

Date/Time	Topic	Presenters/Panelists
Sunday, August 6		
5:00 – 6:30 p.m.	<i>Informal Happy Hour for NASC Members and Guests</i>	Nevada Department of Sentencing Policy, NASC Executive Committee Location: Brooks' Bar and Deck
Monday, August 7		
3:00 – 3:15 p.m.	<i>Conference Welcome</i>	Nevada Department of Sentencing Policy
3:15 – 4:30 p.m.	Keynote Address and Nevada Commission Panel <i>How to Build a Sentencing Commission and Bring Criminal Justice Stakeholders Together</i>	Senior Chief Justice James Hardesty Mark Jackson Aaron Evans Athar Haseebullah
4:30 – 5:15 p.m.	<i>All States Update: Part I of II (Alabama – Minnesota)</i>	Moderator: Michelle Hall
5:30 – 7:00 p.m.	<i>Conference Reception</i> ~With thanks to our sponsor~  Arnold Ventures	Zephyr Room, Harveys
Tuesday, August 8		
7:30 a.m.	<i>Breakfast</i>	
8:30 a.m. – 9:45 a.m.	Plenary Session 1 <i>The More Things Change, the More They Stay the Same? Challenges Faced by State Criminal Justice Systems and Approaches to Reform, 1993 to 2023</i>	Niki Hotchkiss David Raybin Carl Reynolds Moderator: Matthew Kleiman
9:45 – 10:00 a.m.	<i>Morning Break</i>	

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10:00 a.m. – 11:15 a.m.	<i>Breakout Sessions – Choose One</i>	
	<p>B1a/ Guidelines Uniformity and Consistency: Are We Deceiving Ourselves? <i>This panel will unpack new research that reveals a significant lack of judicial uniformity on one of the most important guideline sentencing decisions, downward dispositional departures. Panelists will discuss the field's progress toward the goal of uniformity, and grapple with the tension in sentencing systems between balancing the desire for greater uniformity with the desire to retain some meaningful level of discretion.</i></p>	<p>Judge Barbara McDermott Steven L. Chanenson Justice Gordon L. Moore, III Moderator: Rhys Hester</p>
	<p>B1b/ Probation Reform <i>Unintended consequences and constitutional challenges to 2021 probation 'reform' legislation in Virginia.</i></p>	<p>Marcus S. Elam Jody Fridley Judge Patricia Kelly Moderator: Meredith Farrar-Owens</p>
	<p>B1c/ Recidivism <i>This session will discuss recidivism from several angles:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>describe the recent <u>publication</u> "The Limits of Recidivism" by the National Academies (NASEM);</i> • <i>review the United States Sentencing Commission's recent <u>report</u> on "Length of Incarceration and Recidivism" and other research on the effects of incarceration on recidivism; and</i> <p><i>introduce another important NASEM <u>publication</u>, "Reducing Racial Inequality in Crime and Justice," which tackles the complex relationship between racial disparities in crime, and racial disparities in criminal justice involvement.</i></p>	<p>Robert Apel Steven Raphael Moderator: Emily Backes</p>
11:30 a.m. – 12:45 p.m.	<i>Lunch and Rick Kern Memorial Keynote Speaker</i>	Sara Andrews

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12:45 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.	<p style="text-align: center;">Plenary Session 2 New States</p> <p><i>This session will unpack the sentencing work underway in three states we have not seen at past NASC conferences--California, Colorado, and New Jersey—and describe the work of:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>the California <u>Committee on Revision of the Penal Code</u>;</i> • <i>the Colorado Commission on Criminal and Juvenile Justice, <u>Sentencing Reform Task Force</u>; and</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>the New Jersey <u>Criminal Sentencing and Disposition Commission</u>.</i> <p><i>The panel will feature the collaboration between academia and sentencing policy groups, particularly in California and New Jersey.</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Tom Nosewicz Steven Raphael Robert Apel Ruth Coffman Moderator: Matthew Mizel</p>
2:00 pm – 2:15 p.m.	<i>Afternoon Break</i>	
2:15 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.	<i>Breakout Sessions – Choose One</i>	
	<p style="text-align: center;">B2a/ Sentencing Education <i>Education and outreach for implementation of sentencing guidelines.</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Jody Fridley Linda McBrayer Robert Sisock Moderator: Ryan Meyers</p>
	<p style="text-align: center;">B2b/Long Sentences <i>This breakout session will describe the reality of serving a sentence in excess of 20 years, and unpack two recent efforts examining long sentences:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>“Counting Down: Paths to a 20-Year Maximum Prison Sentence.” Research publications by the Sentencing Project including the <u>Counting Down</u> report, which describes “seven legislative reforms to cap sentences at 20 years and right-size the sentencing structure”;</i> • <i>“How Long is Long Enough?” Reports and recommendations of the Council on Criminal Justice <u>Task Force on Long Sentences</u>.</i> 	<p style="text-align: center;">Ashley Nellis John Maki Randall McNeil Moderator: Carl Reynolds</p>
	<p style="text-align: center;">B2c/ Transparency in Sentencing: <i>Using Data to Reform Nevada’s Complex Sentence Credit Scheme to Promote Reliability and Fairness in Nevada’s Criminal Justice System</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Victoria Gonzalez Jorja Powers Kirk Widmar</p>

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3:30 – 4:15 p.m.	<i>All States Update Part II of II (Missouri – West Virginia)</i>	Moderator: Michelle Hall
4:15 – 5:00 p.m.	Annual Membership Meeting Executive Committee Member Elections, Financial Report, Other NASC Business	Michelle Hall Nate Reitz Ken Sanchagrín
6:00 p.m.	<i>Dinner on your own</i>	
Wednesday, August 9		
7:00 a.m.	<i>Breakfast</i>	
8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.	<i>NASC Executive Committee meeting</i>	NASC Executive Committee
9:00 a.m. – 10:15 a.m.	Plenary Session 3 Frankel at 50: <i>A Half-Century's Perspective on Criminal Sentences: Law Without Order</i>	Douglas A. Berman Matthew Kleiman Benjamin L. Chanenson Moderator: Steven L. Chanenson
10:30 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.	<i>Breakout Sessions – Choose One</i>	
	B3a/ COVID Releases <i>Outcomes for offenders who were released having their sentences commuted during the COVID pandemic</i>	Ken Sanchagrín Kelly Officer
	B3b/ The Critical Role of Researchers on Sentencing Commissions: <i>Supporting Methodologically Sound and Empirically Driven Recommendations</i>	Jennifer Lanterman Victoria Gonzalez Christine Jones Brady
	B3c/ Alaska's Bans on Plea Bargaining in Perspective <i>This session will explore two periods in time in which Alaska banned plea bargaining: How and to what extent were the bans implemented, what were the immediate and long-term effects on Alaska's criminal justice system, and why were they rescinded?</i>	John Skidmore Brenda Stanfill Judge Trevor Stephens Moderator: Susanne DiPietro

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Wednesday, August 9 (cont'd)		
12:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.	<p style="text-align: center;">Lunch and Presentation</p> <p style="text-align: center;">An Approach to Evidence-based Sentencing Review and Policy Options</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>This presentation is a walk-through of Tennessee's Sentencing Review, including the dependencies across the sentencing system, process challenges, and actionable policy options that may improve public safety, rehabilitation and reentry, as well as transparency, proportionality, and fiscal responsibility.</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Emily Livingston Steven L. Chanenson Jackie Lantsman Katie Orovecz</p>
1:30 p.m.	<i>Adjourn</i>	
2:15 p.m.	<p style="text-align: center;">Post Conference Activity</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Meet at the Heavenly Gondola for a 2.4 mile, 15-minute journey from 6000 to 9000 feet for breath-taking panoramic views of Lake Tahoe.</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Adults: \$69</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Nevada Department of Sentencing Policy, NASC Executive Committee</p>