



State of the State and Public Policy Plenary Highlights

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Dr. Sheila Crowley, President / CEO, National Low Income Housing Coalition



Ken Reecy, Director of the Division of Housing and Community Development, Florida Department of Economic Opportunity



Steve Auger, Executive Director, Florida Housing Finance Corporation



After opening comments about the National Housing Trust Fund; housing and economic development functions of the DEO; and the current Tax Credit cycle at the FHFC, the panel discussed the future of the mortgage interest deduction at the federal level and the Five Year Strategic Plan for the state of Florida. [HNN](#)



Jennifer Newton, Consumer Law Attorney, with Florida Legal Services, Inc.

Forging Through the Foreclosure Crisis

Mark Hendrickson moderated a thoughtful debate about the need for principal reduction; the balance between the need to dislodge housing stock from judicial backlog and the need to protect homeowner and renters' rights; the role and future of the GSEs; and more comprehensive and creative vehicles such as land banking for long-term recovery. [HNN](#)



Jim Rokakis (L), Director of Thriving Communities Institute with Western Reserve Land Conservancy