

**UNITED STATES SENTENCING COMMISSION**

**Sentencing Guidelines for United States Courts**

**AGENCY:** United States Sentencing Commission.

**ACTION:** Notice of period during which individuals may apply to be appointed to voting memberships of the Victims Advisory Group; request for applications.

**SUMMARY:** In view of existing vacancies in the membership of the Victims Advisory Group, as well as anticipated vacancies in the membership of the advisory group because the terms of certain members are expiring as of December 2012, the 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 23, 2012. Applications may be sent to the address listed below.

**DATES:** Applications for membership of the Victims Advisory Group should be received not later than July 23, 2012.

**ADDRESS:** Send applications to: 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, Office of Legislative and Public Affairs, 202-502-4502.

**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.

**AUTHORITY:** 28 U.S.C. § 994(a), (o), (p), § 995; USSC Rules of Practice and Procedure 5.2,

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