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Mississippi Advisory Committee to the U. S. Commission on Civil Rights Announces Study:

Civil Rights and Qualified Immunity of Law Enforcement in Mississippi

The Mississippi Advisory Committee to the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights will convene a series of public meetings to discuss the impact of qualified immunity on police accountability and the equal protection of civilians in the administration of justice. The Committee will consider the potential impact of qualified immunity on disparities based on race, color, sex, national origin, religion, and/or disability status that exist throughout the criminal justice system. The Committee will also seek testimony regarding alternative or remedial policies and practice with the potential to address identified concerns.

The Committee will hear testimony from community members, families, advocates, law enforcement, and government officials. Members of the public will be invited to speak during an open comment period near the end of each meeting. The Committee will also accept written testimony submitted to mwojnaroski@usccr.gov by Sunday March 14, 2021.

The meetings will take place:

- **Tuesday, December 15, 2020** from 12:00pm - 1:30 pm CDT (Panel I)
To join online, register at: <https://bit.ly/3g7C8XW>
To join by phone:
800-360-9505 USA Toll Free
Access code: 199 748 1310
- **Wednesday, February 10, 2021** from 12:00 pm - 1:30 pm CDT (Panel II)
To join online, register at: <https://bit.ly/36E04iw>
To join by phone:
800-360-9505 USA Toll Free
Access code: 199 458 2688
- **Friday, February 12, 2021** from 12:00 pm - 1:30 pm CDT (Panel III)
To join online, register at: <https://bit.ly/33HKsZg>
To join by phone:
800-360-9505 USA Toll Free
Access code: 199 383 0420

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Committee Chair, Susan Glisson said, “Our Committee will explore and share Mississippi’s perspective on qualified immunity for law enforcement. We have the opportunity to seek out helpful data to inform our thinking in order to make useful and effective policy recommendations. We’re honored to continue serving our state in promoting equal rights for everyone.”

The Mississippi Committee will issue findings and recommendations in a report to the Commission after all testimony has been received.

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