

Connecticut Sentencing Task Force
Subcommittee- Offense Classification
Meeting Summary
June 26, 2007

I. Introduction by Chairman Farr

II. Retreat Summary by Andrew Clark

- a. Highlight philosophy and goals

III. Discussion on Offense Classification

- a. Why certain acts are classified as crimes, but not others
- b. Penalties
- c. Challenge of sifting through statutes to determine if they should be crimes

IV. Presentation by Rick Taft

- a. Murder – 25 to life – exception
- b. Other Class A felonies – 10 to 25 years
- c. Suspension – Class B – 1-5, 1-10
- d. Everything is not consolidated into one penal code in Connecticut
- e. Currently there are 162 unclassified crimes
- f. Total of all classified and unclassified crimes = 1663 offenses

V. Discussion

- a. Economic interest increases penalties
- b. Changing the value of animals over time
- c. Most offenses can be grouped in other statutes, the goal of this subcommittee should be to try and figure how to regroup offenses
- d. Even if an individual does not go to jail, from a public safety standpoint it may be beneficial to have that person go to court.
- e. Request for a handout including collateral consequences before reclassification begins

VI. Proposed Topics for Next Meeting

- a. Look at the first 300-400 statutes and look at classification, are they obsolete? Carry a fine or prison sentence?
- b. Look through old records to determine the reason why such statutes and penalties were created
- c. Co-chair assignments

Next Meeting: Tuesday, July 17th at 9:00 am.