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**Gordon Arata Member A. Gregory Grimsal Reappointed Chairman of the Louisiana State Advisory Committee to the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights**

**NEW ORLEANS, LA** – Gordon Arata is pleased to announce that Firm member, A. Gregory Grimsal, has been reappointed as the Chairman of the Louisiana Advisory Committee to the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights.

Mr. Grimsal represents the committee from New Orleans and joins 12 additional Louisiana citizens to its Louisiana Advisory Committee. The Commission appointed Lorna E. Bourg of New Iberia; Jason M. DeCuir, Michelle W. Ghetti, Gwendolyn P. Hamilton, Robert E. Lancaster, Nadia E. Nedzel and James R. Stoner all of Baton Rouge; George J. Fowler III, Robert A. Garda, Neely S. Griffith, Nolan V. Rollins and James E. Viator all of New Orleans. The Commission reappointed A. Gregory Grimsal as Chairman. The appointments are for two years and members serve without compensation.

Congress has directed the Commission to establish state advisory committees (SAC's) in all 50 states and the District of Columbia to study issues and forward advisory reports to the Commission on matters within agency's jurisdiction that reflect the views of the majority of SAC members producing the report.

The SACs' reports to the Commission may rely on studies and data generated by third parties, which are not subject to an independent review by Commission staff. The views expressed in reports are those of a majority of the State Advisory Committee members and do not necessarily represent the views of the Commission or its individual members, nor do they represent the policies of the U.S. government.

**About Gordon Arata**

Gordon Arata McCollam Duplantis & Eagan, LLC has over 50 attorneys in three Louisiana offices in New Orleans, Baton Rouge and Lafayette and an office in Houston, Texas. Whether litigation or transactions, the Firm's lawyers serve clients locally, regionally, and nationally, and provide services across a wide range of industries aligned with the Firm's offices along the Gulf Coast. The Firm is committed to achieving the best possible results and to fostering relationships with clients.

**About the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights**

The U.S. Commission on Civil Rights is an independent, bipartisan agency charged with monitoring federal civil rights enforcement. Members include Chairman Martin Castro and Commissioners Roberta Achtenberg, Todd Gaziano, Gail Heriot, Peter Kirsanow, David Kladney,



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