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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 \(CSSBMB\)](#) 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.

The Commission, now in its second year has successfully met their statutory requirements for quarterly meetings for the 2022 fiscal year resulting in two successful roundtable discussions. The [inaugural public briefing roundtable](#) held by CSSBMB focused on the challenges faced by Black men and boys in the criminal justice system, and the [second public briefing roundtable](#) focused on preventative strategies to mitigate the social disparities of Black men in America.

Although housed within the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights CSSBMB is its own independent commission, which Mr. Spencer will oversee the operations of and strategically develop the future direction of the Commission.

Much like the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights, the Commission on the Social Status of Black Men and Boys will issue its own policy recommendations to Congress, the White House, and federal agencies on matters voted on by the 19 Commissioners who sit on CSSBMB.

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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