

Sufficient But Not Greater Than Necessary – Federal Sentencing

Time	Location	Event	Participants
20 mins	<b>Courtroom</b>	<p><b>Welcome and Setting the Stage</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Judge welcomes the students to the MDNC and the Sentencing program.</li> </ul> <p><b>Introduction to MDNC</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Judge introduces himself/herself</li> <li>Art. III, § 1 (creation of the courts)</li> <li>Dist. Cts. (trial), Circuit Cts. (appeal), Supreme Ct.</li> <li>Where we fit in – MDNC</li> <li>Types of cases heard in federal court (civil &amp; criminal)</li> <li>Focus today is on federal criminal cases</li> </ul>	Judge
30 mins	<b>Courtroom</b>	<p><b>Careers:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>USPO</b> (explain what US Probation Officers do pre-trial, post-conviction (pre-sentence investigation period), and post-release)</li> <li><b>AUSA</b> (explain what you do &amp; briefly how your office prosecutes a case from investigation to appeal)</li> <li><b>AFPD</b> (explain what you do &amp; how your office is assigned to represent someone &amp; generally how you defend someone accused of a crime – investigate, review discovery, motions, guilty plea or trial, sentencing, appeal)</li> <li><b>Q&amp;A from students</b></li> </ul>	US Probation Officer and Attorneys
40 mins	<b>Courtroom</b>	<p><b>What is federal sentencing?</b></p> <p>(10 mins) Students will learn briefly about the law governing the imposition of sentences (18 U.S.C. § 3553(a) and the U.S. Sentencing Guidelines)</p> <p>(30 mins) Then, they will be provided with a mock pre-sentence report on the fictional defendant. Students will be split into two groups: (1) attorneys representing the United States and (2) attorneys representing the defendant. Each respective group will work with an Asst. U.S. Attorney or an Asst. Federal Public Defender to craft an appropriate sentence, using the information from the pre-sentence report, the U.S. Sentencing Guideline range, and the § 3553(a) factors.</p>	Judge and Attorneys

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25 mins	<b>Courtroom</b>	<b>Court's in Session! Mock Sentencing Hearing</b>  Students will act as criminal defense attorneys and prosecutors to advocate to the judge for an appropriate sentence.	Judge and Attorneys
25 mins	<b>Various locations</b>	<b>Tour Courthouse</b> (1) Docketing (2) Grand jury room on 2 <sup>nd</sup> floor (3) Jury deliberation room on 2 <sup>nd</sup> floor (4) U.S. Marshals (if available) (5) Q&A with Judge	Judge