

# In the Supreme Court of the State of Idaho

IN RE: FORMATION AND )  
MEMBERSHIP OF THE MISDEMEANOR ) ORDER  
SENTENCING COMMITTEE )  
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The Supreme Court comes now in furtherance of its goal to increase public trust and confidence in Idaho Courts through protecting communities, reducing recidivism, and holding offenders accountable through evidence-based sentencing practices and based upon the model of the Felony Sentencing Committee;

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that a Misdemeanor Sentencing Committee is formed to accomplish the following:

1. Enhance sentencing options for magistrate judges through review of relevant research on sentencing practices and sentencing alternatives with emphasis on community-based programs;
2. Increase understanding of who is sentenced to probation, how those decisions are made, how long individuals are supervised, who and why probation is revoked, and the implications of all of these;
3. Review and provide recommendations for enhancing information available to judges at sentencing, including information related to criminogenic risk and needs, the availability of behavioral health treatment, and other programing, as well as other sentencing information;
4. Work with the Idaho Association of Counties Misdemeanor Probation Administrators Association to enhance misdemeanor probation services statewide and support evidence-based supervision practices;
5. Serve as a liaison to each judicial district to increase understanding, develop recommendations for judicial education and receive feedback on misdemeanor sentencing practices for new and existing magistrate judges; and

6. Review evidence-based practices for pretrial justice, risk assessment data, conditions of release information, and specific county policies relating to monitoring and reporting criteria to judges in concert with criminal justice stakeholders.

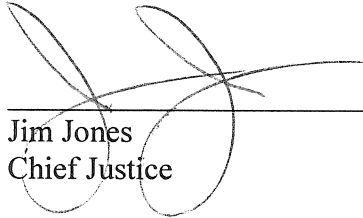
IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the following persons are appointed as members of the Sentencing Committee, to serve until further order of the Court:

Magistrate Judge James Cawthon, Chair  
Magistrate Judge Tyler Smith  
Magistrate Judge Michelle Evans  
Magistrate Judge James Stow  
Magistrate Judge Jennifer Haemmerle  
Magistrate Judge Paul Laggis  
Magistrate Judge Gilman Gardner  
Sara Thomas, Administrative Director of the Courts

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Misdemeanor Sentencing Committee shall meet regularly and report periodically to magistrate court judges, the Administrative Conference, and the Supreme Court with the results of its work and any recommendations.

DATED this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of November, 2016.

By Order of the Supreme Court

  
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Jim Jones  
Chief Justice

ATTEST:

Stephen Kenyon  
Clerk

I, Stephen W. Kenyon, Clerk of the Supreme Court of the State of Idaho, do hereby certify that the above is a true and correct copy of the Order entered in the above entitled cause and now on record in my office.

WITNESS my hand and the Seal of this Court 11-25-16

STEPHEN W. KENYON

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Clerk

By: Kumber Grove Deputy