

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

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**U.S. CIVIL RIGHTS COMMISSION ANNOUNCES APPOINTMENTS TO THE
LOUISIANA STATE ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

WASHINGTON, DC – The U.S. Commission on Civil Rights has announced the appointments of 13 Louisiana citizens to its Louisiana State Advisory Committee.

The Commission appointed Lorna E. Bourg of New Iberia; Jason M. DeCuir, Michelle W. Ghetti, Gwendolyn P. Hamilton, Robert E. Lancaster, Nadia E. Nedzel and James R. Stoner of Baton Rouge; and A. Gregory Grimsal, George J. Fowler III, Robert A. Garda, Neely S. Griffith, Nolan V. Rollins and James E. Viator of New Orleans. The Commission reappointed A. Gregory Grimsal as Chairman. The appointments are for two years and members serve without compensation.

Congress has directed the Commission to establish state advisory committees (SACs) 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 and 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.

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The U.S. Commission on Civil Rights is an independent, bipartisan agency charged with monitoring federal civil rights enforcement. Members include Chairman Martin R. 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>

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