

## LITIGATION

### *Attorney General v. Town of Milton (Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court, SJC-13580)*

(First Circuit Court of Appeals)

#### **"State Should Follow Its Own Law Before Enforcing Compliance by Others"**

The case Attorney General v. Town of Milton involves zoning "guidelines" issued by the Executive Office of Housing and Livable Communities (EOHCL) under the MBTA Communities Act, which mandates municipalities to create multi-family housing districts near transit hubs. The Attorney General sued Milton for not adopting the required zoning bylaws. NELF filed an amicus brief supporting Milton, arguing that the EOHCL guidelines are unenforceable because they were not properly established under the state's Administrative Procedures Act (APA). NELF contends the guidelines are "regulations" under the APA and must follow formal procedures, which were not adhered to.

[Read the full brief](#)

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## PEOPLE

### **NELF Welcomes Fall 2024 Faberman Fellow**

We are thrilled to introduce you to this semester's Faberman Fellow, **Aiman Hameed** from Boston College Law School. Each Spring, Autumn and Summer semester, NELF hosts an impressive law student to assist us in our mission of advancing free enterprise, property rights, rule of law, and inclusive growth.

Our thanks to **Progress** and the leadership of **YuFan Stephanie Wang** for their generous support in making this fellowship possible.



Aiman Hameed

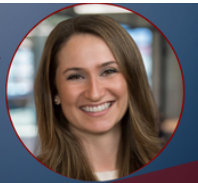
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## EQUALIZER INSTITUTE

### **Natalie Logan is appointed Executive Director of the Equalizer Institute**

**Natalie Logan**

Executive Director



Natalie Logan joins the Equalizer Institute with over 10 years of experience advising senior management on complex business, legal, and strategic issues. Previously, she served as Chief Legal Officer at Accession Risk Management Group, helping the company grow from \$300M to \$1.7B, while championing Diversity, Equity & Inclusion.

Before that, she was a partner at Kirkland & Ellis, advising private equity firms. Natalie holds degrees in Business Administration and Political Science from the University of Oregon and a J.D. from Boston University School of Law.

## NELF IN THE NEWS

### **BANKER & TRADESMAN**

#### **Mass. Doesn't Need a Hammer to Get More Housing Production**

New NELF Proposal Offers Voluntary Path to Upzoning

By Joshua M. Peck | Special to Banker & Tradesman | Sep 22, 2024

The article highlights the New England Legal Foundation's (NELF) proposal to address Massachusetts' affordable housing crisis through a voluntary, market-driven approach. Unlike state mandates, NELF's plan allows towns to control zoning, encouraging developers to include affordable housing by offering more density without costly approvals.

Using an 80/33 formula, rents would be set at 33% of 80% of the area's median income, making units more affordable. NELF offers free legal assistance to help towns implement this flexible, locally controlled solution, avoiding government-imposed mandates.

[Read the full article](#)

# UPCOMING EVENTS

## CLE - Maximizing Trial Graphics

This program addresses various practical issues on the use of graphics in adversarial proceedings. Tied in with examples of graphics and the strategic impact of their use will be a range of topics from the field of jury research and consulting. Various types of graphics from still images to animations will be demonstrated with the intent of explaining the interaction of strategic graphic design and the connection to case themes.

Evidentiary issues surrounding the use of graphics at trial will also be addressed. Finally, we will address pitfalls and graphical "tricks". Also included is use of Jury Evaluator to determine scientific and statistically significant damages assessment for your actual case from your actual jury pool.

**Instructor: Manson Ho, Director of Litigation Solutions, Magna Legal Services**



**Instructor**  
**Manson Ho**  
Director of Litigation Solutions  
Magna Legal Services



**Moderator**  
**Deb Curran**  
Director of Business Development  
Magna Legal Services

**WEDNESDAY**  
OCT. 9, 2024  
 4:00 - 5:00 PM EDT

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## 10th Annual John G.L. Cabot Gala Award Dinner

This October 22 will be NELF's 10th anniversary of its flagship fundraiser the John G.L. Cabot Gala, at which we are honoring two female leaders, Regina Jones from ADM and Grace Lee from M&T Bank.

We are excited to expand the attendance at a new location this year, the Omni Boston in the Seaport.

**Event Details:**

Date: Tuesday, October 22, 2024

Location: Omni Boston Hotel at the Seaport

## HONORING



**Regina Jones**  
SVP, General Counsel  
and Secretary,  
ADM



**Grace Lee**  
MA Regional President,  
EVP M&T Bank

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By donating to NELF, you help us continue to fight for fair regulations, limited government, and transparent legal processes that protect our fundamental rights. Your contribution empowers us to take on critical cases, advocate for policy reform, and ensure a more just legal system.

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