

Commission on Human Rights

KY Human Rights swears in new commissioners – Carol Jackson of Ashland and Sandra Moore of Richmond – Governor reappoints Robert Asseo of Florence and Henry Curtis of Frankfort

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The Kentucky Commission on Human Rights gave the oath of office at its October meeting last week to two new Kentucky Human Rights commissioners. Gov. Steve Beshear made the two appointments and also two reappointments to the state human rights board of commissioners. The commission has 11 members.

The function of the commissioners is to rule on discrimination complaints for the Commonwealth of Kentucky. The commission rules with the authority of a court of law.

The following are the new appointments:

- Carol L. Jackson, of Ashland, Ky., will represent the 7th Supreme Court District. She has served as a member of the Ashland Board of Education, chair of the Ashland Commission on Human Rights, first vice president of the Boyd-Greenup County NAACP (National Association for the Advancement of Colored People), member of the Kentucky Black Caucus of Local Elected Officials, and member of the Boyd County Extension Agency. Her term will expire on Sept. 12, 2016. She replaces former Commissioner Ann Newman of Ashland, Ky., whose term expired.
- Sandra D. Moore, Ph.D., of Richmond, is associate provost for diversity at Eastern Kentucky University. She represents the state at large. She has served as president and treasurer of the Kentucky Association of Blacks in Higher Education and is a member of its Executive Board, member of the National Conference on Race and Ethnicity in Higher Education National Advisory Council, and chair of the Chief Diversity Officers and Affiliates Committee. Her term as state human rights commissioner will expire on Sept. 12, 2016. She replaces former Commissioner Sandra Añez-Powell of Richmond, Ky., whose term expired.

The following are reappointments:

- Robert C. Asseo, of Florence, is a field service manager of Delta Airlines Inc. in Northern Kentucky. He represents the 6th Supreme Court District and, in 2005, became the first Hispanic-American Kentuckian to serve on the Kentucky Human Rights Commission. He has also served on the board of the Florence, Ky., Fire and EMS Protection District. His term will expire on Sept. 12, 2016.
- Henry J. Curtis, of Frankfort, is a retired attorney of Kentucky state government. He founded the Curtis Law Office in Louisville, Ky. He has been a Kentucky Human Rights commissioner for over 12 years and was chair in 2006. He represents the 5th Supreme Court District. He has been a member of the Frankfort Rotary Club, National Bar Association, Kentucky Bar Association; NAACP, Kappa Alpha Psi fraternity, and Yearlings Club. His term will expire on Sept. 12, 2016.

“The commissioners have a very important role with their commitment to rule on discrimination complaints for the people of Kentucky,” said Executive Director John J. Johnson. “We welcome Commissioners Jackson and Moore and appreciate the continuing service of Commissioners Asseo and Curtis.

The Kentucky Commission on Human Rights is the state government authority that enforces the Kentucky Civil Rights Act and the U.S. Civil Rights Act, both of which make discrimination illegal.

The Kentucky Civil Rights Act prohibits discrimination in the areas of employment, public accommodations, housing and financial transactions. It is illegal to discriminate because of race, color, religion, national origin, sex, age (40 and over in the area of employment), disability, familial status (households with children under age 18 and pregnant women) in the area of housing, and tobacco-smoking status in the area of employment. It is illegal to retaliate against any person who has made a discrimination complaint to the commission.

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