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**Appointment of Commissioners Debo P. Adebile and Catherine E. Lhamon
by President Obama and Reappointment of Commissioner David Kladney
by the United States Senate**

Washington, DC –

On December 15, President Obama appointed Mr. Debo P. Adebile and Ms. Catherine E. Lhamon as Commissioners of the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights. Please see the White House [statement](#) announcing the appointments.

Additionally, on November 15, the United States Senate reappointed Mr. David Kladney as Commissioner.

Commissioners of the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights serve six-year terms.

Acting Chair Patricia Timmons-Goodson stated: “We welcome Commissioners Debo P. Adebile and Catherine E. Lhamon to the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights. Because of their respective histories in protecting the civil rights of all citizens, they represent solid additions to the Commission. Each has labored long in the civil rights vineyard. We look forward to incorporating their experience and judgment in advancing the Commission’s mission of developing comprehensive civil rights policy and overseeing the enforcement of civil rights laws.”

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