Case Study Questions: Here are ten questions you should answer to help guide your sentence mitigation strategy.

1. What does my judge think of me?
2. How will my prosecutor portray me?
3. What will my probation officer say about me?
4. In what ways will my behavior after the conviction differentiate me from other defendants?
5. Why do I see myself as being worthy of mercy?
6. What steps have I taken to show what I’ve learned from the conviction?
7. In what ways have I helped my attorney present a credible case for leniency during my sentencing hearing?
8. How does my mitigation strategy advance the argument that I’ve got a solid plan to carry me through the prison term?
9. What was the impetus that changed my mindset?
10. Why should the judge see me as something more than the decisions that led to my conviction?