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**EDITORS' NOTES**

Former U.S. Attorneys penned almost all the articles in this Issue. They discuss the changes they witnessed in their role during the Obama administration. They voice some concerns about the new path under Attorney General Jeff Sessions but also point to potential opportunities for federal prosecutors to continue to reinvigorate community partnerships and effective crime control strategies. The issues they address are diverse and cover topics such as the appropriate metrics for assessing the effectiveness of a U.S. Attorney office, successful approaches to violence reduction, and challenges and opportunities in working with tribal leaders to decrease the abuse of Native American women. We are grateful to Joyce Vance, the former U.S. Attorney in the Northern District of Alabama, and Timothy Heaphy, the former U.S. Attorney in the Western District of Virginia, for lending a hand in persuading former Justice Department officials and U.S. Attorneys from around the country to write for this Issue.

We also reprint in this Issue a recent U.S. Sentencing Commission report that explores the relationship between race and sentencing outcomes between October 2011 and September 2016—the so-called Post-Report Period—through multivariate regression analysis and under consideration of an offender's history of prior violence. The Commission found that black male offenders continue to receive substantially longer sentences than similarly situated white men; Hispanic men receive somewhat longer sentences than whites. These differences have remained stubbornly persistent. Non-government-sponsored departures and variances appear to be primarily responsible for the gap as black men are less likely to benefit from these sentence decreases. If they do receive such a discount, it tends to be less substantial than the reduction whites receive. For female offenders, the patterns differ. Both White and African American women receive substantially shorter sentences than white men, with or without departures. Only Hispanic women are less advantaged compared with white men. Because of missing indicators that could explain some of the sentencing differentials, reasons other than race may account for the differences. Still, the data should move the federal judiciary to look more carefully at judicial sentencing patterns and consider implicit bias training.

In January, three *FSR* editors participated in an American Law Institute/National Conference of State Legislatures Roundtable Conference in Washington, D.C. It focused on the new ALI Model Penal Code: Sentencing provisions on the restoration of rights and opportunities of offenders. Its goal was to develop possible legislative approaches to increase the availability of such mechanisms in order to facilitate the re-entry of convicted offenders. Papers from that meeting will be published in an *FSR* double Issue in early summer. The convener of the meeting, Margy Love, has graciously agreed to serve as guest editor.



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