The mission of the District of Columbia Sentencing Commission is to implement, monitor, and support the District’s Voluntary Sentencing Guidelines, to promote fair and consistent sentencing policies, to increase public understanding of sentencing policies and practices, and to evaluate the effectiveness of the guidelines system in order to recommend changes based on actual sentencing and corrections practice and research.
COMPOSED OF 17 MEMBERS AND 7 STAFF MEMBERS

D.C. SENTENCING COMMISSION

MANDATES & DUTIES

- Provide sentencing policy recommendations to the Council
- Monitoring the application of the D.C. Voluntary Sentencing Guidelines
- D.C. Felony Sentencing Research
- Data Request
- Outreach & Education

THE COMMISSION HOST A MONTHLY MEETING EVERY THIRD TUESDAY OF THE MONTH.

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FAQ

- THE D.C. SENTENCING COMMISSION OVERSEES THE D.C. VOLUNTARY SENTENCING GUIDELINES THAT APPLY TO D.C. OFFENSES. THE U.S. SENTENCING COMMISSION OVERSEES THE FEDERAL SENTENCING GUIDELINES THAT APPLY TO FEDERAL OFFENSES.
- THE CRIMINAL CODE REVISION COMMISSION AND THE D.C. SENTENCING COMMISSION ARE TWO SEPARATE AGENCIES.
- THE GUIDELINES ARE VOLUNTARY.
- THE D.C. VOLUNTARY SENTENCING GUIDELINES ONLY APPLY TO FELONY OFFENSES.