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## ***WHAT'S HAPPENING AT HDLI?***

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The ABA Affordable Housing Forum is holding a **TELECONFERENCE on Section 8 Project-based vouchers** tomorrow - Tuesday, March 28, 2006 from 12:00 - 1:30 p.m. EST. The program will review the statutory changes and HUD's implementation of those changes both in its initial implementation notice and in the final rule. For more information or to register go to: <http://www.abanet.org/cle/programs/t06pbv1.html>

## **HUD REINSTATES TROUBLING NOTICE ON PROCUREMENT OF LEGAL SERVICES**

On February 3, 2006, HUD Office of Public and Indian Housing issued a notice once again continuing its previously issued 2003 Notice (PIH-2003-24 (HA)) regarding PHA procurement of legal services. The Notice supersedes similar guidance previously provided to HUD staff and PHAs. HUD states that the Notice is not intended as the primary source of guidance in this area, but is provided to remind all HUD Offices and PHAs of the proper procedures for procuring legal services and

to briefly review areas of common interest and concern. The Notice applies to all PHA procurements of legal services that are funded in whole, or in part, with HUD grant funds subject to 24 CFR part 85 (e.g., Operating Fund subsidies and Capital Fund). For background information and a description of HDLI's concerns about this Notice, consult the October 2003 edition of the HDLI Messenger which is attached.