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## EDITOR'S NOTE

The lead article in this issue is by D.C. Superior Court Judge Greg Mize, a member of our editorial board. Judge Mize co-chaired the D.C. Jury Project, which made recommendations for jury trial improvements in state and federal courts in the nation's capital. Following the release of the group's report last March, Judge Mize changed his method of conducting jury selection to add individualized, private sessions with each potential juror. The results were surprising, leading to his recommendation that individual questioning of each potential juror become standard practice. All judges who handle jury trials will find this article of interest.

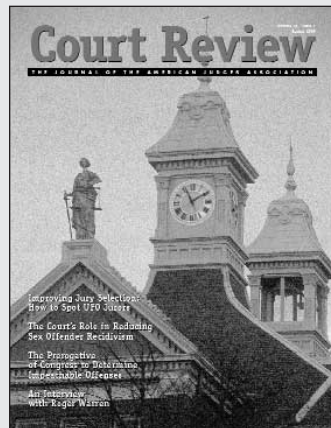
Our second article is by Assistant United States Attorney General Laurie Robinson, who heads the Justice Department's Office of Justice Programs. She reviews the current state of our knowledge about recidivism among sex offenders; describes what makes supervision programs successful in preventing recidivism among these offenders; and discusses the role of the judge in lessening the incidence of recidivism.

Our third article was one of the winning essays in last year's American Judges Association law student writing competition. The author, Mathew Paulose, examines threats to impeach judges based upon the content of their judicial decisions. He concludes that Congress has the power to define impeachment as it chooses. To the extent that politics may be involved, he concludes that Congress is the sole judge of it. While many judges may disagree with his conclusions, we think you will find his discussion of the issue of interest.

Our interview is with Roger Warren, president of the National Center for State Courts. After two decades as a California trial judge, Warren became president of the National Center three years ago. The interview provides a good overview of the Center and its current work.

We hope you will also make a habit of looking at the Resource Page, which begins on the last page of each issue. In this issue, we cover new books of interest; Internet sites relating to judicial independence; and resources on jury reform.

We invite your participation in *Court Review*. This journal provides a means of sharing ideas with judges at all levels of the judicial system throughout the United States and North America. Letters to the Editor are welcome, as are article, essay and book review submissions. Author submission guidelines are found on page 30. – SL



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