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United States Commission on the Social Status of Black Men and Boys Hires Director

WASHINGTON, D.C. – United States Commission on Civil Rights hires Mark Spencer, Esq. to lead the [Commission on the Social Status of Black Men and Boys \(CSSBMB\)](https://www.usccr.gov/about/CSSBMB) as its new Director.

A native of Washington, D.C., Mr. Spencer earned his Juris Doctor from the American University Washington College of Law, Washington, D.C., and Bachelor of Arts in Mass Communications from St. Bonaventure University, Olean, N.Y.

Mr. Spencer comes to the Commission from the Prince George’s County Sheriff’s Department where he served as the Inspector General. He has more than 30 years of professional experience as an Attorney practicing corporate litigation, products liability, personal injury and criminal prosecution. His most recent work experience involved police reform and oversight which included advising law enforcement executives and legislative bodies on law enforcement best-practices.

As Director of the CSSBMB, Mr. Spencer will oversee the operations and development of policy recommendations to meet the objectives and future direction of the Commission.

“I am excited to begin this new effort to highlight issues impacting Black men and boys and to explore initiatives that can positively impact the outcomes of their lives,” said Mark Spencer, Director, Commission on the Social Status of Black Men and Boys.

For more information on the Commission on the Social Status on Black Men and Boys visit, <https://www.usccr.gov/about/CSSBMB>.

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The Commission on the Social Status of Black Men and Boys is a 19-member, bipartisan commission whose mission is to conduct a systematic study of the conditions affecting Black men and boys, including homicide rates, arrest and incarceration rates, poverty, violence, fatherhood, mentorship, drug abuse, death rates, disparate income and wealth levels, school performance at all grade levels, including postsecondary education and college, and health issues; Examine trends regarding Black males and report on the community impacts of relevant government programs within the scope such topics; and Propose measures to alleviate and remedy the underlying causes of the conditions described in the statute, which may include recommendations of changes to the law, recommendations for how to implement related policies, and recommendations for how to create, develop, or improve upon government programs.

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