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EDITORS' NOTES

Finally, having gone years without a quorum, the U.S. Sentencing Commission is back to full functionality. President Joe Biden nominated a full slate of new Commissioners in May 2022, and the Senate confirmed them all in early August. To welcome the new Commissioners, we invited judges, practitioners, academics, researchers, and others with an interest in federal sentencing laws to share their advice for the Commissioners. In this Issue of *Federal Sentencing Reporter* and the next, we publish their short commentaries, on topics of their choosing.

With implementation of the First Step Act of 2018 still incomplete, and with no shortage of enduring criticisms of federal sentencing law and practice, the new Commissioners surely have plenty of work ahead. We hope that this Issue of *FSR* gives them helpful ideas and proposals on how to tackle old and new challenges and how best to approach the Commission's responsibilities. The commentaries in the pages that follow discuss both big structural issues and smaller technical concerns, covering various topics that should be of interest to all those following modern federal sentencing policy and practice.

In addition to advice for the new Commissioners, this Issue also includes a set of materials addressing the prevalence and impact of long sentences. Drawing on new data and analysis from various sources, *FSR* expects to have additional coverage of this topic in future Issues.



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