

*Colorado Commission on Criminal and Juvenile Justice*  
**Sentencing Reform Task Force**

**Sentence Structure Working Group**  
**MINUTES**

November 16, 2020 / 3:00PM-4:30PM  
Virtual Meeting

**ATTENDEES**

**WORKING GROUP MEMBERS**

Michael Dougherty, District Attorney, 20<sup>th</sup> Judicial District, *Leader*  
Maureen Cain, Office of the State Public Defender  
Christie Donner, Colorado Criminal Justice Reform Coalition  
Valarie Finks, Crime Victim Compensation, 1<sup>st</sup> Judicial District  
Jessica Jones, Defense Attorney  
Tom Raynes, Colorado District Attorneys' Council  
Dan Rubinstein, District Attorney, 21<sup>st</sup> Judicial District  
Lisa Wayne, Defense Attorney

**STAFF**

Richard Stroker, CCJJ Consultant  
Kim English, Division of Criminal Justice  
Damien Angel, Division of Criminal Justice  
Laurence Lucero, Division of Criminal Justice  
Stephane Waisanen, Division of Criminal Justice  
Kevin Ford, Division of Criminal Justice

**ABSENT**

N/A

Issue/Topic	Discussion
<p>Welcome &amp; Agenda <i>Michael Dougherty</i></p>	<p>Michael began the meeting welcoming everyone and providing a brief overview of the agenda.</p>

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<p>Report from Study Group <i>Maureen Cain</i></p>	<p>Maureen presented a Study Group report that proposed revisions to the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sentencing Ranges for Misdemeanors (Misdemeanor Grid).</li> <li>• 11 misdemeanor offenses considered for reclassification as a more serious offense, less serious offense, or petty offense.</li> </ul> <p>DISCUSSION Maureen, Christy, Tom, and Michael led a conversation with the group regarding the Study Group’s approach to the proposed changes outlined in their report.</p> <p>The Working Group discussed areas of support and concern with the proposed changes. The Study Group members agreed to incorporate this feedback into their work, where possible, and document areas of disagreement for the Sentence Reform Task Force to address at a later time.</p>

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<p>Next Steps and Adjournment <i>Michael Dougherty, Richard Stroker</i></p>	<p>Richard recapped the meeting and outlined the items in the group’s scope of work that would be addressed in the weeks to come.</p> <p>Michael confirmed with the group that all members were okay with moving the meeting time back half an hour to 3:30 pm. Michael asked if there were any other comments and hearing none he brought the meeting to a close.</p> <p>Next meeting is: <b>Monday, November 30, 2020 at 3:30pm</b></p>