

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

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Arkansas State Advisory Committee Announces a Planning Meeting

WHAT: Planning Meeting of the Arkansas State Advisory Committee to the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights

WHEN: Wednesday, April 10, 2013
1:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. (CST)

WHERE: University of Little Rock William H. Bowen School of Law
Faculty Library
1201 McMath Avenue
Little Rock, AR 72202

The Arkansas State Advisory Committee to the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights will convene a planning meeting in Little Rock, Arkansas at the address above. The purpose of the meeting is to review, discuss and finalize the Committee draft report: *“Who is Guarding Civil Rights in Arkansas? The Need for a State Civil Rights Agency.”*

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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