



## **U.S. Commission on Civil Rights Report Release & Conference Call**

### ***Women in Prison: Seeking Justice Behind Bars*** **Wednesday, February 26, 2020, 10:45 am EST**

On February 26th, U.S. Commission on Civil Rights Chair Catherine E. Lhamon and Commissioner David Kladney will hold a public conference call to discuss the Commission's forthcoming report, *Women in Prison: Seeking Justice Behind Bars*.

The report examines the state of federal civil rights protections for incarcerated women to explore women's experiences while incarcerated. It covers a range of issues incarcerated women face, including access to healthcare, prevention of sexual assault, discipline and segregated housing, parental rights, and availability of programming. The report provides examples of prison administrations seeking to address these issues and it evaluates the response of the federal government. The Commission's research includes examination of high rates of a history of trauma reported by incarcerated women, as well as policies responsive to this trauma. The report also offers recommendations to Congress and the executive branch.

The Commission held a [public briefing](#) on the subject in February 2019, including testimony from academic experts, formerly incarcerated women, prison administrators, and policy experts. We invite you to view the [morning](#), [afternoon](#) and [public comment](#) sessions, and the briefing [transcript](#).

The Commission's State Advisory Committees, including New Hampshire, Montana, Nebraska and Arkansas have carried out important work to address incarceration-related civil rights issues, helping inform the Commission's work.

***Women in Prison***, based on expert and public input, and extensive research and analysis, will offer actionable recommendations to the President, Congress, and federal agencies. The report will be publicly available on our [website](#) on the day of the conference call.

Additional information and conference call number will be provided before the call.

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