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Mark Bergstrom has been Executive Director of the Pennsylvania Commission on Sentencing since April 1998. The Commission is an agency of the General Assembly, charged with assisting in the development, maintenance and coordination of effective, humane and rational sentencing policies, as well as parole and correctional practices in the Commonwealth. As part of its responsibilities, the Commission is required to adopt guidelines for sentencing, re-sentencing, parole and re-commitment, and to monitor compliance with these and other statutory provisions.

Mr. Bergstrom is an Associate Teaching Professor of Sociology & Criminology at The Pennsylvania State University, where he teaches an undergraduate course in Sentencing; an Adjunct Professor of Law at the Duquesne University School of Law where he teaches an elective course on Sanctions, Sentencing & Corrections; and an Adjunct Faculty at the Villanova University School of Law where he assists with the annual Villanova Sentencing Workshop.

Mr. Bergstrom has served as a State Sentencing & Corrections Associate with the Vera Institute of Justice, providing technical assistance to jurisdictions on sentencing and corrections reforms. Since 2002, he has participated in engagements in the District of Columbia as well as the states of Alabama, Connecticut, Illinois, Nebraska, New Jersey, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Utah, and Washington. He is a member of the advisory board of Vera's Cost-Benefit Analysis Unit.

Mr. Bergstrom previously served as Associate Director of the Commission; as an Intermediate Punishment Specialist, a position jointly funded by the Commission on Sentencing and the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency; and as a Probation Officer and as Director of the Office of Volunteer and Community Services for the Court of Common Pleas of Lancaster County (PA). He received a B.A. degree in Psychology from Millersville University of Pennsylvania and a Master of Public Administration degree from The Pennsylvania State University.

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