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Member, Task Force on Crime, 1976-77; Criminal Justice Information Advisory Board, 1991-96; Sentencing Guidelines Advisory Board, 1993-99; Court of Appeals Standing Committee on Rules of Practice and Procedure, 1993-; Joint Executive-Legislative Task Force to Study Commercial Gaming Activities in Maryland, 1995; Governor's Commission on Gun Violence, 1995; Maryland Commission on Criminal Sentencing Policy, 1996-99; Commission on Juvenile Justice Jurisdiction, 1998-2001; Council on Jury Use and Management, 1999-2000; State Commission on Criminal Sentencing Policy, 1999-; Anti-Terrorism Work Group, 2001-02.

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