



Briefing on Racial Disparities and Prosecutorial Practices in the Connecticut Criminal Justice System

Hosted By:

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

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Racial disparities in Connecticut's criminal justice system are some of the highest in the country. Only five states have higher rates when it comes to disproportionately imprisoning Black adults, and only six states are worse when it comes to disproportionately imprisoning Latino adults.

The Connecticut Advisory Committee to the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights will hold a public briefing to examine the Connecticut prosecutorial appointment process and system of oversight and whether they contribute to these disparities.

Connecticut is one of three states that appoints, rather than elects, its prosecutors, who are appointed and reappointed by the Criminal Justice Commission. The Committee will examine whether there is a lack of transparency, oversight, and accountability under this structure, particularly regarding public input into the policies, procedures, and work of prosecutors.

The Committee will hear from criminal justice experts, prosecutors, academics, and others. The briefing is open to the public and free to attend. There will be an open comment session and the Committee invites and encourages members of the public to address the committee. Please sign-up at the briefing.