U.S. COMMISSION ON CIVIL RIGHTS



Civil Asset Forfeiture and its Impact on Communities of Color: Panel I

Hosted By:

The Georgia Advisory Committee to the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights

Date:

Wednesday March 10, 2021

Time:

2:00 p.m. — 3:45 p.m. Eastern

Online (audio/visual):

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Phone: 202-618-4158 Email: mwojnaroski@usccr.gov Online: www.usccr.gov The Georgia Advisory Committee to the <u>U.S. Commission on Civil Rights</u> is conducting a study on civil asset forfeiture and its impact on communities of color in the state. This is the first in a series of meetings the Committee will host to hear public testimony on the topic. The Committee seeks to examine the extent to which civil asset forfeiture practices in Georgia may have a discriminatory impact on the basis of race, color, or national origin. This meeting is free and open to the public.

The meeting agenda is as follows (details on reverse):

- Welcoming Remarks, 2:00-2:05pm
- Panel Speakers, 2:05-3:10pm
- Committee Dialogue, 3:10-3:30pm
- Public Comment, 3:30-3:45pm

Closed captions will be provided. Individuals requiring other accommodations should contact the regional program unit at (202) 618-4158 five business days prior to the meeting to make their request. The Committee will hear testimony from additional speakers to be scheduled throughout spring 2021. Members of the public will be invited to speak during the open comment period near the end of each meeting. The Committee will also accept written testimony submitted to mwojnaroski@usccr.gov throughout the duration of this project. The Committee will issue findings and recommendations in a report to the Commission after all testimony has been received.

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Panel Speakers, 2:05-3:10pm

- ◆Dan Alban, Senior Attorney, Institute of Justice
- ♦ Marissa McCall Dodson, Public Policy Director, Southern Center for Human Rights
- ◆Leah Nelson, Research Director, Alabama Appleseed Center for Law and Justice
- ◆Chris Bellamy, Attorney, Neal & Harwell, PLC, Adjunct Professor, Vanderbilt University

Law School

◆Jon Guze, Director of Legal Studies, John Locke Foundation

Committee Dialogue, 3:10-3:30pm

Public Comment, 3:30-3:45pm

Adjournment, 3:45pm