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Mississippi State Advisory Committee to Hold Briefing and Meeting

WASHINGTON, DC – The Mississippi Advisory Committee to the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights will convene a planning meeting and briefing on August 11, 2010 from 1:00 – 5:00 PM CT at the Mississippi College of Law, Room 151B, 151 East Griffith Street, Jackson, Mississippi. The Committee will gather information concerning school choice opportunities in Mississippi; whether or not there is a need for a state human relations agency to receive civil rights complaints; and the nature and extent of immigrant rights issues in Mississippi. The Committee will also decide on a civil rights topic for an upcoming project.

The Mississippi State Advisory Committee was rechartered on February 24, 2009. Members of the Committee are: Bradley S. Clanton, Chairman, of Jackson; Walter C. Scott, Forest M. Thigpen, Leroy G. Walker also of Jackson; Victoria M. Cintra of Gulfport; John Czarnetzy, Susan M. Glisson and Ronald J. Rychlak of University; Goyo Delacruz of Southaven; Elizabeth C. Powers of Greenwood; and William L. Woods of Tougaloo.

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