

# In the Supreme Court of the State of Idaho

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**IN RE: MEMBERSHIP OF THE  
FELONY SENTENCING COMMITTEE**

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**ORDER**

The Court having been advised of the need for an update of the mission of the Felony Sentencing Committee, and for the appointment of new members of the Felony Sentencing Committee, and good cause appearing, therefore:

**A. IT IS ORDERED that the purpose and mission of the Felony Sentencing Committee shall be to:**

1. Improve the quality, consistency, and timeliness of the information available to judges at sentencing, including information from the Department of Correction as to availability of programming as well as other sentencing information;
2. Work with the Judicial Education Committee in providing training and developing evidence-based sentencing curriculum materials and forms for new judges and all district court judges annually thereafter;
3. Continue development of a useful system for collection from and distribution to district judges of data on the sentences that district judges are imposing that reflects the variables relevant to the sentence imposed;
4. Facilitate data informed policy-making regarding sentencing and correctional practices by collecting and analyzing data, such as who is sentenced to prison, how long individuals are imprisoned, who is paroled, and when are they paroled;
5. Provide evidence-based information to district judges on the continuum of sentencing alternatives, including diversion, problem solving courts, and other community-based programs, to assist them in determining which alternatives most effectively reduce recidivism; and

6. As needed, act as a liaison to the Department of Correction in all matters relating to the improvement of pre-sentence investigations, probation supervision, sentencing alternatives, and other sentencing matters of interest to district judges.

**B. IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the following changes be made to the Felony Sentencing Committee:**

1. The following individuals shall be reappointed to said committee:

Judge Mitchell Brown, District Judge

Judge John Judge, District Judge

Judge Michael Reardon, District Judge

Judge Dane Watkins, District Judge

**C. IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that after the above adjustments are made to the roster, the Felony Sentencing Committee shall be comprised of the following voting members serving for the following terms:**

<b>Committee Member</b>	<b>Current Term Expiration</b>
Chair: Justice Gregory Moeller	July 1, 2021
Judge Mitchell Brown	July 1, 2022
Judge Gene Petty	July 1, 2021
Judge Barbara Buchanan	July 1, 2021
Judge John Judge	July 1, 2022
Judge Jessica Lorello	July 1, 2021
Judge Michael Reardon	July 1, 2022
Judge Jonathan Brody	July 1, 2021
Judge Dane Watkins	July 1, 2022

**D. IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that a team of Idaho court administrative experts, as well as legal counsel, will provide on-going support and guidance to the Felony Sentencing Committee:**

Sara Thomas, Administrative Director of the Courts

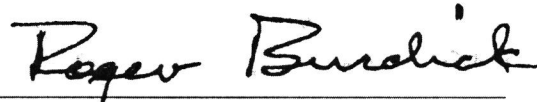
Jason Spillman, Legal Counsel

Sandy Jones, Criminal Justice Services Manager

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

DATED this 14 day of October, 2020.

By Order of the Supreme Court



Roger S. Burdick, Chief Justice

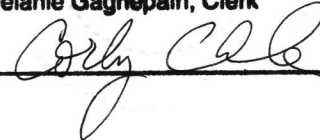
ATTEST:

Clerk



I, Melanie Gagnepain, Clerk of the Supreme Court/  
Court of Appeals of the State of Idaho, do hereby  
Certify that the above is a true and correct copy of the  
~~Order Membership Fee~~ entered in the above entitled  
cause and now on record in my office. WITNESS my  
hand and the Seal of this Court October 14, 2020  
Melanie Gagnepain, Clerk

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