



## TCC Lunch & Learn Program: May 19, 2009

*Balanced Solutions for Workforce Housing:*  
Creative Ways to Ensure Triangle Citizens Have Access to  
Affordably-Priced Housing in a Challenging Economy

# Keynote Speakers Bio's

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## *TCC Lunch & Learn Keynote Speakers*



**Mark Kleinschmidt** has served on the Chapel Hill Town Council since December 2001. After six years as a staff attorney at the Center for Death Penalty Litigation in Durham, in October 2006 Kleinschmidt became the executive director of the [Fair Trial Initiative](#) (FTI). His practice combines his representation of several North Carolina capital defendants in post-conviction litigation with recruitment and mentorship of young attorneys and their development towards becoming capital trial attorneys. Previously, Kleinschmidt was a social studies teacher at West Mecklenburg High School in Charlotte where he was recognized as the 1997 teacher of the year.

Kleinschmidt earned his juris doctorate and bachelor's degree in education, both from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, and attended Universidad de las Americas.

### Membership

- Chapel Hill Public Arts Commission
- Council Committee on Economic Development
- Council Committee on Firefighters' Relief Fund
- Council on Sustainable Community (Chamber of Commerce)
- Human Services Advisory Board
- Inclusionary Zoning Task Force
- Justice in Action Committee
- Montessori School Committee
- Mayor's Committee on Campaign Finance
- Mayor's Committee on Council Communications
- Rogers Road Small Area Plan Task Force



**Gregory Warren** has over 35 years of experience planning and developing innovative housing and community development programs.

Since 1985, Mr. Warren has served as President of DHIC, Inc., a non-profit affordable housing development company based in Raleigh, North Carolina. DHIC is one of the Southeast's most respected housing development organizations. Under his leadership, the organization's development portfolio now includes 30 multifamily rental projects and over 500 homes for first time homebuyers. DHIC's work has received numerous local, state and national awards. Recent projects include Lennox Chase, Raleigh's first permanent supportive housing community for single men and women, and Carlton Place, a \$10 million mixed income, mixed use apartment community Downtown Raleigh. DHIC recently completed two affordable apartment communities in Wakefield Plantation.

Mr. Warren is a founding member and past Chair of the North Carolina Housing Coalition and has previously served on the Board of Directors of the North Carolina Association of Community Development Corporations, the Community Reinvestment Alliance of North Carolina, the North Carolina Fair Housing Center, the Neighborhood Capital Corporation and the Advisory Council of the Federal Home Loan Bank of Atlanta. He is currently on the Board of StepUp Ministry, an interfaith community that provides housing, jobs and support services to very low income families.

Mr. Warren has taught classes at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill School of Government and the Department of City and Regional Planning, where he received a Master of Regional Planning degree in 1974.



**Dean Edwards**, Vice President – Affordable Housing at Crosland, LLC.

Dean has over 28 years experience in the development and construction industry. As a part of a mid-sized construction/ development firm, he was responsible for the development of over 1,000 housing units consisting of condominiums, townhomes, and single family detached homes in the Research Triangle area. For 14 years, Dean was the head of The Affordable Housing Group and developed over 1,000 units of multi-family Tax Credit apartments consisting of both new construction and rehabilitated properties. Dean's Tax Credit communities have earned two Housing North Carolina awards for both seniors and multi-family communities, as well as the national Fannie Mae Maxwell award for best affordable housing.

### Affiliations and Accreditations

- Real Estate Broker's License, North Carolina and South Carolina
- Graduate, Third Army Drill Sergeant School
- Former Chairman, Federal Home Loan Bank of Atlanta Advisory Board
- Former member, NC Low Income Housing Coalition Board of Directors
- Fannie Mae Advisory Board
- Carolinas Affordable Housing Equity (CAHEC) Advisory Board

**Education** B.A., Business Administration, Lenoir Rhyne College  
Certified Community Housing Developer, National Development Council  
NC Institute of Banking  
NC Savings and Loan Institute



**Zach Schabot**, a broker with Garman Realty, has been heavily involved in the real estate and home building industries since 2001.

He was appointed to the City of Raleigh Fair Housing Hearing Board in 2008 and currently serves as Chairperson for the Triangle Sales and Marketing Council, the largest council of its kind with over 500 members. Schabot also sits on the board of directors for the Home Builders Association of Raleigh-Wake County and is a member of the National Sales and Marketing Council, serving on multiple committees.

As an instructor for the Institute of Residential Marketing, he teaches *Marketing Strategies, Plans and Budgets, Lifestyle Merchandising, Advertising, and Promotion Strategies and House Construction as a Selling Tool* to professionals from around the country. In 2010, he will serve as Chairperson of the Institute's Education Committee.

In 2007, he graduated from Leadership Raleigh 22 and delivered presentations to graduating seniors at UNCW on the transition from school to work.

Schabot volunteered as a mentor for Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Triangle and currently provides financial support to the organization with every transaction in his real estate business.

Zach is a native of Kingston, NY and attended the University of North Carolina at Wilmington where he received a Bachelor of Arts in Communication Studies with a concentration in Leadership. He lives in Raleigh with his wife Kate, and children Tyler and Emma.



**Eric Braun**, K&L Gates, LLP

Mr. Braun is a partner in the Raleigh office and focuses his practice in the areas of land use regulation, zoning and municipal law. He regularly represents developers and property owners in a wide range of land use matters, including wetlands permitting, vested rights, rezoning, special use permitting and historic preservation and variance proceedings. He is actively involved in groups and associations dedicated to the economic challenges, environmental concerns and municipal growth issues vital to community planning and land use permitting. Mr. Braun is Co-Chair of the Customer Service Subcommittee for the Development Service Advisory Committee that is redesigning the development plans review process for the City of Raleigh and a member of Urban Land Institute's Steering Committee for the Triangle Reality Check 2009. He also is Vice-Chair for the North Carolina Bar

Associations Land Use and Zoning Section and a former chair for the Planning and Law Division of the American Planning Association.. Mr. Braun received his bachelor's degree from James Madison University and his J.D. from Wake Forest University.

## **REPRESENTATIVE EXPERIENCE**

- Assisted national real estate investment trust with obtaining stream buffer variance to permit a large mixed use development in Cary, N.C.
- Successfully sued Chatham County for unlawfully denying a site plan.
- Successfully challenged the unlawful downzoning of property by the Town of Black Mountain.
- Defended challenges to a special use permit issued to an international corporation allowing it to develop and operate a 1,000 acre mining operation in Chatham County.
- Successfully appealed a judgment denying the Town of Green Level the authority to extend its Extraterritorial Jurisdiction into Alamance County. (Town of Green Level v. Alamance County)
- Obtained approval of a mixed-use master plan rezoning for infill development on 45 acre assemblage. The project includes approximately 1400 residential dwelling units, 450,000 square feet of retail and 1.3 million square feet of office.
- Obtained approval of a 23 acre mixed-use assemblage rezoned to accommodate the adaptive reuse of approximately 26 historic homes within an existing historic district, and the redevelopment of former state office buildings with new multi-family residential, retail and office components.
- Represented client in obtaining Coastal Area Management Act (CAMA) variance of the 60 foot setback rule from the Coastal Resources Commission for client to construct a beachfront home. Coordinated due diligence on behalf of a private real estate investment fund of a \$250 million acquisition of industrial, warehouse and offices totaling 4.4 million square feet of buildings together with 42 acres of undeveloped property.
- Represented a national power generation company in securing a special use permit to construct a \$300 million power generation facility in Rowan County, N.C.
- Represented a national cable television company in the special use permitting of a 310-foot television broadcast tower in Durham, N.C.
- Represented the Wake Forest Birthplace Museum in securing a Certificate of Appropriateness to expand its existing museum in the Town of Wake Forest's Historic District.
- Represented a national hotel chain in obtaining a variance of a watershed buffer to allow the construction of a hotel in Oxford, N.C.
- Assisted the developer of a 375-acre, mixed use development in obtaining a Master Plan approval and vested right certification.
- Assisted client with obtaining a special use permit for a mixed use development located in Currituck County, N.C.

## **ACHIEVEMENTS**

*Best Lawyers in America*, Land Use & Zoning Law, 2007-2009

Named one of the Triad's "Forty Leaders Under Forty," *Triad Business News*, 2000

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