

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

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

December 21, 2020 / 3:00PM-5:00PM  
Virtual Meeting

**ATTENDEES**

**WORKING GROUP MEMBERS**

Michael Dougherty, *WG Leader*, District Attorney, 20<sup>th</sup> Judicial District  
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**

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**

<p><b>Issue/Topic</b> Welcome &amp; Agenda <i>Maureen Cain, WG Member</i></p>	<p><b>Discussion</b></p> <p>With Michael Dougherty (WG Leader) joining the meeting late, Maureen Cain welcomed everyone and provided a brief overview of the agenda. Maureen stated that the focus of discussions will be on the work on potential sentencing revisions compiled by the Study Group.</p>
<p><b>Issue/Topic</b> Report from the Study Group <i>Maureen Cain, Michael Dougherty, Dan Rubenstein, Tom Raynes, Christie Donner, All</i></p>	<p><b>Discussion</b></p> <p>Maureen outlined the work accomplished by the Study Group over the past week and their recommended changes to the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Misdemeanor Sentencing and Title 18 Grid</li> <li>• Title 42 Grid</li> <li>• Title 1 Election Offenses</li> </ul> <p>The Study Group requested questions and discussion of any of the elements presented on the topics above. During the discussion, members voiced concerns, opinions, and suggestions regarding the crimes related to the above topics. The Working Group collaborated on revisions with members reaching consensus on the elements presented. The group also agreed that the recommendation would require a delayed implementation date given its scope.</p>
<p><b>Issue/Topic</b> Timeline of Work &amp; Legislative Concerns <i>Michael Dougherty, All</i></p>	<p><b>Discussion</b></p> <p>The group discussed the timing of their work to ensure their recommendation was prepared for the delayed legislative session (beginning Feb. 16, 2021). Michael confirmed that the next meeting of the Working Group would be January 4, 2021 where additional elements of the recommendation will be discussed. At the next Sentencing Reform Task Force meeting on January 6, 2021, the Working Group will be prepared to present several recommendation elements for consideration by members.</p>
<p><b>Issue/Topic</b> Public Comment</p>	<p><b>Discussion</b></p> <p>There were no members of the public in attendance for this meeting.</p>
<p><b>Issue/Topic</b> Adjournment <i>Michael Dougherty</i></p>	<p><b>Discussion</b></p> <p>Michael asked if there were any additional comments for the good of the order, and hearing none he adjourned the meeting.</p> <p>The next meeting of the Sentence Structure Working Group: <b>Monday, January 4, 2021 at 3pm.</b></p>