Washington State Supreme Court Gender and Justice Commission

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# Study Recommendations Judgement and Sentence Forms

- We recommend considering legislative changes, changes to and standardization of the J&S forms, education and outreach to courts to support more standardized and complete data collection, changes to coding methodologies and internal documentation of coding methodologies, and needed updates to Caseload Forecast Council (CFC) databases.
- The CFC should immediately ensure that all CFC reports analyzing felony J&S data clearly outline the limitations of the race and ethnicity data including, but not limited to, **the frequency** with which the race and ethnicity fields are left blank on the forms, the lack of representation of Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander and multiracial individuals in the dataset, the lack of consistency and standardization in how counties provide the data and which J&S forms are used, and lack of consistency related to who identifies an individual's race and ethnicity.

### VI. Identification of the Defendant

SID No	Date of Birth			
FBI No		Local ID I	Local ID No	
PCN No		Other	Other	
Alias name, DOB:				
Race:			Ethnicity:	
[]Asian []Black	[] Indian-America Alaska Native	n Indian or	[] Hispani	
[] Multiracial	[ ] Native Hawaiia Pacific Islander		[] Non- Hispani	
[] Refused	[] White	[] Unavailable	[] Refused	
[] Unknown	[] Other:		[] Unknow	

Fingerprints: I attest that I saw the defendant who appeared in court affix and signature on this document.

Clerk of the Court, Deputy	Clerk:	Date:

### The defendant's signature:

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Access the 2021 Gender Justice Study Final Report, Executive Summary, and five pilot project reports on the <u>Gender and Justice Commission webpage</u>

