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It is difficult to believe that ten years have elapsed since the Supreme Court issued its *Blakely* decision. American sentencing law and policy feel very different today than they did in 2004. Many then believed modern sentencing systems were destined always to be on a legislatively driven, inexorable march to ever-greater severity. Many predicted that Congress and state legislatures were sure to swiftly respond to the *Blakely* decision and the follow-up *Booker* ruling by enacting ever more and ever more severe sentencing statutes with fixed statutory penalties.

A decade later, sentencing remains the center of a vigorous debate about what we want from our criminal justice system and even *who* we are as a society, but the terms of the debate now largely revolve around how much to lower prison terms rather than how much to raise them. This Issue of *FSR* examines the continued constitutional fallout from *Blakely*, and the current policy debates that have come to define modern sentencing systems.



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