

CRIMINAL CENTER FIRM MEMBERS

Brandon Sample, Esq., Principal Attorney

[Brandon Sample](#) is a federal criminal defense attorney. Brandon graduated *magna cum laude* from Vermont Law School. Brandon is admitted to practice in Vermont, the U.S. Supreme Court, all federal circuit courts of appeals, and numerous federal district courts. Brandon exclusively practices before federal courts and federal agencies. His federal criminal practice includes the following areas:

- Presidential Pardon and Commutation Petitions
- Pre-trial and Trial Representation
- Sentence Mitigation Strategies
- Federal Appeals
- 28 U.S.C. § 2255 Motions and 28 U.S.C. § 2241 Petitions
- 18 U.S.C. § 3582(c)(2) Motions
- Federal Prisoner Treaty Transfer Requests
- Federal Cooperation Assistance
- BOP Compassionate Release
- Motions to Amend Supervised Release Conditions
- Early Termination of Supervised Release

Brandon is also the author of *The Habeas Citebook: Ineffective Assistance of Counsel* (Prison Legal News Publishing, forthcoming 3rd Edition 2024) and *Pardons and Commutations of Sentences: The Complete Guidebook to Applying for Clemency* (2019). Brandon has appeared in leading media outlets, including the *New York Times*, *Washington Post*, *Reuters*, *CNN*, *Fox News*, *ABC News*, *NBC News*, *Newsweek*, *Bloomberg*, and other national media outlets.

Mr. Sample is the owner and operator of the Criminal Center. He is also responsible for supervising the firm's operations and advocating for clients with Federal Bureau of Prisons' legal counsel.

Christopher Zoukis, JD, MBA, Managing Director

[Christopher Zoukis](#) is a nationally recognized federal prison authority. He is the author of the *Federal Criminal Defendant's Handbook* (Middle Street Publishing, forthcoming 2022), *The Habeas Citebook: Ineffective Assistance of Counsel* (Prison Legal News Publishing, forthcoming 3rd Edition 2024), *Directory of Federal Prisons* (Middle Street Publishing, 2020), *Federal Prison Handbook* (Middle Street Publishing, 2017), *Prison Education Guide* (Prison Legal News Publishing, 2017), and *College for Convicts* (McFarland & Company, 2014).

While in law school, Mr. Zoukis was the Articles Editor of the *University of California Davis Law Review*, a Trial Practice Honors Board member, and Vice President of the Criminal Law Association and Students Against Mass Incarceration. He was awarded the Witkin Award for Academic Excellence and the Reynoso Award for Academic Excellence. He also holds a Master

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Mr. Zoukis has contributed articles to the *Huffington Post*, *New York Daily News*, *Prison Legal News*, *Criminal Legal News*, and other media outlets. He has been quoted in many major media outlets, including CNN, Fox News, ABC News, Associated Press, United Press International, *USA Today*, *The Washington Post*, *Detroit Free Press*, *The Hill*, *Bloomberg Law*, *The Guardian*, *Yahoo News*, and *Vice News*, among other outlets worldwide.

Mr. Zoukis focuses on federal prison policy matters, including designation, sentence computation, disciplinary, health care, First Step Act, Residential Drug Abuse Treatment Program, and reentry areas. Chris has assisted hundreds of clients with federal prison preparation, in-prison, and reentry matters. He is quoted frequently in the national and international press regarding federal prison matters.

Kimberly Zoukis, Operations Manager

Kimberly Zoukis is the Law Firm's Operations Manager. She has been with the Criminal Center since 2024 and the firm's predecessor since 2019. She has over seven years of experience working with Compass Group in various client relations functions. While at Compass Group, she attended the prestigious Manager-in-Training program. Kimberly also holds a Certificate in Business Administration from the University of California at Berkeley. She now manages the Law Firm's client care needs and other administrative matters.