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EDITOR'S NOTES

During times of uncertainty about the future, it can be especially helpful and even reassuring to take a look back at the past. Thus, with the future of federal sentencing subject to new uncertainty thanks to a new Administration and transitions at the U.S. Sentencing Commission, this Issue of *FSR* provides a timely look back at perspectives on sentencing offered by federal judges, those critical decision-makers who actually impose federal sentences. In the pages that follow, this *FSR* Issue enhances a deep and reflective look back at judicial sentencing perspectives by having current judges now comment on some perspectives that previously found expression in *FSR*'s pages. The judicial commentaries in this Issue, both old and new, provide an effective reminder that so many of the issues and challenges that confront federal judges are enduring no matter what the current state of federal sentencing law and policy.

The next Issue of *FSR* will also involve a kind of looking back, but one with a distinct institutional focus as it explores the distinctive clemency policies and practices of the past Obama Administration. *FSR* is fortunate to have Professor Mark Osler, who has been a leading advocate for clemency reform, serve as Guest Editor for this forthcoming Issue.



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