

**THE LOUISIANA STATE ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
TO THE U.S. COMMISSION ON CIVIL RIGHTS**



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**Louisiana State Advisory Committee Announces a Public Briefing Meeting**

**WHAT:** Briefing Meeting of the Louisiana State Advisory Committee to the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights

**WHEN:** Tuesday, May 10, 2011  
2:00 p.m. (CST)

**WHERE:** Southern University Law Center  
Room 227  
1 Roosevelt Steptoe Drive  
Baton Rouge, LA 70813

**NOTE:** The briefing is open to the public and will be followed by an open session for public comment following its conclusion.

The Louisiana State Advisory Committee to the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights will convene a public briefing meeting to receive information from representatives of groups and/or organizations knowledgeable about civil rights issues in Louisiana. This information will assist the Committee in planning a future civil rights project.

The Louisiana State Advisory Committee has invited the following presenters: Cathy Glaser, Director, Louisiana Anti-Defamation League (ADL); Majorie Esman, Director, Louisiana American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU); Dr. Leah Raby, Louisiana Commission on Human Rights; Dr. Ernest Johnson, President/CEO, NAACP Louisiana State Conference; Doris White, Louisiana Council on Human Relations; and Brad Abramson, Alliance Defense Fund (ADF).

Congress has directed the Commission to establish advisory committees in all 50 states and the District of Columbia to study issues and forward advisory reports to the Commission on matters within agency's jurisdiction that reflect the views of the majority of SAC members producing the report.

The SACs' reports to the Commission are wholly independent, and reviewed by Commission staff only for legal and procedural compliance with Commission policies and procedures. SAC reports are not subject to Commission approval, fact-checking or policy changes.

Gregory Grimsal, Esq., of New Orleans is Chair of the Committee. Other members of the Committee are Lorna Bourg of New Iberia; Robert A. Garda, Neely S. Griffith, Esq., Nolan V. Rollins and James E. Viator of New Orleans; Jason M. Decuir, Esq., Michelle W. Ghetti, Esq., Gwendolyn P. Hamilton, Nadia E. Nedzel, Esq. and Dr. James R. Stoner of Baton Rouge.