

methylone, should the Commission specify a marihuana equivalency for methylone at the same ratio as MDMA, regardless of whether the ratio for MDMA is changed from its current 500:1 level? Should the Commission establish a marihuana equivalency for methylone at a higher or lower ratio than the current MDMA equivalency? If so, what equivalency should the Commission provide and why? To the extent methylone has different characteristics than MDMA, how do those characteristics compare with other controlled substances referenced in Section 2D1.1 in terms of health effects (including addictiveness and abuse potential), marketing and trafficking patterns, and potency by dosage unit?

If the Commission were to establish a marihuana equivalency for methylone, which is often marketed and consumed in capsule form, should the Commission establish a "typical weight per unit" for methylone in Application Note 9 to Section 2D1.1?

3. The Commission seeks general comment on whether there are synthetic cathinones, other than methylone, that are substantially similar in their effects to MDMA. If so, what are those substances? How do those substances compare to MDMA in terms of health effects (including addictiveness and abuse potential), marketing and trafficking patterns, and potency by dosage unit? If the Commission were to include any such other synthetic cathinones in the Drug Equivalency Tables at Application Note 8(D) to Section 2D1.1, how should the Commission establish marihuana equivalencies for these other synthetic cathinones in relation to one another and to the other controlled substances referenced in Section 2D1.1?

**Authority:** 28 U.S.C. 994(a), (o), (p), (x); USSC Rules of Practice and Procedure 4.4.

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## UNITED STATES SENTENCING COMMISSION

### Requests for Applications; Practitioners Advisory Group

**AGENCY:** United States Sentencing Commission.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** In view of upcoming vacancies in the voting membership of the Practitioners Advisory Group, the United States Sentencing Commission hereby invites any individual who is eligible to be appointed to one of the vacancies to apply. The voting memberships covered by this notice are two circuit memberships (for the Sixth Circuit and the Seventh Circuit) and one at-large membership. An applicant for voting membership of the Practitioners Advisory Group should apply by sending a letter of interest and resume to the Commission as indicated in the **ADDRESSES** section below. Application materials should be received by the Commission not later than August 25, 2017.

**DATES:** Application materials for voting membership of the Practitioners Advisory Group should be received not later than August 25, 2017.

**ADDRESSES:** An applicant for voting membership of the Practitioners Advisory Group should apply by sending a letter of interest and resume to the Commission by electronic mail or regular mail. The email address is [pubaffairs@ussc.gov](mailto:pubaffairs@ussc.gov). The regular mail address is United States Sentencing Commission, One Columbus Circle NE., Suite 2-500, South Lobby, Washington, DC 20002-8002, Attention: Public Affairs.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Christine Leonard, Director, Office of Legislative and Public Affairs, (202) 502-4500, [pubaffairs@ussc.gov](mailto:pubaffairs@ussc.gov). More information about the Practitioners Advisory Group is available on the Commission's Web site at [www.ussc.gov/advisory-groups](http://www.ussc.gov/advisory-groups).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Practitioners Advisory Group is a standing advisory group of the United States Sentencing Commission pursuant to 28 U.S.C. 995 and Rule 5.4 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure. Under the charter for the advisory group, the purpose of the advisory group is (1) to assist the Commission in carrying out its statutory responsibilities under 28 U.S.C. 994(o); (2) to provide to the Commission its views on the Commission's activities and work, including proposed priorities and amendments; (3) to disseminate to defense attorneys, and to other

professionals in the defense community, information regarding federal sentencing issues; and (4) to perform other related functions as the Commission requests. The advisory group consists of not more than 17 voting members, each of whom may serve not more than two consecutive three-year terms. Of those 17 voting members, one shall be Chair, one shall be Vice Chair, 12 shall be circuit members (one for each federal judicial circuit other than the Federal Circuit), and three shall be at-large members.

To be eligible to serve as a voting member, an individual must be an attorney who (1) devotes a substantial portion of his or her professional work to advocating the interests of privately-represented individuals, or of individuals represented by private practitioners through appointment under the Criminal Justice Act of 1964, within the federal criminal justice system; (2) has significant experience with federal sentencing or post-conviction issues related to criminal sentences; and (3) is in good standing of the highest court of the jurisdiction or jurisdictions in which he or she is admitted to practice. Additionally, to be eligible to serve as a circuit member, the individual's primary place of business or a substantial portion of his or her practice must be in the circuit concerned. Each voting member is appointed by the Commission.

The Commission invites any individual who is eligible to be appointed to a voting membership covered by this notice (*i.e.*, the circuit memberships for the Sixth Circuit and the Seventh Circuit, and one at-large membership) to apply by sending a letter of interest and a resume to the Commission as indicated in the **ADDRESSES** section above.

**Authority:** 28 U.S.C. 994(a), (o), (p), 28 U.S.C. 995; USSC Rules of Practice and Procedure 5.4.

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