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Sentencing Checklist

The following material is recommended as a general starting point for preparation of any sentencing. This document is not intended to be used a substitute for legal advice, but rather is a document to assist with you starting to prepare and obtain all relevant information so that you can properly instruct your criminal defence lawyer.

- ☐ Written instructions as to:
 - ☐ Why and how the offending occurred;
 - ☐ Your personal circumstances and background (what is your story?);
 - ☐ Written instructions as to any specific allegations or facts that are disputed (for example, things witnesses have said you have done that you don't agree with)
 - ☐ A letter of apology or explanation from yourself to the Court (optional)
 - ☐ Any letters to the Court from your character referees;
 - ☐ Any documents that support:
 - ☐ Your version as to what occurred and why it occurred (for example, text messages, emails, photographs etc.);
 - ☐ Your personal circumstances (i.e. – medical documents, employment documents etc.)
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