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Pictured from left to right: Ryan Boyce (Director, NC Administrative Office of the Courts), Judge Charlie Brown (Chairman, NC Sentencing Commission), and Michelle Hall (Executive Director, NC Sentencing Commission and current President of NASC)

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RALEIGH – The [North Carolina Sentencing and Policy Advisory Commission](#) (NC SPAC) is pleased to announce it will host the National Association of Sentencing Commissions' (NASC) 2024 Conference. The conference will be held August 6-8 at the Raleigh Marriott City Center, Raleigh, NC.



"This is the first time that North Carolina has served as host state of the NASC conference," said Judge Charlie Brown, chairman of the commission. "I am excited to bring together commission members and stakeholders from around the country to see the important work NC SPAC is doing and to learn about what is occurring in other jurisdictions."

The [NASC](#) is a non-profit organization created to facilitate the exchange and sharing of information, ideas, data, expertise, and experiences and to provide education on issues related to sentencing policies, guidelines, and commissions. Every year, the NASC conference draws judges, legislators, correctional officials, policy makers, academics, researchers, and practitioners from around the country to examine sentencing laws and practices nationwide and to discuss emerging issues and innovations.

The theme of the 2024 conference is a 30-year retrospective to understand the role of commissions in sentencing reform through the years. Ryan Boyce, director of the North Carolina Administrative Office of the Courts, will kick off the conference with opening remarks. The agenda features sessions on a variety of topics including the contributions of sentencing commissions to the criminal justice system over more than three decades, as well as the different degrees of discretion among states with sentencing guideline systems. Conference attendees will also discuss sentencing practices, including the examination of disparate impact and the use of criminal history in sentencing. They will consider appropriate uses for technology in sentencing and how commissions can have a role in the juvenile justice system.

"The Sentencing Commission has always been a great partner and asset to the court system," said Boyce. "This conference gives the Judicial Branch an opportunity to showcase that partnership, as well as the state of North Carolina."

NASC membership is open to anyone who works for or serves on a sentencing policy agency, as well as anyone else in the public, academic, or private sectors who is interested in sentencing.

For more information and to [register](#) for the conference, visit NASC's website. View the [full conference agenda](#). The NASC Conference has been approved for 10.25 hours of NC Continuing Legal Education (CLE) and Continuing Judicial Education (CJE) credit (course 470). (For judges, these credits DO NOT qualify for the hours that you need for your "judge only" credits.)

For more about these organizations, please visit:

- [NC Sentencing and Policy Advisory Commission](#)
- [NC Judicial Branch](#)
- [National Association and Sentencing Commissions](#)



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#### **About North Carolina Administrative Office of the Courts**

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