at <http://www.bazelon.org/issues/housing/moreresources/articles/11-04iowalawreview.pdf> and
- ***Preserving Elders’ Housing Rights***, available at <http://www.bazelon.org/issues/housing/moreresources/articles/10-03trial.htm>

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