

# Agenda

## Registration and Continental Breakfast

8:30-9:30

## Conference Opens

9:30-9:35

## Keynote Welcome

9:35-9:50

## Conversation 1: Evolving social science and the experience of long-term incarceration

9:50-10:50

### *Anticipated topics*

- Lessons from the history of implementing life and long sentences
- What it feels like to be confined for life
- How and why people change in prison
- The reality of prison programming limitations
- How perpetrators of harm found genuine remorse for past crimes
- Accomplishments & navigating successful re-entry into the community

### *Suggested reading*

- Beckett, Katherine. "About Time: How Life and Long Sentences Fuel Mass Incarceration in Washington State." ACLU Washington, February 2020.
- Elsberry, Cindy Arends. "Pathways to Felony Resentencing in Washington State (2022)." Redemption Project of Washington, June 2022.
- Daftary-Kapur, Tarika and Zottoli, Tina. "Resentencing of Juvenile Lifers: The Philadelphia Experience." Montclair State University, Department of Justice Studies Faculty Scholarship and Creative Works, Spring 2020.
- "Prosecutor-Initiated Resentencing: California's Opportunity to Expand Justice and Repair Harm." For the People, December 2021.
- American Bar Association Resolutions 502 and 604 on Reducing Incarceration. August 2022.

## Break

10:50-11:00

## **Conversation 2: Minimizing harm for crime victims at resentencing**

11:00-12:00

### *Anticipated topics*

- Different individuals, different experiences
- Limited support for trauma survivors
- Impact of reversing assurances of finality/certainty
- Challenges to notice and outreach
- Systemic roadblocks to healing and reconciliation
- Benefits of restorative justice resources

### *Suggested reading*

- “Annual Report 2021.” Collective Justice NW, December 2021.
- Beckett, Katherine and Kartman, Martina. “Violence, Mass Incarceration, and Restorative Justice: Promising Possibilities.” University of Washington, June 2016.

## **Buffet Lunch**

12:00 -1:30

## **Workgroup Session 1**

1:30-2:15

### *Guiding questions (25 min.)*

- What makes resentencing cases difficult? How do they require going beyond your typical roles as trial court practitioners?
- What has surprised you about the resentencing cases you have worked on?
- To what degree do resource limitations impact your ability to fulfill resentencing obligations or goals?
- Are there barriers to prosecutor-initiated resentencing (SB 6164) in your jurisdiction?

### *Discussion of successes and opportunities (10 min.)*

- Can you share a takeaway from a resentencing that you consider a success or contributed to a positive experience?
- Considering what we heard from presenters this morning, are there topics or issues you would like more information about? (Ex. Re-entry support, victim’s services, restorative justice, or DOC policies)

- Has your office/court established specific practices to support the resentencing process?
- Can you identify areas for collaboration for resentencing practitioners?

*Collect information to share out (10 min.)*

- What are the top three challenges posed by resentencing cases?
- What are areas where there is a need for further education or inquiry?

## **Break**

2:15-2:25

## **Workgroup Session 2**

2:25-3:00

*Guiding questions*

- What are actions to support practitioners in resentencing cases?
- What are the main challenges posed by resentencing cases? What are solutions or proactive steps that can be taken?
- What do we need to be successful? How can we harness success and improve the resentencing process?

## **Return to Plenary Session**

3:00-3:10

## **Closing Discussion**

3:10-4:00

*Anticipated topics*

- Main takeaways from each group
- Challenges posed by resentencing cases and actions to support practitioners
- Commitments for follow-up
  - Are you willing to receive educational materials and information related to second look sentencing pathways?
  - Are you willing to participate in follow-up meetings or training?
  - Are you willing to report to the legislature?