



## Commission Resources for:

# Organizational Guidelines



### Primer

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Chapter Eight of the Guidelines Manual sets forth the guidelines and policy statements that apply when the convicted defendant is an organization, rather than an individual, and provides the criteria by which organizations convicted of federal criminal offenses will be punished.

[This primer](#) focuses on the way a sentencing court calculates the appropriate fine for an organizational defendant. This determination is made pursuant to Chapter Eight, Part C of the Guidelines Manual. Although this primer identifies some of the key cases and concepts relating to organizational fines, it is not a comprehensive compilation of authority nor intended to be a substitute for independent research and analysis of primary sources.



### Research Report

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#### [The Organizational Sentencing Guidelines: Thirty Years of Innovation and Influence](#)

This publication summarizes the history of Chapter Eight's development and discusses the two substantive changes made to the elements of an effective compliance and ethics program. It then provides policymakers and researchers a snapshot of corporate sentencing over the last 30 years. Finally, the publication describes Chapter Eight's impact beyond federal sentencing.



### Quick Reference Materials

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#### [Decision Tree](#)

#### [Quick Facts](#)

#### [Worksheet](#)



### Background

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#### [The History of the Organizational Sentencing Guidelines and the Emergence of Effective Compliance and Ethics Programs](#)

#### [Evaluation of Corporate Compliance Programs](#)

