

CONVICTION: Guilty Plea or Verdict

A GUIDE FOR ADVOCATES

- Does the victim understand the advocate's role and purpose?
- Does the victim know the process and timelines for sentencing?
- Is the victim aware that all conditions of release and any HRO or OFP are still in place, and to contact police if violations occur?
- Does the victim understand the sentencing guidelines and options?
- Does the victim understand the role of the probation officer, and that it includes victim safety?
- Does the victim understand the purpose of plea negotiations and plea offers?
- Does the victim know that she/he can ask to meet with the probation officer?
- Does the victim know that the conviction can be appealed by the defendant, and that sentencing can be appealed by the prosecution or defendant?
- Does the victim know about the Pre-Sentence Investigation (PSI), the victim impact statement (VIS), and options about presenting the VIS?
- Does the victim know to document and prepare a restitution claim?

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