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## Microsoft Selects SentencingStats.com for Prestigious Partner Program; Azure Grant Increased to \$250K

**NEWPORT BEACH, CA – July 31, 2025 – SentencingStats.com**, a leading provider of federal sentencing and prison analytics driven by AI technology, today announced it has been selected for Microsoft’s prestigious Independent Software Vendor Partner Program, and awarded an extension of its Microsoft for Startups grant. Microsoft will provide additional assistance in business strategy, go-to-market guidance, marketing, and sales outreach through its extensive network. The company’s Azure cloud credits have also been increased by \$100,000 – bringing the total to **\$250,000** – and the grant period extended through April 2026. This move further deepens Microsoft’s support for the legal-tech startup and recognizes the impact of its AI-driven platform for federal sentencing.

This milestone builds on Microsoft’s earlier support for SentencingStats.com. In 2024, the company was approved for a Level 4 **Microsoft for Startups Founders Hub** grant, which provided **\$150,000 in Azure credits**, plus additional Microsoft licenses, advisement and services.

*“The Microsoft for Startups program and their team of experts have provided us with transformative technical guidance, infrastructure and tools. Being selected for the Microsoft Partner program is a tremendous honor and a game-changer,”* said Darren Kramer, CEO and Co-Founder of SentencingStats.com. “Microsoft has been an incredible partner in our journey so far. The additional Azure credits and direct support on strategy and marketing will significantly accelerate our roadmap and business development initiatives. We can scale up our AI models, add new analytics features, and bring our platform’s benefits to even more attorneys and firms nationwide, faster and more efficiently. Ultimately, this partnership enables us to better deliver on our mission of using data and AI to drive fairness and transparency in federal sentencing.”

## New AI-Powered Sentencing Tools Developed with Microsoft Support

Since joining Microsoft's startup program, SentencingStats.com has developed a number of breakthrough technologies in the federal sentencing arena. These innovations – built with Azure's AI and cloud services – are already helping public defenders, private lawyers and judges gain deeper insights into sentencing trends:

- **Judge Profiler:** An analytics tool that analyzes a judge's historical sentencing decisions and patterns. It allows attorneys to compare their case to a judge's past cases (by guidelines, offense levels, criminal history, departures and more) and thereby develop more effective sentencing strategies.
- **Intelligent Document Analyzer:** An advanced machine learning solution that can rapidly review and extract key information from sentencing documents and court filings. By mining case documents and records, the tool identifies relevant factors such as mitigating and aggravating factors, and pertinent defendant characteristics, and assists legal teams in pinpointing patterns that could influence sentencing. This saves attorneys countless hours, while making qualitative sentencing analysis available to attorneys and Federal Defenders who otherwise would not have the resource for such endeavors.
- **Interactive Sentencing Table:** A dynamic, interactive version of the federal sentencing guidelines table that is enhanced with historical data and analytics. The interactive tool visualizes trends – for example, how often and to what degree sentences fall below guideline ranges for certain offenses. Advanced filters allow attorneys to drill down to very similarly or identically situated sets of defendants.
- **BOP Population Tracker:** This application provides rated capacities for each BOP facility, and tracks BOP populations at all facilities weekly, providing attorneys and judges the ability to assess how under or over-populated a facility is at any given time.
- **Life Expectancy Calculator:** Often overlooked in preparing for sentencing is the adverse impact a custodial sentence will have on a defendant's life expectancy. Even seemingly short terms of imprisonment can be tantamount to life sentences for some defendants. This tool provides an estimate of that impact based on a peer-reviewed and widely cited study and data published by the Bureau of Justice Statistics.

*"Microsoft's startup program enabled us to turn ambitious ideas into real, impactful tools for the federal criminal justice system," said **Mark Allenbaugh, Chief Research Officer (CRO) and Co-Founder of SentencingStats.com.** "Thanks to the Azure grant and Microsoft's guidance, we have been able to develop an AI-driven judge profiler, automated document analysis, and interactive analytics that simply didn't exist in this space before. As a former staff attorney at the U.S. Sentencing Commission, I'm thrilled to see how these innovations are helping attorneys and judges make more informed decisions. This extended partnership with Microsoft will supercharge our efforts to shine a light on sentencing trends and disparities, ultimately promoting greater fairness, transparency and*

*consistency in federal sentencing, which are, after all, the fundamental goals underlying the U.S. Sentencing Guidelines"*

With Microsoft's continued support, SentencingStats.com is poised to expand its platform and client base even further. The company's growth comes at a crucial time in the legal industry, as courts and practitioners increasingly seek data-driven insights. By harnessing billions of data points from over 1.6 million federal criminal cases, SentencingStats.com's solutions allow stakeholders to quickly evaluate sentencing outcomes for **similarly situated defendants** and identify potential biases or outlier decisions. The additional Azure resources will fuel the training of larger AI models and the development of new features, strengthening the platform's role in promoting data-informed advocacy and judicial transparency.

## About Microsoft for Startups Founders Hub

**Microsoft for Startups Founders Hub** is a global program dedicated to helping startups scale successfully. It supports qualifying startups across four pillars: technology, go-to-market, community, and funding. The program provides startups with free access to industry-leading AI services, expert guidance, and essential cloud technology to build and grow their solutions. By connecting entrepreneurs with Microsoft's ecosystem of advisors and customers, the program accelerates innovation and business development for promising startups. *(SentencingStats.com joined the Founders Hub in 2024 as a Level 3 participant and later progressed to Level 4.)*

## About SentencingStats.com

**SentencingStats.com, Inc.** is an AI-driven platform that provides advanced federal sentencing analytics and data-driven insights to legal professionals, justice reform advocates, policymakers, and media outlets. The platform leverages machine learning to generate sentencing forecasts, identify trends, and reveal statistical patterns from a vast data warehouse encompassing over 1.6 million federal sentences. The company was founded in 2019 by **Mark H. Allenbaugh** (former staff attorney to the U.S. Sentencing Commission) and **Darren Kramer** (a SaaS technology pioneer). A trusted resource cited by Forbes, The New York Times, The Washington Post, Law360 and other major outlets, SentencingStats.com is at the forefront of using technology to promote transparency, equity, and efficiency in the criminal justice system.

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