



**RUSSELL COLEMAN
ATTORNEY GENERAL
DEPARTMENT OF LAW**

EXECUTIVE ORDER

2025-07

May 23, 2025

WHEREAS, during the 2021 legislative session, the General Assembly passed House Bill 427, which creates an opioid abatement trust fund to distribute settlement proceeds from lawsuits against certain manufacturers and distributors of opioids;

WHEREAS, Attorney General Russell Coleman is committed to saving lives and combatting the opioid epidemic in Kentucky, including by litigating claims against several companies for their roles in fueling and exacerbating the opioid crisis;

WHEREAS, KRS 15.291 has established the Kentucky Opioid Abatement Advisory Commission to award moneys from the Opioid Abatement Trust Fund;

WHEREAS, KRS 15.291 provides that the Commission shall be attached to the Department of Law for administrative purposes;

WHEREAS, KRS 15.291 provides that the Commission is composed of the Attorney General, or his designees; the State Treasurer, or his designee;

the secretary of the Cabinet for Health and Family Services, or his designee; one member appointed by the University of Kentucky from the HEALing Communities Study Team; one nonvoting member appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives; one nonvoting member appointed by the President of the Senate; and five members appointed by the Attorney General pursuant to KRS 15.291(2)(a)(5) through 15.291 (2)(a)(8); and,

WHEREAS, two-year terms for several members of the Commission are set to expire on June 30, 2025;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Russell Coleman, Attorney General of the Commonwealth of Kentucky, by virtue of the authority vested in me by KRS 15.291(2)(a)(7), do hereby Order and Direct the reappointment of the following individuals to the Commission:

1. **Debbie Rains**, of Louisville, representing, pursuant to KRS 15.291(2)(a)(8), citizens at large, who shall serve a new term to expire June 30, 2027;

2. **Darren Allen**, of Mount Vernon, representing, pursuant to KRS 15.291(2)(a)(7), law enforcement, who shall serve a new term to expire June 30, 2027; and,

3. **Von Purdy**, of Louisville, representing, pursuant to KRS 15.291(2)(a)(8), citizens at large, who shall serve a new term to expire June 30, 2027.

So **ORDERED** this the 23rd day of May, 2025.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Russ M. Coleman", written in a cursive style.

RUSSELL COLEMAN,
Attorney General
Commonwealth of Kentucky