

COMMISSION ON CIVIL RIGHTS**Notice of Public Meeting of the Michigan Advisory Committee To Hear Testimony Regarding the Civil Rights Impact of Civil Forfeiture Practices in the State**

AGENCY: U.S. Commission on Civil Rights.

ACTION: Announcement of meeting.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given, pursuant to the provisions of the rules and regulations of the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights (Commission) and the Federal Advisory Committee Act that the Michigan Advisory Committee (Committee) will hold a meeting on Monday May 23, 2016, at 3:00 p.m. EDT for the purpose of hearing testimony regarding the civil rights impact of civil asset forfeiture in the State.

This meeting will take place via web-conference and is available to the public through the following toll-free call-in number: 888-572-7034, conference ID: 1448776. Any interested member of the public may call this number and listen to the meeting (audio only). Members of the public may register for access to the online portion of the meeting (visual) at the following link: <https://cc.readytalk.com/cc/s/registrations/new?cid=1xloulorqep3>. An open comment period will be provided to allow members of the public to make a statement at the end of the meeting. The conference call operator will ask callers to identify themselves, the organization they are affiliated with (if any), and an email address prior to placing callers into the conference room. Callers can expect to incur regular charges for calls they initiate over wireless lines according to their wireless plan, and the Commission will not refund any incurred charges. Callers will incur no charge for calls they initiate over land-line connections to the toll-free telephone number. Persons with hearing impairments may also follow the proceedings by first calling the Federal Relay Service at 1-800-977-8339 and providing the Service with the conference call number and conference ID number.

Members of the public are also entitled to submit written comments; the comments must be received in the regional office within 30 days following the meeting. Written comments may be mailed to the Regional Programs Unit, U.S. Commission on Civil Rights, 55 W. Monroe St., Suite 410, Chicago, IL 60615. They may also be faxed to the Commission at (312) 353-8324, or emailed to Carolyn Allen at callen@usccr.gov. Persons who desire

additional information may contact the Regional Programs Unit at (312) 353-8311.

Records and documents discussed during the meeting will be available for public viewing prior to and after the meeting at <http://facadatabase.gov/committee/meetings.aspx?cid=255>. Click on the "Meeting Details" and "Documents" links to download. Records generated from this meeting may also be inspected and reproduced at the Regional Programs Unit, as they become available, both before and after the meeting. Persons interested in the work of this Committee are directed to the Commission's Web site, <http://www.usccr.gov>, or may contact the Regional Programs Unit at the above email or street address.

Agenda

- 3:00–3:05 p.m. Welcome and Introductions—*Donna Budnick, Chair*
- 3:05–4:00 p.m. Panel: Civil Rights Impact of Civil Forfeiture Practices in Michigan
- Brian Kelly, Associate Professor of Economics, Seattle University
 - Dick Carpenter, Institute for Justice
 - Rebecca Vallas, Center for American Progress
 - Stefan Cassella, Asset Forfeiture Law
- 4:00–4:15 p.m. Committee Questions
- 4:15–4:30 p.m. Open Comment
- 4:30 p.m. Adjournment

DATES: The meeting will be held on Monday, May 23, 2016, at 3:00 p.m. EDT.

Public Call Information

Dial: 888-572-7034.
Conference ID: 1448776.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Melissa Wojnaroski at mwojnaroski@usccr.gov or 312-353-8311.

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and regulations of the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights (Commission) and the Federal Advisory Committee Act that the Michigan Advisory Committee (Committee) will hold a meeting on Thursday May 26, 2016, from 9:00 a.m.–3:45 p.m. EDT for the purpose of hearing testimony regarding the civil rights impact of civil asset forfeiture in the State. Of concern to the Committee is the extent to which law enforcement seizure of property believed to be connected to illegal activity may have a disparate impact on the basis of race, color, or other federally protected category.

This meeting will take place at the Michigan Department of Transportation, Office of Aeronautics Auditorium, 2700 Port Lansing Rd., Lansing, MI 48906. This meeting is free and open to the public. An open forum period will be provided to allow members of the public to make a statement at the end of the morning and afternoon sessions. Individuals with disabilities requiring reasonable accommodations should contact the Regional Programs Unit at 312-353-8311 ten days prior to the meeting to make appropriate arrangements.

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Agenda

- Opening Remarks and Introductions (9:00 a.m.–9:10 a.m.)
 - Panel 1: (9:10 a.m.–10:20 a.m.) Attorneys