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THE COMMISSION CHRONICLE

D.C. Sentencing Commission Biannual Newsletter



Learn more about the best ways to engage with the Commission regarding Sentencing Guidelines questions or issues, scheduling trainings and/or community presentations, as well as best practices for requesting felony sentencing data.

COMMISSION UPDATES

This biannual newsletter will also feature a section that provides the community and partners with an update on the next Commission meeting, new publications, and upcoming educational opportunities.



LEARN MORE

How to contact the Commission with Guidelines questions answered

The Commission is here to provide support to practitioners and the community regarding the application of the D.C. Voluntary Sentencing Guidelines. A Commission Staff Member is available to answer questions Monday - Friday (except holidays) between the hours of 8:30 AM - 5 PM. We ask that you allow 24 hours for our staff to provide a response.

Email or Phone

Give us a call at 202-727-8822
and/or email: scdc@dc.gov if you
have questions.



Sentencing Guidelines Assistance Form

**Don't have time to chat or write out an
email? Fill out our new online
assistance form.**

Visit:

<https://scdc.dc.gov/service/assistance-sentencing-guidelines>



How to schedule trainings and presentations

Our agency provides interested parties and the public with educational opportunities through practitioner trainings and/or community presentations.

Below we have outlined the best ways to schedule a training and/or presentation.

Training Request Form

Would you like to schedule a training for your agency, class, and/or organization?

Fill out the Commission's new online form at the link below

<https://scdc.dc.gov/page/request-training-voluntary-sentencing-guidelines>



Schedule a Community Presentation

The Commission would love to introduce your community group to how felony sentencing, and the D.C. Voluntary Sentencing Guidelines work in D.C.

Email scdc@dc.gov to schedule a presentation!



How to Submit A Data Request

Commission staff produce a wealth of reports focused on D.C. felony sentencing data. These reports can be viewed on our website at www.sentencing.dc.gov

The Commission also provides D.C. felony sentencing data to the public and interested parties.

In the boxes below, review the best ways to go about submitting a felony sentencing data request.

Fill out our New Data Request Form

The best way to request data is through the Commission's new online data request form.

Visit the link below to submit a data request.

<https://sdc.dc.gov/node/1109316>

Send us an email

If you are unable to fill out the form, no worries send us an email to sdc@dc.gov or emily.blume@dc.gov.



The Commission's Data Sharing Policy outlines the best practices for requesting sentencing data and submitting data request.

Visit <https://sdc.dc.gov/node/1109302> to view the Commission Data Sharing Policy.

Next Monthly Commission Meeting

1/17/2023 AT 5 PM

Visit www.scdc.dc.gov/page/commission-meetings

TWO NEW ISSUE PAPERS

An Issue Paper has been released, which focuses on the impact of the 2021 Guidelines Manual changes on felony sentencing in the District.

*View the report using the link below
<https://scdc.dc.gov/node/1622581>*

The other new Issue Paper focuses on analyzing the factors that motivate Superior Court judges in the District to impose sentences that are above or below the Guidelines recommendation sentence.

*Visit the link below to learn more
<https://scdc.dc.gov/release/compliant-departure-issue-paper>*

NEW FAST FACTS

The Commission will be releasing a new Fast Fact Report exploring Felony Drug Offense sentencing trends in the District.

Stay tuned for our upcoming Fast Facts!

RULE 11 (C)(1)(C) REPORT

Every quarter the Commission analyzes the total number of sentences imposed that were the result of a Rule 11(c)(1)(C) plea agreement.

*View the link to learn more about
<https://scdc.dc.gov/node/1624701>*



COMMISSION OFFICE HOURS

Get your questions answered in a remote setting hosted by the Commission's Attorney Advisor, Maeghan Buckley.

► For more information

Email scdc@dc.gov to RSVP and receive the link for this event.