



**U.S. Commission on Civil Rights Public [Briefing](#):**  
***Are Rights a Reality? Evaluating Federal Civil Rights Enforcement***  
**Friday, November 2, 2018 / Washington, DC**

**AGENDA\***

- 9:00 am–9:10 am    **Introductory Remarks by Chair Catherine E. Lhamon**
- 9:10 am–10:40 am    **Panel One: Current and Former Federal Agency Officials**
- Bryan Greene, General Deputy Assistant Secretary, Fair Housing & Equal Opportunity, U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development
  - Craig E. Leen, Acting Director and Deputy Director, Office of Federal Contract Compliance Programs, U.S. Department of Labor
  - Carol Miaskoff, Acting Legal Counsel, Office of Legal Counsel, Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC)
  - Arne Duncan, Former U.S. Secretary of Education, Current Managing Partner of Emerson Collective
  - Leon Rodriguez, Former Director, Office for Civil Rights, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Current Partner, Seyfarth Shaw
- 10:50 am–12:10 pm    **Panel Two: Current and Former Federal Agency Officials**
- Lilian Dorka, Director, External Civil Rights Compliance Office, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
  - Harvey Johnson, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Resolution Management, U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs
  - Veronica Venture, Deputy Officer, Office of Civil Rights and Civil Liberties, U.S. Department of Homeland Security
- 1:10 pm–2:30 pm    **Panel Three: Advocates and Community Experts in Civil Rights Enforcement**
- Janel George, Senior Policy Advisor, Learning Policy Institute
  - Fatima Goss Graves, President and CEO, National Women's Law Center

- Vanita Gupta, President and CEO, Leadership Conference on Civil and Human Rights
- Burth López, Staff Attorney, Mexican American Legal Defense and Educational Fund (MALDEF)
- Joshua Thompson, Senior Attorney, Pacific Legal Foundation
- John Yang, President and Executive Director, Asian Americans Advancing Justice AAJC

2:40 pm–4:00 pm **Panel Four: Academic and Legal Experts in Civil Rights Enforcement**

- Curtis L. Decker, Executive Director, National Disability Rights Network
- Robert Driscoll, Member, McGlinchy Stafford and former Deputy Assistant Attorney General, Civil Rights Division, U.S. Department of Justice
- Kim Kendrick, Partner, Leftwich LLC and former Asst. Secretary for Fair Housing & Equal Opportunity, U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development
- R. Shep Melnick, Thomas P. O’Neill, Jr. Professor of American Politics, Boston College
- Margo Schlanger, Wade H. and Dores M. McCree Collegiate Professor of Law, University of Michigan Law School
- Anthony Varona, Professor of Law, American University Washington College of Law

5:00 pm–6:00 pm **Open Public Comment Session**

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