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**MISSOURI STATE ADVISORY COMMITTEE TO MEET**

**KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI** – The Central Regional Office of the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights has announced a May 22, 2010 meeting of the Missouri State Advisory Committee.

**TOPIC:** Civil Rights Implications of Educational Opportunities in Urban Public School Settings and Education Reform in the St. Louis Public Schools

**WHEN:** Saturday, May 22, 2010  
9:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. CST

**WHERE:** John Cook School of Business Auditorium  
St. Louis University  
3674 Lindell  
St. Louis, Missouri 63108

The Missouri State Advisory Committee to the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights (Missouri SAC) will convene a meeting and public briefing to bring together education leaders, elected officials and community representatives to learn of developments concerning educational reform and the extent of education benefits provided to minority students in the St. Louis public schools.

Congress has directed the Commission to establish advisory committees in all 50 states and the District of Columbia to study issues and forward advisory reports to the Commission on matters within the agency's jurisdiction that reflect the views of the majority of SAC members producing the report.

The SACs' reports to the Commission are wholly independent, and are reviewed by Commission staff only for legal and procedural compliance with Commission policies and procedures. SAC reports are not subject to Commission approval, fact-checking or policy changes.

Members of the Committee are Chairman Dr. Michael J. Podgursky of Columbia; Timothy P. Asher of Grain Valley; Dr. Joan E. Bergstrom of Lee Summit; James H. Buford, Jalesia McQueen Gadberry, Esq. and Donayle Whitmore of St. Louis; Shamed Dogan of Ballwin; Eugene E. Dokes of St. Peters; Tyrone J. Flowers, John Grimwade, Sandy Aquirre Mayer, and Beverly Randles of Kansas City; and Steve M. Schieber of Savannah.

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