

**THE ARKANSAS STATE ADVISORY COMMITTEE TO THE
U.S. COMMISSION ON CIVIL RIGHTS**

PRESS RELEASE

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**Arkansas State Advisory Committee Announces Planning/Briefing
Meeting**

WHAT: Planning and Briefing Meeting of the Arkansas State Advisory Committee to the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights

WHEN: Thursday, July 28, 2011
2:00 p.m. (CST)

WHERE: University of Little Rock, William H. Bowen School of Law
Faculty Library, Room 422
1201 McMath Avenue
Little Rock, AR 72202

NOTE: The meeting is open to the public. Following its conclusion there will be an opportunity for members of the public to make comments or submit written statements.

Committee members will receive information from representatives of the Arkansas Civil Rights Working Group concerning two hate crime cases recently prosecuted successfully by the local office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. This information will assist the Committee in planning its future civil rights project.

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 agency's jurisdiction that reflect the views of the majority of SAC members producing the report.

The SACs' reports to the Commission may rely on studies and data generated by third parties, which are not subject to an independent review by Commission staff. The views expressed in reports are those of a majority of State Advisory Committee members and do not necessarily represent the views of the Commission or its individual members, nor do they represent the policies of the U.S. government.

Gary M. McHenry of Fayetteville chairs the Arkansas State Advisory Committee. Other members of the Committee are Melissa Duke, Esq., Julie Greathouse, Esq., Dr. Andre Guerrero, Rose Jones, Gregory Kaza, Ranko Shiraki Oliver, Esq., and Brian Vandiver, Esq. of Little Rock; Dr. Joseph Horton of Conway; Dr. Adam Arroyos, Dr. Robert Maranto and Dr. Gary Ritter of Fayetteville.

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