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Fifty years of mere existence is an impressive milestone for any institution. It is particularly remarkable when a justice reform organization remains innovative and relevant for so long. Yet that is precisely what the Vera Institute of Justice has done and will no doubt continue to do for at least another half a century. *FSR* is proud to have Vera as its parent and home base.

The editors of *FSR* could think of no better way to celebrate this golden anniversary than with an issue dedicated to Vera's extraordinary past and its sparkling future. We are truly fortunate that Alison Shames, the insightful associate director of Vera's Center on Sentencing and Corrections, agreed to serve as the guest editor of this issue. The combination of Ms. Shames's tireless efforts and the hard work of many other members of the Vera family produced an *FSR* issue that captures the essence of the Vera Institute of Justice. We are most grateful for their numerous contributions.

Happy birthday, Vera!



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