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Thanks to the inspiration and organizational efforts of Professor Chad Flanders, the *Federal Sentencing Reporter* in this issue is able to publish a set of original articles discussing the potential pros and cons of trial judges receiving information about the economic costs of various sentencing options at the time of sentencing. These articles were prompted in part by recent developments in Missouri, where presentencing reports have begun to include such cost information, and *FSR* is lucky to be able to publish a lead article by former Chief Justice of the Missouri Supreme Court, Michael A. Wolff, that explains how and why the state began providing information about cost to its sentencing judges. Professor Flanders and other academics follow with thoughtful commentary about (and some criticisms of) what Missouri is doing, and *FSR* is grateful to Professor Flanders for putting together this mini-symposium on a cutting-edge state sentencing development.

This issue also includes a set of primary materials and related documents and commentary regarding recent data concerning the operation of the federal sentencing system. Both the primary documents and the related commentary reveal that all forms of sentencing data, not just information about sentencing costs, can be interpreted and utilized by various sentencing actors in various ways. In addition, *FSR* is lucky in this issue to be able to publish two additional original (and quite distinct) pieces on sentencing practices: one piece, by a leading legal scholar, honors the sentencing work of legendary federal Judge Jack Weinstein; the other piece, by a pair of leading social scientists, examines public attitudes about sentencing severity.



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