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Consideration of Age and Development as Factors in Sentencing Juveniles

CJJ opposes statutory schemes that preclude a sentencing judge, in either juvenile or criminal court, from considering the developmental stage of "youth" as a mitigating factor.

In so doing, CJJ recognizes the need to utilize current knowledge about adolescent brain science and development, whenever a mandatory and/or determinant sentence is being contemplated for a defendant who is under the age of majority.

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