

Save-the-Date:

Felony Records: Collateral Consequences for West Virginians

Hosted By:

The West Virginia Advisory Committee to the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights

Date:

Thursday, July 19, 2018

Time:

9:00 a.m.— 5:00 p.m.

Location:

Capitol Complex 1900 Kanawha Blvd, East Government Organization Committee Room, #215-E Charleston, WV 25305

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Phone: 202-376-7533 E-mail: ero@usccr.gov Online: www.usccr.gov The West Virginia Advisory Committee to the United States Commission on Civil Rights is hosting a public meeting to hear testimony regarding the impact that a felony record has on a person's access to employment, housing, public benefits and occupational licenses in West Virginia. The meeting is free and open to the public.

The Advisory Committee will invite experts, including academics and researchers; government agency and elected officials; advocates from community groups, civil rights, and faith-based organizations; and individuals or family members who will share their personal experiences about the impact that a felony record can have. The experts will be asked to offer suggestions for removing the barriers that deny or limit access to full community re-entry once a person's sentence has been served.

Following these presentations, there will be an Open Comment Session where, as time permits, interested audience members are invited to address the Committee on this most important topic. Please arrive early if you wish to speak.

There will be a transcript of the meeting. Written comments mailed or e-mailed to the Eastern Regional Office by August 20, 2018, will be included in the official meeting record.

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