



Civil Rights and Prosecutorial Discretion in Mississippi

Hosted By:

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

Date:

Thursday May 23, 2019

Time:

9:00 am-4:00 pm CDT

Location:

Hilton Jackson
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The Mississippi Advisory Committee to the United States Commission on Civil Rights is hosting a public meeting to hear testimony regarding prosecutorial discretion in the state. The Committee will review the potential impact of broad discretion afforded to prosecutors on persistent racial disparities in charges, court proceedings, and sentencing across Mississippi.

Opening Remarks and Introductions (9:00 am–9:15 am)

- *Panel 1: Community & Advocates (9:15 am-10:45 am)*
- *Panel 2: Defense & Public Aid Attorneys (11:00 am-12:15 pm)*

Break (12:15 pm-1:30 pm)

- *Panel 3: Judicial Officials & Prosecutors (1:30 pm-2:45 pm)*
- *Open Public Comment Session (3:00 pm-4:00 pm)*

Closing Remarks (4:00 pm)

The Committee will hear public testimony during the scheduled of public comment session, as time allows. Please arrive early if you wish to speak.

The Committee will also receive written testimony submitted by June 23, 2019. Please email to Melissa Wojnaroski at mwojnaroski@usccr.gov; deliver in person on the date of the hearing; or submit to the Commission's Regional Programs Unit at the fax or postal address to the left.