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15 Years of NASC: Looking Back, Moving Forward

August 2-4, 2009
Renaissance Harborplace Hotel
Baltimore, MD

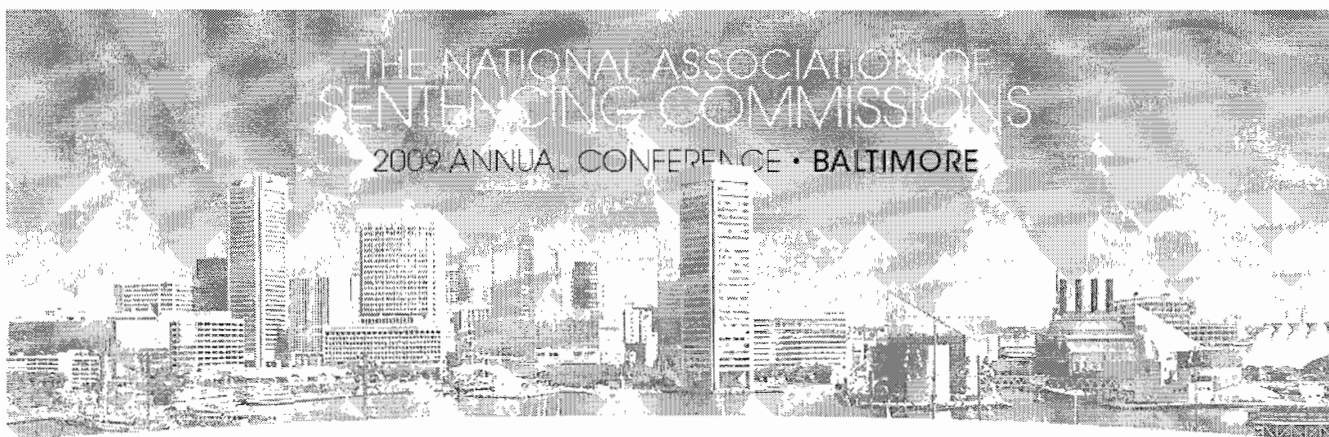
The National Association of Sentencing Commissions (NASC) was created to facilitate the exchange and sharing of information, ideas, data, expertise, and experiences and to educate on issues related to sentencing policies, guidelines and commissions. Every year, the NASC conference brings together judges, legislators, correctional officials, policy makers, academics, researchers, and practitioners from around the country to examine our nation's experiences with sentencing laws and practices and to discuss emerging issues and innovations.

The 2009 conference will be held at the Renaissance Harborplace Hotel in Baltimore, Maryland. This year's conference is an invitation for conference attendees to review what we have learned regarding sentencing policy and practice over the past 15 years and to discuss how this information can inform our decisions moving forward.

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Agenda

The National Association of Sentencing Commissions (NASC) will hold its annual conference in Baltimore, Maryland at the Renaissance Harborplace Hotel, August 2-4, 2009. Confirmed speakers as of May 11, 2009 include:

Richard Allen, Commissioner, Alabama Department of Corrections
Kira Antell, Senior Legislative Affairs Specialist, U.S. Sentencing Commission
James Austin, President, JFA Institute
Christopher Baird, Executive Vice President, National Council on Crime and Delinquency
Mark Bergstrom, Executive Director, Pennsylvania Sentencing Commission
Avi Bhati, Researcher, Justice Policy Center, Urban Institute
Alfred Blumstein, Professor, Carnegie Mellon University
Honorable Anthony G. Brown, Lt. Governor of Maryland
Russell Butler, Executive Director, Maryland Crime Victims' Resource Center
Honorable Deborah Chasanow, U.S. District Court for District of Maryland
Honorable Howard Chasanow, Chairman, Maryland State Commission on Criminal Sentencing Policy
Mark Cohen, Professor of Management and Law, Vanderbilt University
Robert Davis, Senior Social Research Analyst, RAND Corporation
Meredith Farrar-Owens, Deputy Director, Virginia Criminal Sentencing Commission
Richard Gebelein, Chief Deputy Attorney General, Delaware Department of Justice
Barry Green, Deputy Secretary of Public Safety, Commonwealth of Virginia
Kathleen Grilli, Deputy General Counsel, U.S. Sentencing Commission
Paul Hofer, Chief Sentencing Policy Analyst, Federal Public Defenders
Kim Hunt, Senior Research Associate, U.S. Sentencing Commission
Michael Jacobsen, Director, Vera Institute of Justice
Stefan LoBuglio, Chief, Pre-Release and Reentry Services, Montgomery County (MD) Department of Correction and Rehabilitation
Gary Maynard, Secretary, Maryland Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services
Kevin McCormac, Head of Sentencing Guidelines Secretariat, England
John O'Connell, Jr., Director, Delaware Statistical Analysis Center
Hyungkwan Park, Public Prosecutor & Special Advisor to the Korean Sentencing Commission
Helen Pedigo, Executive Director, Kansas Sentencing Commission
Anne Piehl, Associate Professor, Department of Economics & Program in Criminal Justice, Rutgers University
Kent Scheidegger, Legal Director, Criminal Justice Legal Foundation
Cassia Spohn, Professor and Director of Graduate Programs, Arizona State University
Barbara Tombs, Senior Fellow, Center on Sentencing and Corrections, Vera Institute of Justice
Byron Warnken, Associate Professor of Law, University of Baltimore School of Law
Charles Wellford, Professor of Criminology and Criminal Justice, University of Maryland

Schedule

Sunday, August 2, 2009

- 12:00 p.m. **Registration Begins**
Baltimore Foyer
- 1:35 p.m. **Baltimore Orioles v. Boston Red Sox**
Come join your NASC colleagues for an afternoon of baseball at the beautiful Oriole Park at Camden Yards!
- 6:00 p.m. **NASC 2009 Conference Reception**
Watertable Ballroom

Monday, August 3, 2009

- 7:30 a.m. **Continental Breakfast**
Baltimore Foyer
- 8:30 a.m. **Welcome Address**
Baltimore Ballroom
- 9:00 a.m. **Plenary Session I: The State of Sentencing Research**
Baltimore Ballroom
- 10:15 a.m. **Morning Break**
Sunset Court West
- 10:30 a.m. **Break Out Sessions:**
- Risk/Needs Assessment
 - Influence of Politics and Media on Criminal Penalty Development
 - An International Perspective on Sentencing
- 12:00 p.m. **Luncheon**
Baltimore Foyer
- 1:30 p.m. **Break Out Sessions:**
- Sentencing Since *Booker*
 - Evolving Roles of Sentencing Commissions
 - The Role of Victims in Sentencing Policy
- 2:45 p.m. **Afternoon Break**
Baltimore Foyer
- 3:00 p.m. **Round Table Discussions:**
- Forward Thinking in Bureau of Justice Statistics Collections
 - Practitioner Application of Risk/Needs Assessments
 - Rebuilding Justice in Eastern Europe
 - Restorative Justice Applications

Tuesday, August 4, 2009

- 7:30 a.m. **Continental Breakfast**
Baltimore Ballroom
- 8:30 a.m. **Morning Address**
Baltimore Ballroom
- 9:00 a.m. **Plenary Session II: The Consequences of Escalating Incarceration Rates**
Baltimore Ballroom
- 10:15 a.m. **Morning Break**
Baltimore Foyer
- 10:30 a.m. **Break Out Sessions:**
- Shrinking Budgets While Meeting Courts and Corrections Needs
 - Release Decisions
 - The Interdependence of Jails and Prison Populations
- 12:00 p.m. **Luncheon: NASC Election Results and NASC Annual Business meeting**
Baltimore Foyer

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