

ABA CRIMINAL JUSTICE SECTION

The Unified Voice
of Criminal Justice



GREETINGS FROM THE CHAIR

Invite you to join the American Bar Association Criminal Justice Section and become one of the 16,000 criminal law practitioners who collaborate on criminal justice issues. Our Section uniquely brings together divergent stakeholders including state and federal prosecutors, private defense counsel and public defenders, state and federal appellate and trial judges, law professors, correctional and law enforcement personnel, law students, and other criminal law professionals to address the most pressing criminal justice issues.

Recently, we have addressed issues such as over criminalization; disproportionate prison populations; border searches of digital devices and information; immigration; juvenile justice; forensics and criminal justice; law enforcement and body cameras; and collateral consequences of conviction. We create Task Forces to study and address timely criminal justice issues and participate in criminal justice initiatives, such as Clemency Project 2014.

Section members also receive critical educational support to promote and advance their understanding of the law through CLE programming, networking and publishing opportunities. We engage in and initiate studies and research regarding criminal justice. We review and make policy recommendations concerning legislative, administrative, and judicial proposals relating to criminal law. We author amicus curiae briefs, filed with the United States Supreme Court and other courts, on behalf of the ABA.

We serve a vital role in the advancement of the fair and equitable application of criminal justice reform. Join us and enjoy all benefits the ABA Criminal Justice Section offers.

Sincerely,



Morris "Sandy" Weinberg Jr.
Chair, ABA Criminal Justice Section



MEMBERSHIP

ENGAGE | DEVELOP | LEAD

ENGAGE through speaking and publishing opportunities, and complimentary subscription to Criminal Justice Magazine, the Criminal Justice Section Newsletter and CJS Leadership Connection.

DEVELOP with global networking and career development through substantive committee, task force and CLE participation.

LEAD by creating state and federal policy and standards for criminal justice. Members receive our Summaries of Supreme Court criminal law cases, which provide timely summaries of criminal law decisions as well as links to the opinions as they are rendered.

The ABA Criminal Justice Section offers a joint dues program with the ABA Government & Public Sector Lawyers Division and the ABA Judicial Division.



YOUNG LAWYERS

The Young Lawyers Committee provides practical career information, publishing and speaking opportunities, networking, public service opportunities, and activities to improve the criminal justice system.

LAW STUDENTS

The ABA Criminal Justice Section provides free membership in the Section to law students, which includes the opportunity to join some of the Section's substantive Committees.

DIVERSITY

The ABA Criminal Justice Section strives to increase the diversity of its membership and leadership in all areas including appointments, mentorship, programming, and outreach. ABA CJS has created a strategic Diversity Plan that serves as a guide for our diversity efforts.

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Enroll online at www.ambar.org/cjsmembers or by calling the ABA Service Center at 800-285-2221.

PUBLICATIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

The ABA Criminal Justice Section regularly publishes top-quality, well-researched books and periodicals on emerging trends and developments in criminal law. Section members receive special discounts on our practice-related publications.

PERIODICALS

The quarterly *Criminal Justice Magazine* provides Section members with practice-oriented articles providing a wide variety of perspectives on cutting-edge legal issues and recent developments.

The *Criminal Justice Section Newsletter*, published three times a year, features Section news and project updates, “news from the field,” practice tips and ethics articles.



FLAGSHIP BOOKS

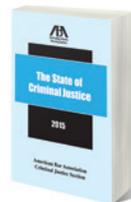
The State of Criminal Justice

This annual publication examines and reports on the major issues, trends and significant changes in the criminal justice system. As one of the cornerstones of the Criminal Justice Section’s work, this publication serves as an invaluable resource for policy-makers, academics, and students of the criminal justice system alike.

Trial Tactics (Third Edition)

Trial Tactics, now in its third edition, is truly a road map for the discovery of the many pitfalls and obstacles that must be avoided to succeed at trial.

Information on additional CJS books can be found at: www.ambar.org/cjsbooks.



MEMBER COMMUNICATIONS

The Leadership Connection, an e-newsletter for ABA CJS members, features the latest section news and updates, member news, and new resources.



SOCIAL MEDIA

In addition to our newsletters and publications, various social media platforms distribute section related news. If you are on Twitter, Facebook, LinkedIn, YouTube or Instagram please follow, friend or subscribe to us and please use the hashtag **#ABACJS** when attending section events.

MEDIA REFERRALS

The ABA Criminal Justice Section often receives media inquiries related to criminal law. Section members are often forwarded these opportunities to speak in their own capacity as subject matter experts.



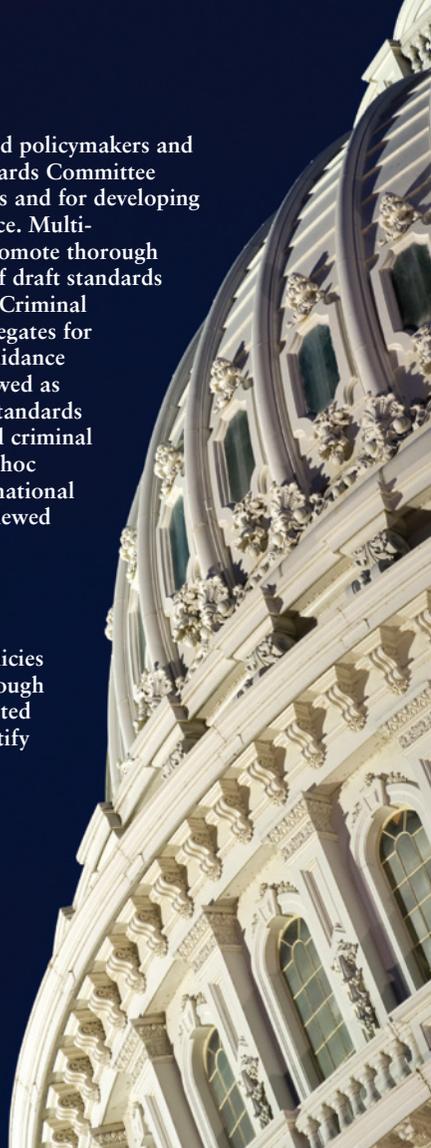
STANDARDS

For forty years, the ABA Criminal Justice Standards have guided policymakers and practitioners working in the criminal justice arena. The Standards Committee determines the priorities for updating or revising existing volumes and for developing or expanding volumes to address modern trends in criminal justice. Multi-disciplinary task forces develop specific recommendations and promote thorough review by both ABA and non-ABA entities. Following approval of draft standards by the Standards Committee, the standards are forwarded to the Criminal Justice Section Council and, ultimately, to the ABA House of Delegates for adoption as official ABA policy. These standards provide clear guidance to practitioners throughout the criminal case process and are viewed as authoritative by the United States Supreme Court. In 2017, the Standards Project expanded to begin the process of developing international criminal justice standards for use by the International Criminal Court, ad hoc war crimes tribunals, and domestic jurisdictions faced with international criminal offenses. Individual Criminal Justice Standards can be viewed and downloaded online at www.ambar.org/cjstandards.

POLICY

The ABA Criminal Justice Section formulates ABA policies and resolutions related to emerging issues in criminal justice. Our policies shape the national discourse on criminal justice reform, both through legislative advocacy and the filing of amicus briefs before the United States Supreme Court. Our members are often called upon to testify before Congress on behalf of the American Bar Association. We encourage section members to engage and make a difference in their respective areas of expertise through policy development.

Criminal Justice Policies and lobbying efforts may be found at: www.americanbar.org/groups/criminal_justice/policy.html.



SECTION PROGRAMMING/CLE

The ABA Criminal Justice Section regularly brings together the perspectives of prosecutors, defense lawyers, judges and scholars to meet the evolving needs of its members and to the legal profession overall. The Section offers more than 30 in-person programs, five webinars, and five teleconferences, which highlights current and hot topics in the criminal justice landscape. Information on CJS events can be found at: www.ambar.org/cjsevents.

OUR ANNUAL PROGRAMS INCLUDE:

CJS FALL INSTITUTE

Academics, prosecutors, defense attorneys and judges gather each year to discuss current issues in criminal justice, including federal sentencing law, various topics in white collar crime and policy.

NATIONAL WHITE COLLAR CRIME INSTITUTE

Our National White Collar Crime Institute is the largest gathering of white collar crime practitioners in the country. Legal experts, which often include representatives from the Securities and Exchange Commission and the U.S. Department of Justice, provide updates on hot issues in white collar crime.

FORENSICS CONFERENCE

Top practitioners meet to discuss forensic science developments, including lab ethics, wrongful conviction cases, DNA profiling, and bite-marks and tool-marks analysis.

ABA CRIMINAL JUSTICE SECTION SPRING CLE

The ABA Criminal Justice Section Spring CLE is dedicated to exploring a new and exciting topic each year. Past programs addressed neuroscience and criminal justice; federal drug guideline revisions; clemency petitions; child pornography; economic crimes sentencing strategies; cell phone tracking and other privacy issues; juvenile justice; e-discovery, government investigations and criminal law, and sentencing.

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCES:

LONDON WHITE COLLAR CRIME INSTITUTE

Each October in London, we bring topflight legal practitioners from across the globe tackle topics such as, international money laundering and sanctions, cross-border evidentiary concerns, and international internal investigations, fraud and bribery cases.

GLOBAL WHITE COLLAR CRIME INSTITUTE

This bi-annual program intends to bring the energy and excitement of white collar crime across the globe. The next institute will be held in Europe in June 2019.



AWARDS

ABA Criminal Justice Section administers five awards: The Raeder-Taslitz Award; Charles R. English Award; Norm Maleng Minister of Justice Award; Livingston Hall Juvenile Justice Award; and the Frank Carrington Crime Victim Attorney Award. Each award honors distinguished recipients in a specific field of criminal justice practice. For more information please visit: www.ambar.org/cjsawards.

COMMITTEES

Becoming a member of a committee is the best opportunity for direct involvement in Section activities, such as organizing many of the Section's CLE offerings, developing publications, and preparing policy resolutions and supporting background reports that become the basis for the ABA policies to initiate changes in criminal justice law and policy. Join online at www.americanbar.org/crimjust.

Academics Committee

Alternative Dispute Resolution &
Restorative Justice Committee

Alternatives to Incarceration & Diversion
Committee

Amicus Review Committee

Appellate & Habeas Practice
Committee

Awards Committee

Book Board Committee

CLE Board Committee

Corrections Committee

Criminal Justice Magazine Editorial
Board

Criminal Justice Standards

Criminal Procedure & Evidence
Committee

Cyber Crime Committee

- Investigative Techniques Subcommittee
- Privacy Subcommittee

Defense Function Committee

Diversity & Inclusion Committee

DOJ Dialogue Committee

Ethics, Gideon & Professionalism
Committee

Forensic & Investigative Practices

Global Anti-Corruption Committee

Homeland Security, Terrorism & Treatment
of Enemy Combatants Committee

Immigration Committee

International Committee

International White Collar Crime
Committee

Judicial Function Committee

Juvenile Justice Committee

Law Enforcement Committee

Law Student Activities Committee

Legislative & Policy Committee

LGBT Committee

Long Range Planning Committee

Membership Committee

Mental Health Committee

Military Justice Committee

Parole & Probation Committee

Pretrial Justice Committee

Prosecution Function Committee

Racial Justice & Diversity Committee

Re-Entry & Collateral Consequences
Committee

Science Technology & Forensics
Committee

Sentencing Committee

Solo & Small Firm Committee

Tribal Lands Committee

Victims Committee

White Collar Crime Committee

Women in Criminal Justice Committee

Women in White Collar
Subcommittee

Young Lawyers Committee



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