

**UNITED STATES SENTENCING COMMISSION**

**Sentencing Guidelines for United States Courts**

**AGENCY:** United States Sentencing Commission.

**ACTION:** Notice of period during which individuals may apply to be appointed to a certain voting membership of the Practitioners Advisory Group; request for applications.

**SUMMARY:** Because a voting membership of the Practitioners Advisory Group has become vacant before the expiration of the term, the United States Sentencing Commission hereby invites any individual who is eligible to be appointed to complete the unexpired term to apply. See section 2(c) of the charter for the advisory group ("When a voting membership becomes vacant before the expiration of the term, an appointment shall, wherever practicable, be made to complete the unexpired term."). The voting membership covered by this notice is the circuit membership for the Sixth Circuit, and the individual appointed would complete the remainder of the unexpired term, which expires as of October 2014. Applications should be received by the Commission not later than February 1, 2013. Applications may be sent to the address listed below.

**DATES:** Applications for voting membership of the Practitioners Advisory Group should be received not later than February 1, 2013.

**ADDRESS:** Send applications to: United States Sentencing Commission, One Columbus Circle, NE, Suite 2-500, South Lobby, Washington, DC 20002-8002, Attention: Public Affairs.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Jeanne Doherty, Public Affairs Officer, 202-502-4502.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Practitioners Advisory Group of the United States Sentencing Commission is a standing advisory group of the United States Sentencing Commission pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 995 and Rule 5.4 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure. Under the charter for the advisory group, the purpose of the advisory group is (1) to assist the Commission in carrying out its statutory responsibilities under 28 U.S.C. § 994(o); (2) to provide to the Commission its views on the Commission's activities and work, including proposed priorities and amendments; (3) to disseminate to defense attorneys, and to other professionals in the defense community, information regarding federal sentencing issues; and (4) to perform other related functions as the Commission requests. The advisory group consists of not more than 17 voting members, each of whom may serve not more than two consecutive three-year terms. Of those 17 voting members, one shall be Chair, one shall be Vice Chair, 12 shall be circuit members (one for each federal judicial circuit other than the Federal Circuit), and three shall be at-large members.

To be eligible to serve as a voting member, an individual must be an attorney who (1) devotes a substantial portion of his or her professional work to advocating the interests of

privately-represented individuals, or of individuals represented by private practitioners through appointment under the Criminal Justice Act of 1964, within the federal criminal justice system; (2) has significant experience with federal sentencing or post-conviction issues related to criminal sentences; and (3) is in good standing of the highest court of the jurisdiction or jurisdictions in which he or she is admitted to practice. Additionally, to be eligible to serve as a circuit member, the individual's primary place of business or a substantial portion of his or her practice must be in the circuit concerned. Each voting member is appointed by the Commission.

The Commission invites any individual who is eligible to be appointed to a voting membership covered by this notice to apply by sending a letter of interest and a resume to the address above.

**AUTHORITY:** 28 U.S.C. § 994(a), (o), (p), § 995; USSC Rules of Practice and Procedure 5.2, 5.4.

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