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EDITOR'S NOTES

Criminal justice issues and sentencing remain active fields in the states and the federal system. The Attorney General and the Sentencing Commission's ongoing efforts to recalibrate federal drug sanctions is only one prominent example. As Attorney General Holder gets ready to leave office, we may face a period of some uncertainty about the priorities of the new Attorney General and the ongoing commitment to all of Eric Holder's sentencing-related policies. In the meantime, the voters in select states have issued their decision on the legalization of marijuana, with the outcomes setting up conflicts with the federal government.

This Issue focuses on whether—and if so, how—correctional policies, particularly at the state level, should be influenced by practices in other countries. The thread running through these articles highlights approaches designed to provide inmates with more treatment and rehabilitation so as to enhance public safety and decrease recidivism upon release. Although prison officials were already contemplating various modifications, their thinking was further enhanced and sensitized through a study trip to visit German and Dutch prisons, described and analyzed in this Issue.

FSR is, as always, happy to have another opportunity to work with the Vera Institute of Justice, our parent organization, on this important topic and to reprint their excellent post-trip report, which received significant attention.

Despite some reforms that come from within governmental systems, litigation remains an important venue to sensitize all actors and the public to questions of fairness and justice, especially when the issues arise behind bars. Steve Sady's article focuses on ongoing litigation in the wake of *Bond v. United States*, 134 S. Ct. 2077 (2014), challenging the Bureau of Prisons' unilateral power to proclaim state and federal prison sanctions consecutive even if the state court had declared them to run concurrently.



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