

Sara Andrews

Sara Andrews serves as the Director of the Ohio Criminal Sentencing Commission, effective January 2015. In 1990, the General Assembly created the Ohio Criminal Sentencing Commission by statute. The Commission is chaired by the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Ohio. The Commission is responsible for conducting a review of Ohio's sentencing statutes and sentencing patterns, and making recommendations regarding necessary statutory changes. The Commission consists of 31 members: the Chief Justice and ten judges appointed by the Chief Justice; twelve members appointed by the Governor; two cabinet directors; two state agency leaders; and four members of the General Assembly.

Before her appointment as the Director of the Ohio Criminal Sentencing Commission, Sara was a more than twenty year veteran with the Department of Rehabilitation and Correction, holding a number of leadership positions, most recently as the Deputy Director of the Division of Parole and Community Services (DPCS) and Chief of the Adult Parole Authority (APA). In that role, she managed the Ohio Parole Board, the Office of Victim Services, the Bureau of Research, Office of Offender Reentry and Religious Services, Jail inspection and oversight, community supervision, fugitive and interstate compact operations, and DRC funded community corrections throughout the State of Ohio. She was also the Ohio Commissioner and national Chair of the Interstate Compact for Adult Offender Supervision and continues to serve in that capacity.

Sara's academic background includes a B.A. from the University of Northern Colorado and M.S. degree from the University of Dayton, Ohio. She is a member of Ohio Justice Alliance for Community Corrections, the American Probation and Parole Association, serves as an appointed member of the Attorney General's Ohio Law Enforcement Gateway Steering Committee and Advisory Board, served as a member of the Ohio Supreme Court's Joint Task Force to Review the Administration of Ohio's Death Penalty and represented the Chief Justice on Governor Kasich's Ohio Task Force on Community-Police Relations. In 2017, Sara was elected to the Executive Board of the National Association of Sentencing Commissions.

In her community and affiliated with her daughter's High School rowing team Sara served as a trustee and President of the not for profit organization, Upper Arlington Crew. Sara is also a recipient of the United States Attorney General's William French Smith award, the 2013 Ohio Community Corrections Association President's award, 2013 Ohio Justice Alliance for Community Corrections Bennett J. Cooper award, 2014 Interstate Compact Adult Offender Supervision Executive Director's Leadership award and in 2015 a Lifetime Achievement Award from the Department of Rehabilitation and Correction, Division of Parole and Community Services.