

The Present and Future of Land Use Regulation within the Addiction Treatment Industry



One of the trickiest issues facing addiction treatment programs is the

navigation of local zoning and land use issues. For over 25 years, the federal Fair Housing Act and Americans with Disabilities Act have protected small residential addiction treatment programs and sober living facilities from local land use oversight. These legal protections have been essential in ensuring needed access to care and combatting discrimination against recovering addicts by neighbors voicing “Not In My Back Yard” (NIMBY) concerns about the nuisance, safety, and property value impact of living near addiction treatment facilities. While federal and state law have protected residential treatment and sober living facilities, a new wave of backlash has emerged across California, with cities asserting the need for local ordinances to limit the proliferation of addiction treatment programs. These ordinances assert greater control and numerous requirements on operators that raise serious legal issues, such as density limitations and detailed operational requirements. Cities have also attempted to pass state legislation for greater local empowerment and the imposition of more constraints on multi-site operators and to limit “clustering” of multiple small facilities. This “pendulum swing” is highly concerning to many in the industry based on the anticipated legislative and legal battles ahead to ensure access and fight off NIMBY-driven discrimination. It is also destabilizing to operators, investors, and prospective acquirers who are uncertain about how the industry land use regulations are likely to evolve. Understanding your rights and the issues is critical to smart decision-making in your addiction treatment facility. Join us for our seminar to survey lessons learned from recent litigation, legislation, and newer local ordinances, and to learn how to legally and successfully navigate the challenges to these new laws. This program will offer an understanding of the rights and the issue those working within, owning, and operating industry programs and facilities.

Speakers: Nelson Hardiman, LLP attorneys [Harry Nelson](#) and [Zachary Rothenberg](#) advise a national clientele of addiction treatment providers and other behavioral healthcare organizations on regulatory compliance. With deep experience representing residential and outpatient treatment centers, sober living and extended care, and mental health facilities and professionals, they offer strategic advice on business strategy, risk management, and a wide range of licensing, operational, and reimbursement issues

Please join us for our upcoming seminar on how to successfully navigate federal, state, and local use laws, and issues arising in siting sober living and addiction treatment facilities. Lunch immediately follows with the opportunity to speak with the presenters and network with your peers. You can't afford to miss this opportunity!

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