



**STATE OF CONNECTICUT
SUPERIOR COURT**

Chambers of
Hon. Joseph M. Shortall
Judge Trial Referee

October 15, 2012

Re: Sentencing Commission Public Hearing on Reconsideration
of Juvenile Sentences

The Connecticut Sentencing Commission was established by Connecticut Public Act 10-129 to review on a continuing basis the criminal justice and sentencing policies and laws of Connecticut and to make recommendations concerning criminal justice legislation to the Judiciary Committee of the General Assembly.

In response to recent decisions of the United States Supreme Court the Commission will be proposing to the Judiciary Committee changes in the statutes regarding parole release which will affect the parole eligibility of offenders who were convicted of crimes committed when they were under the age of 18.

The Sentencing Commission is very interested in learning the views and opinions of victims and others who may be affected by such changes. To that end the Commission will hold a public hearing on November 8, 2012 at the Legislative Office Building in Hartford, beginning at 10:00 AM, to receive public comment on this and other proposed legislation. A brief synopsis of the Commission's proposal can be found on the Commission's website, <http://www.ct.gov/opm/csc>. Additional details will be posted on the website prior to the public hearing.

Hon. Joseph M. Shortall
Chair, Connecticut Sentencing Commission