



COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA  
**COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY**

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**COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

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| - Phil Mendelson (At Large), Chairperson | <b>724-8064</b> |
| - Marion Barry (Ward 8)                  | 724-8045        |
| - Muriel Bowser (Ward 4)                 | 724-8052        |
| - Mary M. Cheh (Ward 3)                  | 724-8062        |
| - Jack Evans (Ward 2)                    | 724-8058        |

**COMMITTEE RESPONSIBILITY**

The Committee is responsible for all legislation related to criminal law, matters affecting judiciary and judicial procedure, certain matters under civil law, and all matters of administrative law in the District of Columbia. The Committee also oversees performance and the annual operating budget of the District’s public safety agencies.

**AGENCIES UNDER THE COMMITTEE’S JURISDICTION**

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| - Access to Justice Initiative                 | - Justice Grants Administration                    |
| - Child Support Guideline Commission           | - Metropolitan Police Department                   |
| - Commission on Judicial Disabilities & Tenure | - National Guard                                   |
| - Corrections Information Council              | - Office of Administrative Hearings                |
| - Criminal Justice Coordinating Council        | - Office of Police Complaints                      |
| - Department of Corrections                    | - Office of Unified Communications                 |
| - Deputy Mayor for Public Safety & Justice     | - Office of Victims Services                       |
| - Fire & Emergency Medical Services            | - Office of the Attorney General                   |
| - Forensic Health & Science Laboratories       | - Office of the Chief Medical Examiner             |
| - Homeland Security & Emergency Management     | - Police Officers’/Firefighters’ Retirement System |
| - Judicial Nomination Commission               | - Sentencing & Criminal Code Revision Comm.        |

The Committee also serves as the Council’s liaison with federal partners in the justice system, including: the U.S. Attorneys Office, D.C. Courts, Public Defender Service, Court Services and Offender Supervision Agency, Pretrial Services Agency, Federal Bureau of Prisons, and the U.S. Parole Commission.

**MENDELSON’S GOALS AS CHAIRPERSON**

- Improving Re-entry:** Focus efforts on the successful re-entry of criminal offenders; ensure that adequate programs and services exist, and that arbitrary obstacles to re-entry are eliminated; and reduce recidivism rates.
- Reducing Gun Violence:** Reduce the incidence of firearm violence in the District through a collaborative effort of all criminal justice partners--coupled with legislative initiatives--aimed at deterring individuals from committing crimes by using firearms.
- Promoting EMS:** Ensure that Emergency Medical Services (EMS) is recognized as a critical component within the Fire & EMS Department, and that greater effort is made to implement the recommendations to reform and revitalize EMS.

## UPCOMING HEARINGS

All Committee hearings are open to the public. For more information, or to sign up to testify, please contact the Committee at (see contact information below). For more information on the Committee, please visit [www.dccouncil.us/mendelson/judiciary\\_committee.htm](http://www.dccouncil.us/mendelson/judiciary_committee.htm).

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**Bill 19-485, Gun Offender Pretrial Detention and Supervision Act of 2011; and  
Bill 19-614, Firearms Amendment Act of 2011**

*Public Hearing scheduled for Monday, January 30, 2012 at 11:00 a.m. in Room 500*

**Implementation and Effects of Recent Revisions to the Disorderly Conduct Law**

*Public Oversight Hearing scheduled for Wednesday, February 1, 2012 at 10:00 a.m. in Hearing Room 412*

**Bill 19-602, Real Property Tax Assessment Evidence Clarification Amendment Act of 2011;  
Bill 19-615, Judicial Declaration of Parentage Amendment Act of 2011; and  
PR 19-472, Sense of the Council to Amend Federal Rule of Criminal Procedure 16 Resolution of 2011**

*Public Hearing scheduled for Thursday, February 9, 2012 at 11:00 a.m. in Hearing Room 120*

**PERFORMANCE OVERSIGHT HEARING: scheduled for Friday, February 24, 2012 at 10:00 a.m. in Room 500**

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| -Judicial Nomination Commission               | -Office of Victim Services                           |
| -Commission on Judicial Disabilities & Tenure | -Justice Grants Administration                       |
| -Criminal Justice Coordinating Council        | -Office of Administrative Hearings                   |
| -Deputy Mayor for Public Safety & Justice     | -Office of the Chief Medical Examiner                |
| -Access to Justice Initiative                 | -Police Officers' & Fire Fighters' Retirement System |
| -Corrections Information Council              |  |

**PERFORMANCE OVERSIGHT HEARING: scheduled for Wednesday, February 29, 2012 at 10:00 a.m. in Room 412**

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| -Metropolitan Police Department | -Department of Corrections                      |
| -Office of Police Complaints    | -Sentencing & Criminal Code Revision Commission |
| -Office of the Attorney General |   |

**PERFORMANCE OVERSIGHT HEARING: scheduled for Wednesday, March 7, 2012 at 10:00 a.m. in Room 412**

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| -District of Columbia National Guard          | -Office of Unified Communications |
| -Homeland Security & Emergency Mgmt Agency    | -Forensics Lab                    |
| -Fire & Emergency Medical Services Department |                                   |

**Bill 19-647, Child Sexual Abuse Reporting Act of 2012**

*Public Hearing scheduled for Monday, March 12, 2012 at 11:00 a.m. in Room 412*

**Bill 19-575, District of Columbia Uniform Controlled Substances Synthetic Cannabinoids Amendment Act of 2011;  
Bill 19-631, District of Columbia Controlled Substances Amendment Act of 2011; and  
Bill 19-645, Criminal Code Amendments Act of 2012**

*Public Hearing scheduled for Friday, March 16, 2012 at 12:00 p.m. in Room 500*

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