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Arkansas organization, nonprofit law firm hosts virtual panel on student loan debt

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LITTLE ROCK (KATV) — An Arkansas organization and a nonprofit law firm are cooperating to host a virtual discussion on student loan debt and relief with state and national experts via Zoom and Facebook Live.

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The release stated that panelists will share their thoughts on many topics, including the Biden administration's new [Saving on a Valuable Education \(SAVE\) plan](#), the Public Service Loan Forgiveness program, Fresh Start, income-driven repayment, and bankruptcy discharge.

The [Arkansas Public Policy Panel](#), as described on its website, is a statewide organization dedicated to achieving social and economic justice by organizing citizen groups around the state, educating and supporting them to be more effective and powerful, and linking them with one another in coalitions and networks. According to the organization, they seek to balance Arkansas's public policy process.

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The Panel encourages those with student debt and concerned citizens to listen to staff moderator Kwami Abdul-Bey as he speaks with guest panelists from the National Consumer Law Center (Attorney Alpha S. Taylor), the Student Borrower Protection Center (Outreach and Advocacy Manager Amy Czulada), Student Loan Law Workshop (Student Loan Lawyer Cecille Doan), and the Center for Arkansas Legal Services (Consumer Attorney Cecille Doan).

The [Education Data Initiative](#) data from 2022 showed that nearly 13% of the state's population has student debt, according to the panel.

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The release stated more information about the panelists, as well as the Zoom link and the Facebook Live event page, could all be found on the [website](#).

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