

2024 Criminal Law Committee Report

As in the past, the Criminal Law Committee has utilized the Criminal Brown Bag lunches to serve as meetings. The Criminal Bar finds those useful as issues are discussed with the judges as well as representatives from the district attorney's office.

With the election of a new District Attorney there have been some changes to policies and procedures. There was also a substantial change in the probationary sentences. As of December 14, 2023, Governor Shapiro signed a bill reforming probation as it existed. The bill became effective June 11, 2024.

In addition to the probationary changes, there have been changes in policies regarding electronic monitoring and how it is implemented.

One of the major issues we are dealing with is how the criminal cases will be listed for jury selection in 2025. During 2024, jury selection occurred on Mondays and Tuesdays and trials were scheduled for either later that week or the following week.

As of the date of this report, the court administrator's office has not released the court calendar for 2025.



Robert A. Hoffa, Chairman

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