EDITORS' NOTE

We are proud to bring you Issue 13.2 of the Berkeley Journal of Criminal Law. Combining our Fall Issue with two pieces written in conjunction with the second annual Caleb Foote Symposium, this issue exemplifies the depth and breadth of scholarship toward which we strive.

First, in our general issue, we present the works of some truly brilliant criminal law scholars and practitioners: United States District Court Judge Lynn Adelman and his clerk Jon Deitrich; Judith M. Barger, Professor of Law at the Appalachian School of Law; and Janine Young Kim, Professor of Law at Marquette University Law school.

Their articles examine issues facing criminal law on a national scale. First, Professor Barger analyzes the way states are defining mental retardation in the wake of the Supreme Court's recent decision prohibiting execution of the mentally retarded and suggests her own definition. Next, Judge Adelman and Mr. Deitrich argue for rethinking Marvin Frankel's traditional approach to federal sentencing guidelines. Finally, Professor Kim presents a thorough analysis of the rhetoric and paradigms of self-defense and asks us to consider a more nuanced approach to self-defense law.

Second, we present two pieces written for the second annual Caleb Foote Symposium, which brings the West's preeminent criminal law scholars together to address issues facing California. This year, the topic was "Prison Reform in California," something most everyone agrees is both necessary and urgent.

Erwin Chemerinsky, Dean and Professor of Law at the new University California, Irvine, School of Law, argues that the courts must play a role in prison reform but also reminds us of the judiciary's inherent limits. He presents some ways courts can help and also offers some hope the legislature might step in, given the right political environment.

Michael P. Jacobsen, Director of the Vera Institute of Justice in New York, expands on this theme by suggesting that political environment is already upon us. He presents measures California can take to address its budget crisis by restructuring its bloated prison system.

We are excited to publish you each of these articles and hope you find them as enlightening as we did. We hope to continue bringing you the cutting-edge argument and analysis this issue exemplifies.
Review, a summary and analysis of developments in California criminal law and policy written by Berkeley Law students.

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