CJ 6388 FACULTY-DEVELOPED SCORING CRITERIA

Section 1:

Statement of Issue(s) to be addressed in your project **Recommended Due Date: May 22nd.**

In this section you need to include a specific description of the project's focus making sure to clearly define the key variables of interest. Also, this section should include a description of the key stakeholders interested in your problem/issue making sure to identify any particular interests each might have in the results.

It is expected that this section will involve no more than three or four pages in length and will be worth up to 10 points toward the final portfolio grade (Clarity/Organization of written product = 5 points; Appropriate use of source citation = 5 points).

Section 2:

Review of Salient Literature **Recommended Due Date: June 12th.**

Here, you will provide an in-depth discussion of previous studies that have examined issues similar to those being focused upon in your project. This section should include a discussion of what you consider to be the "classic" sources in the area as well as the most current studies. The purpose of this section of the paper is to first place your study in a broader context than your specific project as well as to discuss the most salient studies available that are of specific salience to the key "stakeholders" of interest. In your "literature review" you will need to discuss prior studies that deal with the "general area of your focus" as well as "specific issue" you are focusing on. You should rely on the information included in the "literature" to help develop the design and measures to be included in your study.

Since the general purpose of the project is to apply principles you've learned in your MS studies to some specific issue facing your agency, make sure to include a discussion of the organizational and management theories related to your issue.

The length of the literature review section will vary from project to project but my best guess is that it should be somewhere between 10 and 15 pages long (double-spaced, 12 point font). Some will be longer. Few should be shorter! This section of the project will be 40 possible points toward the final portfolio grade (Depth and Clarity of source discussion = 20 points; Organization of written work = 15 points; appropriate and full Source Citation information = 5 points).

Section 3:

Demonstration Project: Salient Web-Sources: **Recommended Due Date: July 12th.** Depending upon which Option you have selected, your Portfolio Project should include the development of a "web-based resource guide" that people interested in your issue(s) can access to help enhance their awareness and/or understanding of how the issue(s) relate(s) to the administration of justice. A minimum of three sources for each component (Option A) or three

sources per issue (Option B) must be included. This results in a minimum of six sources required for each project.

The Web-Sources projects will be awarded up to 20 points toward the final portfolio grade (Salience and Appropriateness of sources selected = 15 points; Clarity and Accuracy of source url = 5 points)

Section 4:

Demonstration Project: Reflections on the M.S. Curriculum: **Due Date: July 30th.**
Include reflections and/or examples showing how your M.S. curriculum contributes to your ability to deal with the emergent issue(s) of your choice. This section of your Portfolio can include reflections about particular classes and/or the curriculum in general and should include reference to specific assignments completed where appropriate. If possible, copies of particularly useful assignments should be included.

The Reflections projects will be awarded up to 30 points toward the final portfolio grade (Clarity and Organization of reflections = 20 points; Salience of exemplary items provided = 10 points).