



**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
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**Public Conference Call with Chair Catherine E. Lhamon  
& Commissioner David Kladney**

***Collateral Consequences: The Crossroads of Punishment,  
Redemption and the Effects on Communities***

**Thursday, June 13, 2019 | 10:45 am EDT**

**WHAT:**

On June 13, the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights will release *Collateral Consequences: The Crossroads of Punishment, Redemption and the Effects on Communities*, a report which provides an overview of the relevant data and arguments for and against the imposition of collateral consequences on people with felony convictions. Each year, federal and state prisons release more than 620,000 individuals. While many have completely exited criminal supervision (for example, through a prison sentence or probation), those with convictions still face potentially thousands of collateral consequences upon reentering society. These include sanctions, restrictions, or disqualifications that attach to a person based on a former felony conviction. For example, individuals can face barriers to voting, jury service, holding public office, securing employment, obtaining housing, receiving public assistance, owning a firearm, getting a driver's license, qualifying for college admission and financial aid, qualifying for military service, and maintaining legal status as an immigrant. The impact of each consequence extends past people with felony convictions to affect families and communities.

*Collateral Consequences*, based on expert and public input, and extensive research and analysis, will offer actionable recommendations to the President, Congress, and numerous federal agencies. The Commission held a [public briefing](#) on the subject in May 2017; we invite you to view panelists' [written testimony](#) and the session [transcript](#).

**WHO:**

[Catherine E. Lhamon](#), Chair, U.S. Commission on Civil Rights  
[David Kladney](#), Commissioner, U.S. Commission on Civil Rights

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**WHERE:**

Public teleconference | Call-in line: 800-682-9934 | Conference ID: 9765639  
*Callers will have the opportunity to ask questions about the report*  
Participants are encouraged to RSVP to [publicaffairs@usccr.gov](mailto:publicaffairs@usccr.gov)

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