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**Fair Housing Center Hosts 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Housing Discrimination Summit**

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This year's event commemorates the Greater New Orleans Fair Housing Action Center's (GNOFHAC) 10th year of fighting housing discrimination in the Greater New Orleans area. The theme is ***Fair Housing Boot Camp: Everything You Need to Know to Combat Housing Discrimination***. The day-long event will be held at the Park Plaza Hotel (formerly the Radisson on Canal Street), located at 1500 Canal Street from 8:45 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on April 28<sup>th</sup> 2005.

Guest speakers include famed jazz musician and victim of housing discrimination, ***Delfeayo Marsalis***; noted civil rights attorney, ***John Relman***; and nationally known architect, ***Phil Zook***.

James Perry, GNOFHAC Executive Director, comments, "We've made incredible strides in the 10 years that we've been fighting housing discrimination, but there is still a lot of work to be done. One of the most important steps in combating housing discrimination is to educate victims about their rights and encourage them to come forward. So it's a big deal to have someone like Delfaeyo Marsalis speak out about his experience as a victim of housing discrimination."

Famed civil rights attorney John Relman will give the keynote address. Relman has litigated hundreds of discrimination law suits including a landmark case against Denny's which secured \$17.725 million in damages after a judgment finding that the restaurant chain engaged in a pattern of discrimination against Black patrons.

A detailed description of the event, as well as registration forms can be found online at [www.gnofairhousing.org](http://www.gnofairhousing.org).

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*The Greater New Orleans Fair Housing Action Center (GNOFHAC) is a private non-profit organization. The Center was established by a group of concerned New Orleanians in 1995 with the help of the National Fair Housing Alliance and a grant from the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development. GNOFHAC is dedicated to eliminating housing discrimination and furthering equal housing opportunities through education, outreach, advocacy, and enforcement of fair housing laws across the metro New Orleans and Baton Rouge areas.*