

As lawyers prosecuting and defending cases in our federal criminal courts, our focus is naturally on what occurs up to and through judgment and sentencing. This program will focus on what happens after sentencing when, for those who are sentenced to prison, they face designation, reporting, programming within the Bureau of Prisons, preparing for eventual release, and re-entry to the community on supervised release. Members of the United States Probation Department will inform us about the programs and tools used to help monitor, support, and redirect those on supervised release and how sanctions and Court re-involvement are implemented. Members of the multi-faceted Reentry team will tell us what they have learned about the impact of incarceration on those released back to the community, how the reentry program has developed, and what elements of the program and resources contribute most to participants' success. This program will provide us with a better understanding of the post-conviction and post-incarceration stages of sentenced defendants' experience. This understanding should contribute to fairer, better treatment and representation of those in criminal court throughout all stages of their cases.