

Sentencing

Law

What sentencing is trying to achieve, and how it is decided.

Aims and factors.

Aims

Punishment proportionate to the offence

Deterrence, individual and general

Protection of the public

Rehabilitation of the offender

Reparation to the victim

Factors

Seriousness — harm and culpability

Aggravating and mitigating features

Guilty plea and its timing

Previous convictions

Personal mitigation

Educational reference. Sentencing frameworks, guidelines and ranges are jurisdiction-specific. Not legal advice.