

# Commission on Human Rights

## Kentucky Commission on Human Rights and University of Kentucky law school to hold symposium in January

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On Wednesday, Jan. 27, 2016, the Kentucky Commission on Human Rights, in conjunction with the University of Kentucky College of Law, will host a law symposium in commemoration of the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the passage of the Kentucky Civil Rights Act of 1966.

The one-day symposium will be held at the University of Kentucky College of Law, 620 S. Limestone, Lexington, KY 40506-0048 in the Law School Courtroom. The symposium will consist of a series of panels and speakers prominent in the civil rights arena, including legislators, judges, activists and attorneys. The keynote speaker will be Patricia Timmons-Goodson, co-chair of the United States Commission on Civil Rights. The symposium, which will be in session from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., is free and open to the public.

Registration information will be provided in the coming months.

The Kentucky Commission on Human Rights is the state government authority that enforces the Kentucky Civil Rights Act (Kentucky Revised Statutes Chapter 344), and, through its affiliations with the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission and the U.S. Dept. of Housing and Urban Development, enforces federal civil rights laws.

The Kentucky Civil Rights Act makes it unlawful to discriminate against people in the areas of employment, financial transactions, housing and public accommodations. Discrimination is prohibited in the aforementioned areas based on race, color, religion, national origin, gender, and disability. In employment, discrimination is further prohibited on the basis of age (40-years and over) and on the basis of tobacco-smoking status. In housing, discrimination is further prohibited based on familial status, which protects people with children in the household under the age of 18-years old, and it protects women who are pregnant. It is also a violation of the law to retaliate against a person for complaining of discrimination to the commission.

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