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Criminal Law Experts Join Forces for Sentencing Reform Report to Congress

(Stanford University, Stanford, CA) – In the wake of the Supreme Court’s monumental *United States v. Booker* decision, which declared the Federal Sentencing Guidelines unconstitutional, this week the *Stanford Law Review* in cooperation with the Stanford Criminal Justice Center will publish a special issue featuring articles by more than twenty of the country’s leading criminal law experts on the challenges of criminal sentencing reform and improvement.

Entitled “A More Perfect System: Twenty-Five Years of Guidelines Sentencing Reform,” this symposium addresses the urgent criminal sentencing issues currently facing the judiciary, Congress, the states, and the executive branch. Because of the sweeping impact of the *Booker* decision and the vital importance of the criminal justice system, the *Law Review* will distribute the issue to all members of Congress, all federal district and appellate court judges, and all state and federal sentencing commissions.

This project was spearheaded by two prominent criminal law scholars: Marc Miller, professor at Emory Law School, and Robert Weisberg, professor at Stanford Law School and director of the Stanford Criminal Justice Center. “Because of recent Supreme Court decisions, the very foundation of the federal criminal justice system needs rebuilding,” Weisberg said. “What the *Stanford Law Review* has done is dramatic and unique: some of the nation’s most eminent legal scholars have translated their expertise into a practical and nonpartisan body of knowledge that Congress can use as it faces this challenge of reconceiving a fair and effective federal sentencing system.”

In addition to Miller and Weisberg’s contributions, this symposium features articles from leading criminal sentencing experts at law schools including Yale, University of Chicago, University of Michigan, Boalt Hall, Northwestern, New York University, and the University of Minnesota.

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