



Commission Resources for the

Categorical Approach



Primer

This primer provides a general overview of the history, major statutes, sentencing guidelines, and case law relating to the categorical approach.



Podcasts

Categorical Approach Podcast Mini-Series. This is an **eleven-part** podcast series focused exclusively on the categorical approach. The series covers, among other things, when to use the categorical approach, the force clause and the enumerated clause and divisible statutes. You can listen to the entire series or focus on a specific section.

Sentencing Practice Talk

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Part 1: Introduction to the Categorical Approach Series

Part 2: What is the Categorical Approach Anyway?

Part 3: When Do We Use It?

Part 4: Facts Don't Matter and Neither Do Titles

Part 5: "Crimes of Violence" and "Violent Felonies"- What Do These Words Mean?

Part 6: Does This Statute Have an Element of Force?

Part 7: How Do I Determine if the Offense Qualifies Under the List of Offenses in the Enumerated Clause

Part 8: Mathis and What it Tells Us About Divisibility

Part 9: What Does Divisibility Mean?

Part 10: Why Do I Care About Divisibility?

Part 11: Final Thoughts

