

CRIMINAL JUSTICE COMMISSION

HONORABLE ANDREW J. McDONALD, Chairman

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Fiscal Year 2023-2024

Established - 1984

Statutory Authority - Article XXIII of the Amendments to the Connecticut Constitution and General Statutes sections 51-275a, 51-277 and 51-278.

Central Office - 300 Corporate Place, Rocky Hill, CT 06067

Number of Employees - 0

Recurring Expenses - (2023-2024): \$409.00

(Within the budget of the Division of Criminal Justice)

Organizational Structure

The Criminal Justice Commission is comprised of the Chief State's Attorney and six members nominated by the Governor and approved by the General Assembly. Two members, by Constitutional provision, must be judges of the Superior Court.

Agency Mission

The primary function of the Criminal Justice Commission is to appoint the full-time prosecutorial officials for the Division of Criminal Justice: Chief State's Attorney, State's Attorneys, Deputy Chief State's Attorneys, and Deputy Assistant State's Attorneys. The Commission also may investigate complaints concerning the performance of the Chief State's Attorney, Deputy Chief State's Attorneys, and State's Attorneys. If necessary, the Commission may remove these appointees for cause.

Statutory Responsibility

The Criminal Justice Commission was established by an amendment to the Connecticut Constitution in conjunction with the creation of the Division of Criminal Justice. The Commission has statutory authority to adopt regulations to carry out its mandates.

Public Service

In Fiscal Year 2024, the Commission worked with the Division of Criminal Justice in support of Camp Justice, a week long summer camp for disadvantaged youth focusing on how the criminal justice system works. The Camp is designed to encourage participants to pursue careers in the criminal justice field. The Commission has also been an integral part of the Division's efforts to attract and retain highly skilled, diverse candidates.

Achievements 2023-2024

The Commission met nine times during the fiscal year and appointed twenty Deputy Assistant State's Attorneys to fill vacancies across the state. The Commission continues to hire Deputy Assistant State's Attorneys to fill vacancies that arise.

Membership

Hon. Andrew J. McDonald, Chair; Hon. Melanie L. Cradle; Robert Berke, Esq.; Reginald Dwayne Betts, Esq.; Moy N. Ogilvie, Esq.; Scott J. Murphy, Esq.; and Chief State's Attorney Patrick J. Griffin.

Information Reported as Required by State Statute**References**

Connecticut General Statutes § 51-275a

Connecticut General Statutes § 51-277

Connecticut General Statutes § 51-278