

OAKLAND PRESS NEWS

Birmingham attorney hosting monthly Take Action Lunch and Learn speaker series



Alisa Peskin-Shepherd (photo provided)

By Mark Cavitt, mcavitt@digitalfirstmedia.com, [@MarkCavitt](https://twitter.com/MarkCavitt) on Twitter

POSTED: 02/13/17, 6:45 AM EST |

A Birmingham-based attorney has launched a monthly speaker series to inspire action.

The free, once-a-month Take Action Lunch and Learn Series, will feature a different speaker each month who will discuss a pressing issue, offer information on that issue and help people become involved in their community in order to act on that issue.

Alisa Peskin-Shepherd is a family law attorney and mediator. She started this series last month in order to bring people together and provide a forum for residents to discuss issues that affect them every day.

“So many people were shell-shocked in one way or another after our presidential election, and I felt it was essential to find ways to take action so we can repair our communities,” said Peskin-Shepherd. “This is a personal passion of mine but also a moral obligation to do what I can to inspire people to become informed and get involved in meaningful ways.”

Each program will be held at Peskin-Shepherd’s law firm, 280 N. Old Woodward Avenue, Suite LL20 in Birmingham.

All programs begin at 11:30 a.m. The program is free but you must register via email before attending, aps@transitionslegal.com.

[RELATED: Peskin-Shepherd’s website](#)

PROGRAM DATES

- February 16, 2017, featuring Bankole Thompson, columnist and cultural critic, speaking about race relations
- March 23, 2017, featuring Amna Osman, Executive Director of HAVEN, speaking about Domestic Violence
- April 20, 2017, speaker TBD, focusing on the Environment
- May 18, 2017, featuring Barbara L. Ciaramitaro, PhD, Director, Center for Cybersecurity Leadership at Walsh College, speaking on Internet Safety
- June 8, 2017, featuring Mihaela Mitrofan, Director, Refugee Resettlement, Samaritas, speaking on Immigration & Refugees
- July 6, 2017, featuring Lynne Golodner, Executive Director, One Earth Writing, speaking on Freedom of Speech/Expression
- August 17, 2017, speaker TBD, focusing on gender equality/sexual orientation
- September 14, 2017, featuring Frankie Piccirilli, Chief Development Officer, COTS, speaking on homelessness and poverty
- October 19, 2017, speaker TBD, focusing on hunger
- November 16, 2017, speaker TBD, focusing on voting rights
- December 7, 2017, speaker TBD, focusing on religious freedom

Peskin-Shepherd has more than 25 years of experience as a family, divorce and custody attorney, mediator and collaborative divorce practitioner. She founded her law firm, Transitions Legal, in 2013. Peskin-Shepherd speaks widely and leads workshops on topics related to divorce, counseling and mediation.