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EDITOR’S NOTES

Fines, restitution, and fees, collectively referred to by many as legal financial obligations (LFOs), have often flown under the criminal justice radar. They were frequently seen as less important add-ons to the main attraction of incarceration or insignificant consequences for minor transgressions. Unsurprisingly, the limited quantity and quality of data about LFOs furthered this myopia. Nevertheless, in recent years, policy makers and scholars have started to recognize and respond to the fact that LFOs have a broad and powerful reach—for good or for ill.

This double Issue of *FSR* takes a deep dive into LFOs, exploring this vital topic from an array of perspectives. Under the expert guidance of Guest Editors Professor Jordan M. Hyatt (Drexel University) and Professor Nathan W. Link (Rutgers University–Camden), more than two dozen authors paint a rich portrait of LFOs in the United States and beyond. *FSR* is deeply grateful to Professors Hyatt and Link for their hard work and keen insights.

Our next Issue will survey recent federal proposals for structural changes to both sentencing and clemency, present sentencing lessons through short fables, and more.



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