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.

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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.