

Sharon Bass spent seven years in prison on a money crime. While there she kept daily journals and recorded her thoughts and feelings in the hope of being able to help others when released. When she was finally released on parole, she used her notes and wrote a handbook entitled "Surviving in Prison. She contacted her former warden and she made several suggestions.

The next step was to make contact with criminal lawyers who had clients sentenced to prison. By working through the lawyers, she has been able to meet with a number of their clients and has been able to help them make an adjustment to being in prison.

Finally her goal is to keep in touch with the client while he or she is incarcerated to make sure that they are doing all right. She also works with the client's family so they will know what to do while their loved one is away.

This is why she became active in the Texas Inmate Families Association. She wanted to use her prison experience to assist families and to answer any questions they might have. She knows from experience that knowledge is gold and during her time in prison, she developed a compassion for those who are separated from their family and friends. Sharon has a great deal of empathy for anyone who is confined because she has walked that same path and she wants to devote her life to helping people get out of prison and make those life changes that will avoid future problems with the law.

Sharon currently works for a Criminal Defense Attorney as a Paralegal in Houston, Texas, and is the Humble Chapter Chair for TIFA.