What is Worth Billions of Dollars, but is Worthless?
Heir Property in America and the Loss of African-American Land

Friday, February 11, 2011
1:30 pm to 3:30 pm
Marriott Atlanta Marquis
L403, Lobby Level

National leaders on the subject of heir property and land loss will explore how this form of land ownership has resulted in the loss of some 95% of African-American farm land, how such land can be preserved for the often low-wealth family owners, how local planners and tax officials can benefit from assisting these families with the assistance of pro bono lawyers and the potential impact of the Uniform Partition of Heirs Property Act (before the ABA House of Delegates at this meeting).

Keynote Speaker: Shirley Sherrod, Atlanta, GA

Moderator: Josephine McNeil, Chair, ABA Commission on Homelessness & Poverty, Newton, MA

Panelists:

Prof. Thomas W. Mitchell, U. of Wisconsin Law, Madison, WI

Craig H. Baab, Commission Member & Senior Fellow, Alabama Appleseed Center for Law & Justice, Montgomery, AL

Crystal Chastain Baker, Property Preservation Task Force, Section of Real Property, Florida

Mitch Silver, President, American Planning Association, Durham, NC

Dr. Carol Zippert, Board Member, Black Belt Community and Mary Reynolds Babcock Foundations

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