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The editors are extremely pleased to present yet another FSR issue examining the Supreme Court landmark decision in *Blakely v. Washington*. And though FSR's plans to continue to cover *Blakely* and other sentencing matters issues in future Issues, we also are preparing for the Supreme Court to transform the sentencing landscape yet again by rendering decisions in follow-up federal cases of *United States v. Booker* and *United States v. Fanfan*. As in the wake of *Blakely*, readers are invited to submit articles and other materials on an on-going basis following the decisions in *Booker* and *Fanfan*; FSR will proceed with a flexible production schedule as the dust continues to settle in the aftermath of the *Blakely* earthquake.

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The FSR editors are also extremely pleased to announce a noteworthy addition to the FSR editorial board and a noteworthy transition at the Vera Institute of Justice. First, joining the FSR editorial board effective immediately is Michael O'Hear, Associate Professor of Law at the Marquette University Law School. Professor O'Hear, a graduate of Yale Law School and a former law clerk to the Honorable Janet Bond Arterton of the United States Court for the District of Connecticut, has written extensively on an array of federal and state sentencing issues (including a number of terrific FSR articles). He also served as guest editor on two recent FSR Issues – Volume 14, No. 6 (June 2002), Volume 15, No. 1 (Oct. 2002) – covering state sentencing developments.

Meanwhile, Michael P. Jacobson, former New York City Commissioner of Correction and Probation, has been named director of the Vera Institute of Justice, the nonprofit organization that develops innovations in the justice system and assists in the production of FSR. Jacobson succeeds Christopher Stone, Vera's director for the past 10 years, who will head the criminal justice program at Harvard's John F. Kennedy School of Government. Jacobson, currently a professor at John Jay College of Criminal Justice and the Graduate Center of the City University of New York, is the fourth director in Vera's 43-year history. He is the author of "Downsizing Prisons: How to Reduce Crime and End Mass Incarceration" to be published in January by New York University Press.

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