

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

PRESS RELEASE

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Arkansas State Advisory Committee Announces a Planning Meeting

- WHAT:** Planning Meeting of the Arkansas State Advisory Committee to the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights (open to the public)
- WHEN:** Wednesday, May 30, 2012
2:00 p.m. (CST)
- WHERE:** Mitchell & Williams Law Firm
425 West Capitol Avenue
Suite 1800
Little Rock, AR 72201

The meeting is also accessible to the public through the following toll-free call-in number: 1 (866) 364-7584, conference call access code number is 70873279.

The Arkansas State Advisory Committee to the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights will continue planning its civil rights project entitled: "A Second Look at Who is Enforcing Civil Rights in Arkansas: Is There a Need for a State Civil Rights Agency."

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 the 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 is Chairman of the Arkansas 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.

The U.S. Commission on Civil Rights is an independent, bipartisan agency charged with monitoring federal civil rights enforcement. Members include Chairman Martin Castro and Commissioners Roberta Achtenberg, Todd Gaziano, Gail Heriot, Peter Kirsanow, David Kladney, Abigail Thornstrom, and Michael Yaki. The Commission's website is <http://www.usccr.gov>