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EDITOR'S NOTES

The rich diversity of materials in this Issue testifies to developments on numerous fronts in the world of sentencing: further court challenges to the death penalty, the perplexing structure of President Obama's clemency regime, gubernatorial action re-enfranchising convicted felons, the economics of our sentencing system, insights from the study of non-U.S. sentencing systems, and a potential re-birth and re-focus of academic scholarship. All of these topics—and more—are covered here.

We are also printing a letter to the Editor from the director of the U.S. Sentencing Commission's Office of Research and Data, Glenn R. Schmitt, in which he criticizes Frank Bowman's article in the November Issue (FSR 28.3) as mischaracterizing the Commission's work. Professor and *FSR* Editor Bowman's response is included.

The next Issue will turn to recent developments in state sentencing policy, especially justice reinvestment initiatives. As always, there should be a range of perspectives, ranging from favorable to critical.



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