

About the NYU Furman Center

Established in 1995, it is a joint center of the New York University School of Law and the Robert F. Wagner Graduate School of Public Service. Its mission is to:

Provide objective academic and empirical research on the legal and public policy issues involving land use, real estate, housing, and urban affairs in the United States;

Promote frank and productive discussions among elected and appointed officials, leaders of the real estate industry, leaders of non-profit housing and community development organizations, scholars, faculty, and students about critical issues in land use, real estate, and urban policy;

Present essential data and analysis about the state of New York City's housing and neighborhoods to those involved in land use, real estate development, community economic development, housing, urban economics, and urban policy;

Train the next generation of urban policy leaders by creating an environment where students meaningfully contribute to the Center's interdisciplinary projects and research.

Ingrid Gould Ellen, Paulette Goddard Professor of Urban Policy and Planning, is the Center's Faculty Director.

Mark Willis is the Center's Executive Director and Resident Research Fellow. The Center's staff regularly collaborates with faculty and researchers from the School of Law, the Wagner School of Public Service, the Faculty of Arts and Sciences, and many other research organizations at NYU and beyond.

The NYU Furman Center is named in honor of NYU Law alumnus Jay Furman, class of '71, an international real estate investor and developer. Mr. Furman provided generous financial support to endow the Center, and remained very involved in the Center's work as a constant source of support, ideas, and inspiration. This year's *State of New York City's Housing and Neighborhoods in 2014* report is dedicated to him.

The NYU Furman Center received the prestigious MacArthur Award for Creative and Effective Institutions in 2012. This distinguished award recognized the Center's excellence in providing objective, policy-relevant research and analyses to address the challenges facing New York City and other communities across the nation.

The NYU Furman Center launched the Moelis Institute for Affordable Housing Policy in 2010 to improve the effectiveness of affordable housing policies and programs. The Institute is named for NYU Law alumnus Ron Moelis, class of '82, an affordable housing developer who provided financial support.

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