

**Agency Name**

Sentencing Guidelines Commission  
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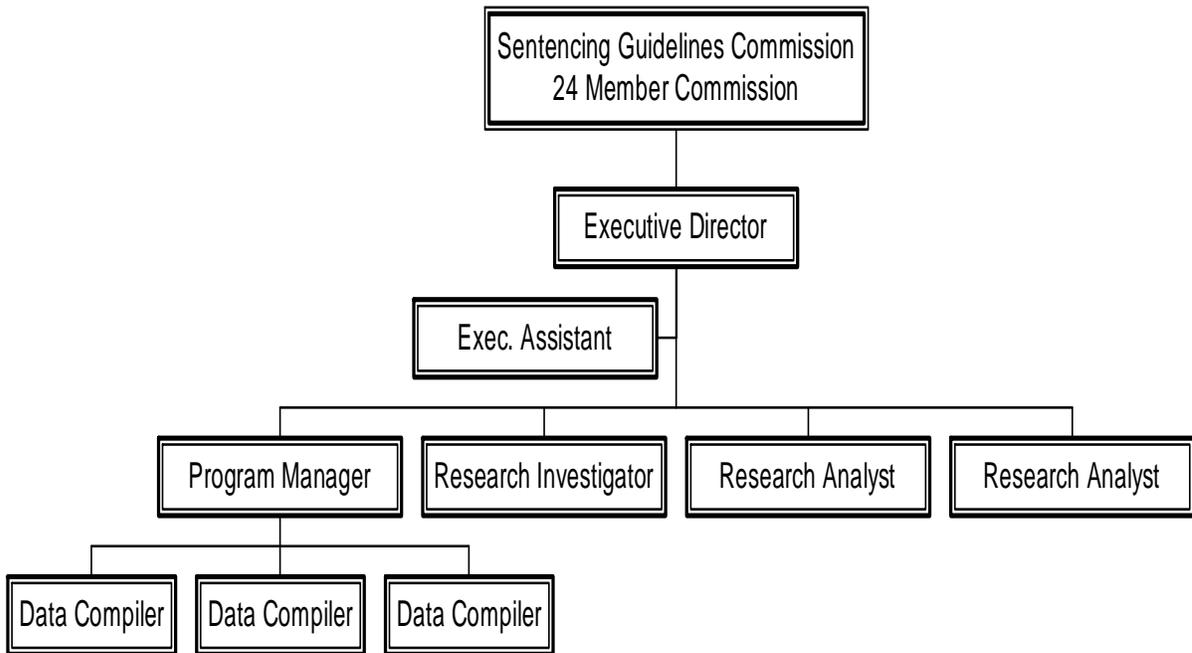
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**Agency Responsibilities**

- The Commission promotes accountability and equity in adult and juvenile sentencing.
- Provides accurate and timely information about sentencing, and recommends improvements in the criminal justice system.
- Serves as a clearinghouse and information center for the collection, preparation, analysis and dissemination of information on state and local adult and juvenile sentencing practices.
- A primary component of the agency's function is the preparation of fiscal notes covering all proposed legislation involving adult and juvenile justice issues.

**Organization Chart and Budget (Commission Members listed in attachment)**



The Sentencing Guidelines Commission consists of 24 members and 10 staff. Of the 24 Commission Members, twenty are voting members. Sixteen members are appointed by the Governor for three-year terms and include Superior Court judges, county prosecutors, defense attorneys, a law enforcement official, a juvenile court administrator, city and county elected officials and four citizens (including one victims' advocate). The remaining voting members serve in an *ex officio* capacity, by virtue of their positions in state government and include the Secretary of the Department of Corrections, the Assistant Secretary of Department of Social and Health Services – Juvenile Rehabilitation Administration, the Chair of the Indeterminate Sentence Review Board and the Director of the Office of Financial Management. In addition, four legislators serve on the Commission as non-voting members, two appointed by the President of the Senate and two appointed by the Speaker of the House, with one member from each party. There are no vacancies on the board at this time.

The agency's existing biennial budget for FY 03-05 is \$1,493,000 and comes from the state's general fund. Due to the agency's size, the agency's director, Ida Rudolph Leggett, handles the majority of management functions.

### **Agency Issues and Challenges**

One of the Commission's major challenges has been meeting increased demand for its instructional sentencing manuals and the increased demand for its staff's time and expertise in interpreting sentencing law. The Commission, through the publication of sentencing manuals, supplies updated law on both adult and juvenile sentencing each fiscal year to criminal justice practitioners, libraries and other interested persons. The Commission is the only entity, public or private, providing this information. Since its enactment in 1981, the Sentencing Reform Act has been amended every year and has grown in complexity. There has also been a steady increase in the criminal population and an attendant increase in the number of criminal justice practitioners.

Additionally, A major portion of the workload of the Commission is directly effected by changes and trends experienced by the state superior courts, the Department of Corrections and the Department of Social and Health Services Juvenile Rehabilitation Facilities. Based on reports prepared by the Caseload Forecast Council, the Commission anticipates that there will be a steady increase in admissions to state prisons. The increase in prison admissions will require an attendant increase in the workload of the data entry staff and increase the complexity of the work of staff members charged with interpreting and reporting on criminal justice issues.

The history of sentencing reform and annual amendments to the Sentence Reform Act teaches that all reforms are temporary and that change over time is inevitable. That history also teaches that periodic review and re-assessment are both prudent and necessary. The Sentencing Guidelines Commission is the only entity equipped to perform on-going review of sentencing practices and policies.

In order to meet these ongoing challenges, the Commission has and must continue to invest in upgrades and improvements of it technical system and in the training of it staff.

## Board Member Listing by Board Position

### SENTENCING GUIDELINES COMMISSION (GS155)

Agency 325 - Sentencing Guidelines Commission	Senate Conf. Y	Positions: Maximum 024
Authority Governor, statute, House, and Senate	Public Disc. N	Minimum 000
Authoriztn. RCW 9.94A.860	Term Length 036	Actual 024
Rem. Auth. GC	Meetings/Yr. 13	

Pos. #	Name and Address	Status	Race	Appointed	Expires
001	Phillips, Howard L. 1111 3rd Avenue Suite 220 Seattle, WA 98101-3207	A	AA	08/20/2003	08/02/2006

Terms Served 02  
Position a member  
Comments Defense Attorney

Pos. #	Name and Address	Status	Race	Appointed	Expires
002	Brasfield, Mike (The Honorable) 81 Elkins Road Port Hadlock, WA 98339	A	C	08/20/2003	08/02/2006

Terms Served 01  
Position a member  
Comments County-City Police Chief

Pos. #	Name and Address	Status	Race	Appointed	Expires
003	Eitzen, Tari (The Honorable) 1116 W. Broadway Avenue Spokane, WA 99260-0350	A	C	01/22/2003	08/02/2006

Terms Served 01  
Position a member  
Comments Superior Court Judge

Pos. #	Name and Address	Status	Race	Appointed	Expires
004	Cantu, Ronald D. (Dr.) 6226 - 196th Street SW, #2-A Lynnwood, WA 98036	A	H	08/20/2003	08/02/2006

Terms Served 03  
Position a member  
Comments General Public

Pos. #	Name and Address	Status	Race	Appointed	Expires
005	Nagle, James L. Attorney's Office 240 West Alder, Suite 201 Walla Walla, WA 99362	A	C	08/03/2004	08/02/2007

Terms Served 02  
Position a member  
Comments County Prosecuting Atty.

Pos. #	Name and Address	Status	Race	Appointed	Expires
006	Fair, Ellen (The Honorable) 3000 Rockefeller MS 502 Everett, WA 98201	A	C	08/20/2003	08/02/2006

Terms Served 01  
Position a member  
Comments Superior Court Judge

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Pos. #	Name and Address	Status	Race	Appointed	Expires
007	Boerner, David 900 Broadway Plaza Seattle, WA 98122	A	C	08/03/2004	08/02/2007
		Terms Served	02		
		Position	a member		
		Comments	General Public		
Pos. #	Name and Address	Status	Race	Appointed	Expires
008	VACANT				08/02/2005
		Position	Chair		
		Comments	General Public		
Pos. #	Name and Address	Status	Race	Appointed	Expires
009	Gain, Brian (The Honorable) 516 Third Avenue Room C 203 Seattle, WA 98104	A	C	10/07/2002	08/02/2005
		Terms Served	03		
		Position	a member		
		Comments	Superior Court Judge		
Pos. #	Name and Address	Status	Race	Appointed	Expires
010	Hauge, Russell D. (The Honorable) Kitsap County Courthouse 614 Division St, MS-35 Port Orchard, WA 98366-7148	A	C	10/07/2002	08/02/2005
		Terms Served	03		
		Position	a member		
		Comments	County Prosecuting Atty.		
Pos. #	Name and Address	Status	Race	Appointed	Expires
011	Lum, Dean S. (The Honorable) C-203 King County Courthouse 516 3rd Avenue Seattle, WA 98104	A	AP	09/27/2004	08/02/2007
		Terms Served	01		
		Position	a member		
		Comments	Judge		
Pos. #	Name and Address	Status	Race	Appointed	Expires
012	Nussbaum, Lenell (Ms.) Market Place Two, Suite 200 Seattle, WA 98121	A	C	10/07/2002	08/02/2005
		Terms Served	01		
		Position	a member		
		Comments	Defense Attorney		
Pos. #	Name and Address	Status	Race	Appointed	Expires
021	Delmore, Edward 1338 SW Old Clifton Road Poulsbo, WA 98366	A	C	08/03/2004	08/02/2007
		Terms Served	02		
		Position	a member		
		Comments	Juvenile Corrections Rep.		

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Pos. #	Name and Address	Status	Race	Appointed	Expires
022	Wieland, Jenny (Ms.) PO Box 112 Mercer Island, WA 98040	A	C	10/07/2002	08/02/2005
		Terms Served	03		
		Position	a member		
		Comments	Crime Victim or Advocate		
Pos. #	Name and Address	Status	Race	Appointed	Expires
023	Moore, Deborah (The Honorable) Grant County Commission PO Box 37 Ephrata, WA 98823	A	C	08/20/2003	08/02/2006
		Terms Served	01		
		Position	a member		
		Comments	Wa Assoc of Counties		
Pos. #	Name and Address	Status	Race	Appointed	Expires
024	Place, Mary (The Honorable) 5710 Mari Lane Yakima, WA 98908	A	C	10/07/2002	08/02/2005
		Terms Served	01		
		Position	a member		
		Comments	Elected City Government Representative		