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The Magnificent Seven: HUD's Tips For Litigating Fair Housing Charges

1. Read the "Important Notice" that is sent with the Charge.
2. Be familiar with the HUD regulations, *and* the office of the ALJ.
3. Read the Order from the ALJ.
4. Be aware of the time limits that apply to the ALJ in resolving a case.
5. The Federal Rules of Evidence apply.
6. Recognize the differences between Title VIII (Fair Housing Act) and other civil rights statutes like the ADA or Title VII.
7. Post-complaint conciliation does not substitute for the interactive process.