Housing and the Law: Lesson 7: Key Terms

**Key Terms**

- **District court**: a court that hears civil, criminal, and juvenile cases; uses a jury
- **Liable**: responsible for harm
- **Disparate-impact claim**: claiming that a person’s actions, no matter the intentions, had a discriminatory effect
- **Prima facie**: based on the first impression; viewed as correct unless proven otherwise
- **Defendant**: the person, organization, or entity being sued
- **Remedial order**: an order issued by a court that requires the defendant to correct the damages done by his/her/its actions
- **Racial quota**: a target number of certain races. Using racial quotas to meet diversity goals is considered unconstitutional.
- **Plaintiff**: the person, organization, or entity who brings forth a lawsuit
- **Cognizable**: recognized
- **Writ of certiorari**: orders a lower court to deliver its record of a case so that a higher court can review it