

# GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

## OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

[oag.dc.gov](http://oag.dc.gov)



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: Thursday, September 24, 2015

Contact: Rob Marus, Communications Director: 202.724.5646; [robert.marus@dc.gov](mailto:robert.marus@dc.gov)

## Attorney General's East-of-the-River Housing Forum to Educate Homeowners and Homebuyers on Scams and Pitfalls

*Experts from OAG and District, Federal Partner Agencies Will Answer Consumers' Questions*

**WHO/WHAT:** Attorney General Karl A. Racine, other Office of the Attorney General (OAG) staff, and representatives from the D.C. Department of Consumer and Regulatory Affairs (DCRA), the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (CFPB) and the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) will educate homeowners and those looking to purchase a home about potential consumer pitfalls associated with homeownership – including construction violations, fraudulent contractors and house-flippers, foreclosure scams, mortgage regulations and other issues. The experts will also answer consumers' questions.

An easy-to-reproduce flier about the forum is attached.

**WHEN:** 6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.  
Monday, September 28

**WHERE:** Benning/Dorothy L. Height Neighborhood Library  
3935 Benning Road NE  
(Near the Minnesota Avenue Metro Station)

**BACKGROUND:** Earlier this year, OAG filed suit against a Virginia couple who, the suit alleges, have violated District law by selling improperly and unlawfully renovated homes. As part of OAG's consumer-education efforts, the agency is partnering with other District and federal government agencies to reach out to homeowners and potential homeowners to educate them on how to protect themselves and their investments against such bad actors. For more on OAG's house-flipper lawsuit and tips for those purchasing and renovating homes, see: <http://oag.dc.gov/release/attorney-general-sues-house-flippers-serial-shoddy-and-unlawful-work-shares-tips-home-buyers>.

###