



Board Member Chuck Elsesser to receive National Award

National Legal Aid and Defender Organization (NLADO) has chosen Charles (Chuck) Elsesser to receive one of the two 2008 Kutak-Dodds Prizes. This prestigious award annually honors the accomplishments of civil legal aid attorneys, public defenders, assigned counsel or public interest lawyers who, through the practice of law, are contributing in a significant way to the enhancement of human dignity and quality of life of those persons unable to afford legal representation. The Prizes are intended to spotlight the work of practicing attorneys who are engaged for most, if not all, of their time in the actual practice of civil or criminal law that reinforces the principle and reality of justice for all under the law. Each prize carries a cash award of \$10,000.



LISA HOFFMEYER JOINS FLORIDA HOUSING COALITION STAFF

Lisa Hoffmeyer began her affordable housing career originating mortgage loans for low income first time buyers and providing homebuyer education. Since then, she has worked for both city and county government administering HOME and SHIP contracts for down payment assistance, multifamily rental development and single family construction. Most recently she served as Chief Operating Officer for Broward Housing



Solutions, a non profit where she successfully leveraged public and private funds to develop scattered site special needs housing for the mentally ill and youth aging out of foster care. Lisa has served on the Boards of BAND (Broward Alliance for Neighborhood Development), the Broward Housing and Community Development Task Force and also assisted in the creation of the local 10 year Plan to End Homelessness. She has a bachelor's degree from Florida Atlantic University.

Board Member Bob Ansley elected to the AICP College of Fellows



Bob Ansley, AICP, is one of 49 distinguished planners that were elected to the College of Fellows of the American Institute of Certified Planners, Class of 2008. Election to the College of Fellows is one of the highest honors that AICP bestows upon a member. It recognizes the Fellow as a model planner who has achieved professional excellence and significantly contributed to planning and society. Bob was inducted into the College of Fellows at the APA National Planning Conference in Las Vegas.

Board Chair and Vice Chair appointed to The Affordable Housing Study Commission

Jeff Bagwell, Chair of the Coalition, and **Annetta Jenkins**, Vice Chair, have been appointed to The Affordable Housing Study Commission. Each year the Commission makes public policy recommendations to the Governor



and Legislature to stimulate community development and revitalization to promote the production, preservation,



and maintenance of safe, decent affordable housing for all Floridians. The Commission annually chooses an affordable housing related topic and prepares a report to the Governor and Legislature as a means of fulfilling its mission.

Florida Housing Coalition Executive Director, Michael Davis, also serves on the AHSC.

Steve Kropp joins Florida Housing Coalition Board

Steve Kropp was born in Bradenton, Fla., and has remained a life long resident of the state. After obtaining a degree in finance at Florida State University, he spent time with Barnett Bank as a Real Estate Lending Officer. In 1990, Steve became the first person to receive concurrent master's degrees in finance and real estate valuation from the University of Florida.

In the early 1990's he founded Kropp Real Estate Advisory after obtaining his MAI and CCIM designations. For the past 10 years, Steve has served as the President of LCA Development, which provided approximately 4,000 affordable units to Central Florida.



The FLORIDA HOUSING COALITION, a statewide non-profit, is the State of Florida's affordable housing training and technical assistance provider. The Florida Housing Coalition is commonly acknowledged as the foremost authority in Florida on affordable housing, community development and related issues, as a clearinghouse for information, a provider of training and technical assistance, and an advocate at the state and national levels for people in need of affordable housing.

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