

in the *Guidelines Manual* (e.g., the “mitigating role cap” in § 2D1.1(a)(5)), and consideration of any amendments to the *Guidelines Manual* that may be appropriate in light of the information obtained from such study.

(6) Study of the guidelines applicable to immigration offenses and related criminal history rules, and consideration of any amendments to such guidelines that may be appropriate in light of the information obtained from such study.

(7) Continuation of its comprehensive, multi-year study of recidivism, including (A) examination of circumstances that correlate with increased or reduced recidivism; (B) possible development of recommendations for using information obtained from such study to reduce costs of incarceration and overcapacity of prisons; and (C) consideration of any amendments to the *Guidelines Manual* that may be appropriate in light of the information obtained from such study.

(8) Continuation of its multi-year review of federal sentencing practices pertaining to violations of conditions of probation and supervised release, including possible consideration of amending the policy statements in Chapter Seven of the *Guidelines Manual*.

(9) Continuation of its work with the legislative, executive, and judicial branches of government, and other interested parties, with respect to the Commission’s December 2012 report to Congress, titled *The Continuing Impact of United States v. Booker on Federal Sentencing*, and development of appropriate guideline amendments in response to any related legislation.

(10) Continuation of its work with Congress and other interested parties on child pornography offenses to implement the recommendations set forth in the Commission’s December 2012 report to Congress, titled *Federal Child Pornography Offenses*, including (A) possible development of appropriate guideline amendments in response to any related legislation; and (B) possible development of guideline amendments on the issue of victim restitution in light of *Paroline v. United States*, ___ U.S. ___, 134 S.Ct. 1710 (2014).

(11) Consideration of amending the policy statement pertaining to “compassionate release,” § 1B1.13 (Reduction in Term of Imprisonment as a Result of Motion by Director of Bureau of Prisons).

(12) Beginning a multi-year effort to simplify the operation of the guidelines, including a review of (A) cross references in the *Guidelines Manual*, (B) the use of relevant conduct in offenses

involving conspiracies, (C) the use of acquitted conduct in applying the guidelines, and (D) the use of departures.

(13) Implementation of any crime legislation enacted during the 113th Congress warranting a Commission response.

(14) Resolution of circuit conflicts, pursuant to the Commission’s continuing authority and responsibility, under 28 U.S.C. 991(b)(1)(B) and *Braxton v. United States*, 500 U.S. 344 (1991), to resolve conflicting interpretations of the guidelines by the federal courts.

(15) Study of the availability of alternatives to incarceration.

(16) Consideration of any miscellaneous guideline application issues coming to the Commission’s attention from case law and other sources.

The Commission hereby gives notice that it is seeking comment on these tentative priorities and on any other issues that interested persons believe the Commission should address during the amendment cycle ending May 1, 2015. To the extent practicable, public comment should include the following: (1) A statement of the issue, including, where appropriate, the scope and manner of study, particular problem areas and possible solutions, and any other matters relevant to a proposed priority; (2) citations to applicable sentencing guidelines, statutes, case law, and constitutional provisions; and (3) a direct and concise statement of why the Commission should make the issue a priority.

Authority: 28 U.S.C. § 994(a), (o); USSC Rules of Practice and Procedure 5.2.

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UNITED STATES SENTENCING COMMISSION

Requests for Nominations; Victims Advisory Group

AGENCY: United States Sentencing Commission.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In view of existing vacancies in the membership of the Victims Advisory Group, the United States Sentencing Commission hereby invites any individual who has knowledge, expertise, and/or experience in the area of federal crime victimization to apply to be appointed to the membership of the advisory group. Applications should

be received by the Commission not later than July 2, 2014. Applications may be sent to the Commission as indicated in the addresses section below.

DATES: Applications for membership of the Victims Advisory Group should be received not later than July 2, 2014.

ADDRESSES: Applications for membership of the Victims Advisory Group should include a letter of interest and resume, and be sent to the Commission by electronic mail or regular mail. The email address is pubaffairs@ussc.gov. The regular mail address is 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, jdoherty@ussc.gov. More information about the Victims Advisory Group is available on the Commission’s Web site at www.ussc.gov/advisory-groups.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Victims 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, as they relate to victims of crime; (3) to disseminate information regarding sentencing issues to organizations represented by the Victims Advisory Group and to other victims of crime and victims advocacy groups, as appropriate; and (4) to perform any other functions related to victims of crime as the Commission requests. Under the charter, the advisory group consists of not more than nine members, each of whom may serve not more than two consecutive three-year terms. Each member is appointed by the Commission.

The Commission invites any individual who has knowledge, expertise, and/or experience in the area of federal crime victimization to apply to be appointed to the membership of the Victims Advisory Group by sending a letter of interest and a resume to the Commission as indicated in the **ADDRESSES** section 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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UNITED STATES SENTENCING COMMISSION

Request for Applications; Practitioners Advisory Group

AGENCY: United States Sentencing Commission.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Because the terms of certain voting members of the Practitioners Advisory Group are expiring as of October 2014, the United States Sentencing Commission hereby invites any individual who is eligible to be appointed to succeed such a voting member to apply. The voting memberships covered by this notice are two circuit memberships (for the Fourth Circuit and the Eight Circuit). Applications should be received by the Commission not later than August 1, 2014. Applications may be sent to the Commission as indicated in the addresses section below.

DATES: Applications for voting membership of the Practitioners Advisory Group should be received not later than August 1, 2014.

ADDRESSES: Applications for voting membership of the Practitioners Advisory Group should include a letter of interest and resume, and be sent to the Commission by electronic mail or

regular mail. The email address is *pubaffairs@ussc.gov*. The regular mail address is United States Sentencing Commission, One Columbus Circle NE., Suite 2-500, South Lobby, Washington, DC 20002-8002, Attention: Public Affairs.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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§ 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 (i.e., the circuit memberships for the Fourth Circuit and the Eight Circuit) to apply by sending a letter of interest and a resume to the Commission as indicated in the **ADDRESSES** section 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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