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**THE LEGAL IMPLICATIONS
OF RESTORING A CITY**



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The University of Memphis Law Review will take a close look at the legal solutions to the growing problem of vacant, abandoned, and blighted properties in major US cities including a historical overview of the problem, the implications on the surrounding community and novel legal solutions.

Speakers include attorneys from UT Austin School of Law, Notre Dame Law School, Southern University Law Center, and the ABA Forum on Affordable Housing and Community Development. Five and one quarter (5.25) hours of CLE credit have been approved.

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8:00-9:00AM

Sign-in and Breakfast
Wade Auditorium Lobby

9:00-9:15AM

Welcome Address and Opening Remarks
Greg Wagner, Editor in Chief
University of Memphis Law Review

Danny Schaffzin, Assist. Prof. of Law
and Director of Experiential Learning
University of Memphis, Cecil C. Humphreys
School of Law

9:15-10:00AM

**Revitalizing Urban Cities:
Linking the Past to the Present**
A. Mechele Dickerson, Arthur L. Moller
Chair in Bankruptcy Law and Practice
University of Texas at Austin School
of Law

10:00-10:35AM

The New Debtor City
Christopher K. Odinet,
Assistant Professor of Law
Southern University Law Center

10:35-10:45AM

Break

10:45-11:30AM

**Inclusive Communities:
Urban Revitalization, Geographic
Desegregation and Disparate Impact
Under the Fair Housing Act**
J. William Callison, Partner
Faegre Baker Daniels LLP,
Denver, Colorado

11:30-11:45AM

Brief Address
Jim Strickland, Mayor, City of Memphis

11:45AM-12:45PM

Lunch Break
Lunch provided for paying registrants

Brief Address

Peter V. Letsou, Dean
The University of Memphis
Cecil C. Humphreys School of Law

12:45- 1:30PM

**Affirmatively Furthering
Neighborhood Choice**
James J. Kelly Jr., Clinical Professor of Law
Notre Dame Law School

1:30-2:15PM

**Land Banking in Tennessee:
A Promising Solution for Positive Growth**
Sohil Shah, Associate
Polsinelli PC

2:15-2:25PM

Break

2:25-3:10PM

**Are We Holding Ourselves Back?
Ways that Land Use and Building
Regulations Can Encourage
Abandonment or Stimulate Reinvestment**
Steve Barlow, Partner at Brewer & Barlow;
Adjunct Professor, Memphis Law

Tommy Pacello, President, Medical District
Collaborative

Josh Whitehead, Planning Director,
Memphis & Shelby County Office of
Planning & Development; Adjunct
Professor, Memphis Law

3:10-3:55PM

**Neighborhood Blight as a
Collaborative Policy Movement**
Kermit Lind, Clinical Professor Emeritus,
Cleveland-Marshall School of Law

Joe Schilling, Senior Research Associate,
Urban Institute

3:55-4:05PM

Closing Remarks
Kelly Peevyhouse, Symposium Editor
University of Memphis Law Review