

# AGENDA FOR U.S. SENTENCING COMMISSION'S SYMPOSIUM ON ALTERNATIVES TO INCARCERATION

**MONDAY, JULY 14, 2008**

8:30 a.m. - 8:45 a.m.    **WELCOME AND INTRODUCTORY REMARKS**  
*by Honorable Ricardo H. Hinojosa, Chair*

8:45 a.m. - 10:15 a.m.    **AN OVERVIEW OF ALTERNATIVE SENTENCING OPTIONS  
IN THE STATE AND FEDERAL SYSTEMS (PLENARY  
SESSION)**  
*Moderator: Honorable Ricardo H. Hinojosa, Chair*

The panel will provide an overview of the current state of alternative sentencing in the state and federal system. The panel will explore available options for alternative sentencing and discuss their experiences in the field.

- **DOUGLAS BURRIS**  
*Chief United States Probation Officer  
District of Missouri*
- **RYAN KING**  
*Policy Analyst  
Sentencing Project*
- **CATHERINE C. MCVEY**  
*Chairman  
Pennsylvania Board of Probation and Parole*
- **STEPHEN A. SALTZBURG**  
*Professor of Law  
George Washington University School of Law*

10:15 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.    **BREAK**

10:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.    **ALTERNATIVE SENTENCING: REHABILITATIVE AND  
PUNITIVE MODELS AND EVIDENCE-BASED POLICY  
(PLENARY SESSION)**  
*Moderator: Honorable Michael Horowitz, Commissioner*

“Evidence Based Policy” stresses the use of scientifically rigorous research to implement and evaluate public policy. This panel will explore the utility of the evidence based approach by outlining the requirements for successful rehabilitation focused programs and presenting the most currently available research and program findings to tell us “what is working” and “how.”

- **STEVE AOS**  
*Associate Director  
Washington State Institute for Public Policy*
- **DR. PAM LATTIMORE**  
*Senior Research Social Scientist  
Research Triangle Institute*
- **KENT SCHEIDEGGER**  
*Legal Director and General Counsel  
Criminal Justice Legal Foundation*
- **DR. FAYE TAXMAN**  
*Professor of Administration of Justice  
George Mason University*

12:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.

**WORKING LUNCHEON – RESTORATIVE JUSTICE**

*Moderator: Honorable William K. Sessions, Vice Chair*

The panel is designed to provide attendees with an overview of restorative justice issues including the history of the concept, future applications, and its practical applications, including obstacles at the federal level. A question and answer period will follow the presentation.

- **DENISE BARRETT**  
*Assistant Federal Public Defender  
District of Maryland*
- **DR. GORDON BAZEMORE**  
*Professor, Department of Criminology and Criminal Justice  
Florida Atlantic University*
- **SUNNY SCHWARTZ**  
*Program Administrator and Co-founder Resolve to Stop the Violence Program  
(RSVP),  
San Francisco Sheriff's Department*
- **DR. HOWARD ZEHR**  
*Professor of Sociology and Restorative Justice  
Eastern Mennonite University*

1:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

**CONCURRENT SESSIONS**

**PRISON PROGRAMS RESULTING IN REDUCED SENTENCES**

*Moderator: Kathleen Grilli, Deputy General Counsel*

The Federal Bureau of Prisons provides the Residential Drug Abuse Program, or RDAP, which offers an incentive of early release under 18 U.S.C. 3621(e). Panelists will discuss the RDAP program, analyze criticisms of RDAP and the Bureau of Prison's good time credit program, and explore other potential sentence-reducing programs.

- **BRYAN FEINSTEIN**  
*Correctional Programs Specialist  
Federal Bureau of Prisons*
- **DR. DORIS L. MACKENZIE**  
*Professor, Criminology and Criminal Justice  
University of Maryland*
- **STEPHEN R. SADY**  
*Chief Deputy Federal Public Defender  
District of Oregon*
- **BETH WEINMAN**  
*National Drug Abuse Coordinator  
Federal Bureau of Prisons*

**INTENSIVE SUPERVISION/ELECTRONIC MONITORING/GPS**

*Moderator: Honorable Beryl A. Howell, Commissioner*

This panel will examine technologies currently being used and new technologies being developed for supervision of offenders, analyze their effectiveness and limitations, and discuss privacy and implementation concerns.

- **TRENT CORNISH**  
*Probation Administrator, OPPS-PAD  
Administrative Office of the U.S. Courts*
- **OLINDA MOYD**  
*Chief of Parole Division  
District of Columbia Public Defender Service*
- **DR. MARC RENZEMA**  
*Professor, Criminal Justice Department  
Kutztown University*
- **THOMAS H. WILLIAMS**  
*Associate Director  
Court Services & Offender Supervision Agency (for the District of Columbia)*

**DRUG COURTS/TREATMENT OPTIONS**

*Moderator: Glenn Schmitt, Director, Office of Research & Data*

This panel will focus on the role of drug courts, particularly at the state level, and examine ways in which the federal system could implement similar programs.

- **HON. JOHN C. CREUZOT**  
*Judge, Criminal District Court  
Dallas, Texas*
- **CHARLES J. HYNES**  
*Kings County District Attorney  
Brooklyn, New York*
- **HON. CRAIG ISCOE**  
*Judge, Superior Court  
Washington, D.C.*
- **DR. LINDA TRUITT**  
*Senior Social Science Analyst  
National Institute of Justice*

3:00 p.m. - 3:15 p.m.

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3:15 p.m. - 4:45 p.m.

**CONCURRENT SESSIONS:**

**PRACTICAL APPROACHES TO SUPERVISION (NON-INCARCERATION ALTERNATIVES)**

*Moderator: Honorable William K. Sessions, Vice Chair*

This panel will discuss the necessary elements for successful supervision, the role of the community in successful programs, and how technology assists officers with a specific review of the District of Hawaii's supervision programs.

- **LINDA CONNELLY**  
*Chief Executive Officer  
Leaders in Community Alternatives*
- **RICHARD CRAWFORD**  
*Chief United States Probation Officer  
District of Hawaii*
- **CARL WICKLUND**  
*Executive Director  
American Probation and Parole Association*

**TREATMENT FOR SPECIAL NEEDS (WOMEN OFFENDERS, OFFENDERS WITH MENTAL HEALTH ISSUES, SEX OFFENDERS, NATIVE AMERICANS)**

*Moderator: Pamela G. Montgomery, Director & Chief Counsel,  
Office of Education and Sentencing Practice*

This panel will take a look at specific groups within the offender population – women offenders, offenders with mental health issues, sex offenders, and offenders who are Native Americans – and discuss the factors uniquely relevant to these different populations.

- **DR. KURT BUMBY**  
*Senior Manager  
Center for Effective Public Policy*
- **GEORGIA LERNER**  
*Executive Director  
Women's Prison Association*

**TREATMENT FOR SPECIAL NEEDS (WOMEN OFFENDERS, OFFENDERS WITH MENTAL HEALTH ISSUES, SEX OFFENDERS, NATIVE AMERICANS) (con't)**

- **DR. ALLISON REDLICH**  
*Senior Research Associate  
Policy Research Associates*
- **JEFFREY L. VIKEN**  
*Federal Public Defender  
Districts of North Dakota and South Dakota*

**FEDERAL PROBLEM SOLVING COURTS (VIEW FROM THE COURT)**

*Moderator: Honorable Ruben Castillo, Vice Chair*

This panel will explore re-entry programs and initiatives designed to assist offenders in their transition from incarceration to the community. Discussions will include the importance of the availability of job training, placement services, transitional housing, mental health/addiction treatment and mentoring programs.

- **MELISSA AUBIN**  
*Staff Attorney  
District of Oregon*
- **HON. LEO SOROKIN**  
*U.S. Magistrate Judge  
District of Massachusetts*
- **HON. BROOKE WELLS**  
*U.S. Magistrate Judge  
District of Utah*

## TUESDAY, JULY 15, 2008

### 8:30 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. STATES' IMPLEMENTATION OF ALTERNATIVES TO INCARCERATION (PLENARY SESSION)

*Moderator: Honorable Beryl A. Howell, Commissioner*

This panel will discuss alternatives to incarceration programs available in certain states including what programs have been successful, what have not been successful and the challenges states have encountered in finding working solutions to prison crowding and budget issues.

- **MARK BERGSTROM**  
*Executive Director*  
*Pennsylvania Commission on Sentencing*
- **DAVID GUNTARP**  
*Director*  
*Arkansas Department of Community Corrections*
- **SUSAN KATZENELSON**  
*Executive Director*  
*North Carolina Sentencing and Policy Advisory Commission*
- **RICHARD KERN**  
*Director*  
*Virginia Criminal Sentencing Commission*

10:00 a.m. - 10:15 a.m. **BREAK**

### 10:15 a.m. - 11:45 a.m. EXAMINING THE EVIDENCE: RESEARCH AND IMPLEMENTATION OF SENTENCING ALTERNATIVES IN THE FEDERAL SYSTEM (PLENARY SESSION)

*Moderator: Honorable Ruben Castillo, Vice Chair*

This panel will present experiences at the federal level with using research and other information to establish alternative sentencing programs within the federal system.

- **HON. ANN AIKEN**  
*U.S. District Judge*  
*District of Oregon*
- **HON. ROBERT HOLMES BELL**  
*Chief U.S. District Judge*  
*Western District of Michigan*
- **HON. CAROL JACKSON**  
*Chief U.S. District Judge*  
*District of Missouri*

### EXAMINING THE EVIDENCE: RESEARCH AND IMPLEMENTATION OF SENTENCING ALTERNATIVES IN THE FEDERAL SYSTEM (PLENARY SESSION) (con't)

- **SCOTT VANBENSCHOTEN**  
*Probation Administrator, OPPS-PAD*  
*Administrative Office of the U.S. Courts*

11:45 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. **WORKING LUNCHEON – SECOND CHANCE ACT**  
*Moderator: Lisa Rich, Director, Office of Legislative & Public Affairs*

The panel is designed to provide the audience with an overview of how bipartisan legislation like the Second Chance Act gets enacted, the expected impact of the legislation on the criminal justice community, and how similar legislation may move forward in future sessions of Congress.

- **BOBBY VASSAR**  
*Chief Counsel, Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security*  
*U.S. House of Representatives*
- **MICHAEL VOLKOV**  
*Deputy Assistant Attorney General, Office of Legislative Affairs*  
*U.S. Department of Justice*

1:30 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. **CONCURRENT SESSIONS**

### FOCUS ON REENTRY: *Moderator: Honorable Dabney L. Friedrich, Commissioner*

This panel will provide an overview of reentry issues and research problems, an inside look at programs implemented via faith-based organizations, and the work of the Federal Bureau of Prisons.

- **DONALEE BREAZZANO**  
*Administrator, Inmate Skill Development*  
*Federal Bureau of Prisons*
- **SCOTT SHORTENHAUS**  
*Deputy Director of the Center for Faith Based and Community Initiatives*  
*U.S. Department of Labor, Employment and Training Administration*

**FOCUS ON REENTRY: (con't)**

*Moderator: Honorable Dabney L. Friedrich, Commissioner*

- **AMY SOLOMON**  
*Criminal Justice Researcher, Justice Policy Center  
Urban Institute*
- **JERRY VROEGH**  
*Administrator, Community Corrections Branch  
Federal Bureau of Prisons*

**FEDERAL PROBLEM SOLVING COURTS (VIEW FROM THE PRACTITIONERS)**

*Moderator: Honorable Michael E. Horowitz, Commissioner*

This panel will examine practical issues associated with implementing re-entry programs, particularly at the federal level.

- **LAURA KAPLAN**  
*Chief of the Violent and Organized Crime Section  
United States Attorney's Office  
District of Massachusetts*
- **VALERIE MARTIN**  
*Chief United States Probation Officer  
Western District of Michigan*
- **ROSSMAN THOMPSON**  
*Assistant Federal Public Defender  
Eastern District of Pennsylvania*

**COMPARATIVE LAW:**

*Moderator: Honorable Richardo H. Hinojosa, Chair*

This panel will examine approaches to criminal punishment and sentencing employed in other countries, such as Germany, France, Canada, and Australia.

- **ALVIN J. BRONSTEIN**  
*Director Emeritus  
ACLU National Prison Project*
- **RICHARD S. FRASE**  
*Professor of Criminal Law  
University of Minnesota Law School*
- **ABBE SMITH**  
*Co-Director, Criminal Justice Clinic and E. Barrett Prettyman Fellowship  
Program; Professor of Law  
Georgetown University Law Center*

3:00 p.m. - 3:15 p.m.

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3:15 p.m. - 4:45 p.m.

**CONCURRENT SESSIONS**

**INTERMEDIATE SANCTIONS (DAY REPORTING CENTERS, COMMUNITY SERVICE, RESTITUTION CENTERS)**

*Moderator: Alan Dorhoffer, Deputy Director, Office of Education & Sentencing Practice*

This panel will take a look at three specific alternative sentencing options: restitution centers, community service programs, and day reporting centers. The panel will also discuss concerns about public safety, problems associated with resources in the community, and any evaluations performed of the different programs.

- **PAUL HEGARTY**  
*Assistant Deputy Superintendent  
Hampden County (MA) Day Reporting Center/ Sheriffs Office*
- **HERB HOELTER**  
*Chief Executive Officer  
National Center on Institutions and Alternatives*
- **KEVIN JACKSON**  
*Deputy Warden  
Mississippi Department of Corrections*

**COLLATERAL CONSEQUENCES OF CONVICTIONS**

*Moderator: Kenneth Cohen, General Counsel*

This panel will examine collateral consequences of conviction including adverse employment consequences, deportation, or related immigration concerns, and the loss of educational opportunities. The panel will discuss the obstacles faced by convicted persons and the viability of programs designed to address this specific form of discrimination.

- **MARGARET LOVE**  
*Law Offices of Margaret Love  
Washington, D.C.*
- **JORGE MONTES**  
*Chair  
Illinois Prisoner Review Board*
- **PAT NOLAN**  
*Vice President  
Prison Fellowship*
- **MICHAEL PINARD**  
*Professor of Law  
University of Maryland Law School*

**ALTERNATIVES IN THE GUIDELINES**

*Moderator: Honorable Dabney L. Friedrich, Commissioner*

This panel will explore existing alternatives to imprisonment within the guidelines system.

- **TODD A. BUSSERT**  
*Law Office of Todd A. Bussert  
New Haven, CT*
  
- **NORA V. DEMLEITNER**  
*Dean and Professor of Law  
Hofstra University School of Law*
  
- **LINDA HOFFA**  
*Criminal Division Chief  
United States Attorney's Office  
Eastern District of Pennsylvania*