

**SUMMARY OF THE DECEMBER 10, 2002
WORK SESSION**

Commission members and staff conducted a Media Workshop in the morning conjunction with the scheduled release of the *2000 Annual Data Report*; two other workshops have been scheduled (State College and Pittsburgh) in response to requests from the media in those areas. Various Commission committees met during the afternoon. Following dinner, Professor John Kramer briefed the Commission on the most recent findings from his RIP/Sentencing research.

The following individuals were in attendance:

Commission Members present: Representative Frank Dermody, Chair; Professor Steven Chanenson; Judge Jeffrey A. Manning; District Attorney Merritt (Ted) McKnight.; Attorney William T.C. Tully.

Commission Staff present: Mark H. Bergstrom, Executive Director; Dr. Cynthia Kempinen; Professor Joseph Sabino Mistick, Duquesne University School of Law, Counsel; Joan Lisle; Carol Zeiss; Diane Shoop; Cathy Dittman.

Guests present: Professor John Kramer.

Documents provided during the presentations, are on file in the Commission office and available upon request.