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## **U.S. Commission on Civil Rights Virtual Briefing The Civil Rights Implications of Cash Bail**

### **WHAT:**

On Friday, February 26, 2021, at 10:00 a.m. Eastern Time, the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights will hold a [virtual briefing](#) on bail reform in the United States. The Commission's investigation seeks to examine the state of bail and pretrial detention practices, including the involvement of the private bail industry, various mechanisms for reform, and the potential regulatory role of the federal government. The Commission will evaluate how cash bail impacts the fair administration of justice and whether it operates in a manner that denies equal protection of the law to individuals on the basis of race or another protected class. At this public briefing, Commissioners will hear from subject matter experts such as government officials, academics, law enforcement professionals, advocates, and impacted persons.

### **WHO:**

**Introductory Remarks:** 10:00 – 10:05 am

**Panel 1: Foundations:** 10:05 – 11:05 am

- **Rafael Mangual** – Fellow & Deputy Director, [Manhattan Institute](#)
- **Insha Rahman** – Vice President of Advocacy and Partnerships, [Vera Institute of Justice](#)
- **Kanya Bennett** – Senior Policy Counsel and Legislative Coalition Manager, [The Bail Project](#)
- **Lars Trautman** – Resident Senior Fellow, [R Street Institute](#)

**Break:** 11:05 – 11:20 am

**Panel 2: Criminal Justice Stakeholders:** 11:20 am – 12:20 pm

- **William Bratton** – Executive Chairman of [Teneo Risk](#) & Former Commissioner of NYPD and Chief of LAPD
- **Sharlyn Grace** – Member, [Illinois Network for Pretrial Justice](#)
- **Glenn Grant** – Acting Administrative Director, [New Jersey Courts](#)
- **DeAnna Hoskins** – President & CEO, [JustLeadership](#)
- **Peter Newsham** – Chief of Police, [Prince William County Police Department](#)

**Break:** 12:20 – 12:35 pm

**Panel 3: Reforms:** 12:35 – 1:35 pm

- **Michelle Esquenazi** – President, [National Association of Bail Agents](#)
- **Elijah Gwynn** – Co-Founder & CTO, [UpTrust](#)
- **Erika Maye** – Deputy Senior Campaigns Director for Criminal Justice, [Color of Change](#)

- **Megan Stevenson, Ph.D.** – Associate Professor of Law, [University of Virginia](#)
- **Justice Douglas Herndon** – [Nevada Supreme Court](#)

**Closing Remarks:** 1:35 – 1:40 pm

**Panel 4: Written Testimony**

- **Matt DeLisi** – Professor of Sociology, [Iowa State University](#)
- **Lori Eville** – Correctional Program Specialist, [Community Services Division, National Institute of Corrections](#)
- **Craig Trainor** –Attorney, [Trainor Law](#)
- **James Cadogan** – Vice President of Criminal Justice, [Arnold Ventures](#)
- **Gina Clayton-Johnson** – Executive Director & Founder, [Essie Justice Group](#)

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Hearing will be livestreamed on the USCCR YouTube Channel at [www.youtube.com/usccr](http://www.youtube.com/usccr) or by clicking [here](#).

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