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**U.S. Commission on Civil Rights to Hold Public Briefing:**

***The School-to-Prison Pipeline:  
The Intersections of Students of Color with Disabilities***

Washington, DC – This Friday, December 8, the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights will hold a public briefing to examine compliance with federal laws designed to protect students of color with disabilities from discrimination, and whether laws adequately protect these students from discriminatory disciplinary actions and policies.

The Commission will hear presentations from diverse stakeholders and will hold an open comment period from 1:00 – 2:00 pm EST. Individuals who wish to participate should sign-up at the Commission between 9:30 am and 12:30 pm EST. Each individual will have up to three (3) minutes to speak, with spots allotted on a first-come, first-serve basis. The Commission also welcomes submission of additional material for consideration as we prepare a report; please email to: [schooldiscipline@usccr.gov](mailto:schooldiscipline@usccr.gov) or mail to: U.S. Commission on Civil Rights, Office of General Counsel, 1331 Pennsylvania Ave NW, Suite 1150, Washington, DC 20425. The deadline for submissions is January 16, 2018.

**We have limited seating capacity for this session; doors will open at 8:30 am EST.** The session will [live-stream](#) and there will be a public call-in line (listen-only): 1-800-479-9001; conference ID 8362937. We will have sign interpreters for deaf or hard of hearing individuals.

**AGENDA**

**9:00 – 9:10 am: Introductory Remarks, Chair Catherine E. Lhamon**

**9:10 – 10:30 am: Panel One: Federal Education Policy**

- **Anurima Bhargava:** Leadership in Government Fellow, Open Society Foundations and Former Chief, Educational Opportunities Section, Civil Rights Division, U.S. Department of Justice
- **Eve Hill:** Partner, Brown, Goldstein & Levy and Former Deputy Assistant Attorney General, Civil Rights Division, U.S. Department of Justice
- **Kristen Harper:** Senior Policy Specialist, Child Trends and Former Senior Policy Advisor, Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services, U.S. Department of Education

- **Rebecca Cokley:** Senior Fellow for Disability Policy, Center for American Progress and Former Executive Director, National Council on Disability
- **James Scanlan:** Attorney who specializes in the use of statistics in litigation

**10:30 – 10:40 am: Break**

**10:40 am – 12:00 pm: Panel Two: Stakeholders, Researchers, Experts on Special Education and the School-to-Prison Pipeline**

- **Max Eden:** Senior Fellow, Manhattan Institute
- **Dan Losen:** Director, Center for Civil Rights Remedies, University of California, Los Angeles
- **Monique Morris:** Founder and President, National Black Women’s Justice Institute
- **Paul Morgan:** Professor of Education, Pennsylvania State University, College of Education

**12:00 – 1:00 pm: Break**

**1:00 – 2:00 pm: Open Comment Period**

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