

Commission on Human Rights

Join the Kentucky Human Rights Commission at the State Capitol this week

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The Kentucky Commission on Human Rights invites everyone to attend the February 8 Commission meeting where the Board of Commissioners will rule on discrimination complaints for the people of Kentucky.

This month, the commission will meet at the Kentucky State Capitol in Frankfort, Ky., at 9:30 a.m. (EST), in Room 113 of the Capitol Annex Building, 702 Capitol Ave., just behind the Capitol building.

Then, at 11:30 a.m., the commission will appear in the Capitol Rotunda to help celebrate Black History Month with the Kentucky Black Legislative Caucus and the Legislature. There, the commission will announce three inductees to its Gallery of Great Black Kentuckians. Many other activities are planned for the event, too. The public is invited to both of these events.

At the meeting in the Capitol Annex, the commissioners expect to rule on a number of discrimination complaints, including five conciliation agreements; two originating from complaints based in Coldiron, Ky., one in Owensboro, Ky., one in Wallins, Ky., and one in Berea, Ky.

Conciliation agreements are similar to settlements and are negotiated by Kentucky Commission on Human Rights attorneys and enforcement officers.

The Kentucky Commission on Human Rights usually holds its meetings at headquarters in Louisville, Ky. On occasion, and as budget allows, the commission meets in other regions of the state to inform the public of the purpose and function of its state human rights commission.

The commission enforces the Kentucky Civil Rights Act and the U.S. Civil Rights Act. These laws make discrimination illegal. The Kentucky Civil Rights Act protects people from discrimination in the areas of employment, public accommodations, housing and financial transactions. People are protected based on race, color, religion, national origin, sex, age, disability and family status with varying stipulations according to the area.

For help with discrimination, contact the Kentucky Commission on Human Rights at 1.800.292.5566. To learn about civil rights and illegal discrimination, visit the commission

website at www.kchr.ky.gov. From there, follow links to the commission Face Book and Twitter pages to read civil rights-related news stories and announcements.