Highlights of the 2026-2027 Edition

Revisions in the 2026-2027 Edition of the HDR Handbook of Housing and Development Law include the following:

- Rescission of HUD notice barring the use of arrest records to deny admission to public housing or the Section 8 housing choice voucher program (§§ 2:142, 3:126);
- HUD guidance to PHAs on ways to reduce Section 8 housing choice voucher and project-based voucher expenses to prevent program funding shortfalls (§ 3:110);
- Change in the maximum per unit subsidy for the HOME program (§ 4:9);
- Removal of the regulations for the supportive housing and Shelter Plus Care programs because they have been consolidated into the Continuum of Care program for housing assistance to the homeless (former §§ 5:150-5:163, 5:165-5:174);
- New Rural Housing Service (RHS) pilot program to evaluate the impact of allowing self-help housing and housing supported by other forms of housing assistance to exceed program limits for Section 502 direct loans (§ 6:15);
- Rules on special servicing actions for Section 515 rental or cooperative housing loans (new § 6:76);
- Revised mortgage insurance premiums for FHA multifamily programs (§ 9:5);
- Revised FHA one-to-four-family mortgage limits and home equity conversion mortgage limits for calendar 2026 (§§ 9:54, 9:87);
- Revised FHA multifamily mortgage limits for calendar 2026 §§ 9:94, 9:100, 9:102, 9:104, 9:113, 9:117, 9:119);
- New middle-income housing option for FHA Section 221(d)(4) multifamily mortgage program (§ 9:108);
- Partial claim program for VA guaranteed home loans in default or at imminent risk of default (new § 9:147);
- Conforming one-to-four-family mortgage limits for calendar year 2026 (§ 9:186);
- Fannie Mae, Freddie Mac affordable housing goals for 2026 through 2028 (§§ 9:189-9:191);
- Calendar 2026 limits for low-income housing tax credit rehabilitation expenditures, tax credit state allocations, and state allocations for tax-exempt housing bonds (§§ 10:4, 10:23, 10:49);

- Updated provision on low-income housing tax credit projects financed by tax-exempt bonds (§ 10:27);
- Removal of regulations for renewal communities (former §§ 11:53-11:59); and
- Revisions to opportunity zone program for low-income communities (§§ 11:53-11:54).