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EDITOR'S NOTES

The remarkable, sometimes unexpected and often historic events of 2020 have disrupted and altered all sorts of plans, including plans for Volume 33 of the *Federal Sentencing Reporter*. The revised *FSR* plans find expression in various articles and reports in our pages that cover the many and varied criminal justice and sentencing echoes of the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic and urgent new calls for racial justice. And perhaps the most tangible manifestation of changed plans is the fact that this Volume begins in the form of an *FSR* double Issue.

The intense and dynamic topics that have come to define 2020 in the United States necessarily impact, and may even consume, our thinking about modern criminal justice systems generally and federal sentencing realities in particular. Notably, included in this Issue are reports, data, and commentary that predate spring shutdowns and summer protests and related developments; but these materials now carry distinctive meaning and even a new urgency in light of 2020 challenges. As the *FSR* editors began assembling original commentary about how crime and sentencing may be changing throughout 2020, it became clear that we would need more than our usual pages in a single issue to start capturing a first set of informed reactions to the new criminal justice world unfolding in real time.

As is so often the case, especially as new developments reverberate through a range of older institutions and actors, it is impossible to fully assess in short order the impact of massive societal changes on the federal sentencing system. But we are hopeful that this double-sized "first take" on various matters provides our readers added perspective on a rapidly changing world that still often seems hard to fully grasp.



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