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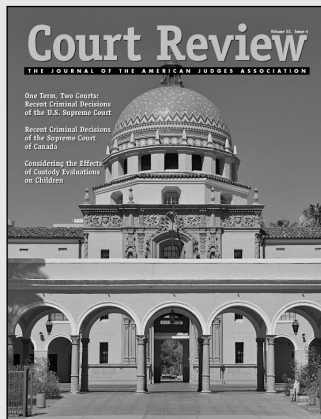
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EDITOR'S NOTE

We start our current issue with the inaugural presidential address by Judge Russell Otter, the American Judges Association's first president who is a Canadian judge. Please join us in thanking him for his service to AJA.

Our regular "Thoughts from Canada" column and the first article both provide summaries of criminal cases heard before the Supreme Court of Canada and the U.S. Supreme Court, respectively. We are fortunate to have Judge Wayne Gorman, judge of the Provincial Court of Newfoundland and Labrador, providing this regular column on the Canadian Court. Our annual contributor, Professor Charles D. Weisberg, the Shannon C. Turner Professor of Law at the University of California, Berkeley, is joined by Juliana DeVries, a 2017 J.D. candidate at Berkeley Law, for the review of the past Term's U.S. Supreme Court criminal cases. The article begins with a remembrance for Justice Antonin Scalia and Justice Scalia's transformative effect on U.S. criminal law.



The current issue also includes a three-part article series addressing child-custody evaluations. The point, counterpoint, and response address conflicting views of the appropriateness of child-custody evaluations. Dr. Ira Turkat is a licensed clinical psychologist who provides results from a survey of divorced parents who had previously participated in a child-custody evaluation by a psychologist. He highlights his concerns about the potential for negative effects on the children involved. We invited Drs. Jonathan Gould and Allan Posthuma to provide a counterpoint, and in it they raise concerns with Dr. Turkat's survey methodology and note the importance of using custody evaluations to move parties toward out-of-court settlements. Dr. Turkat's response reemphasizes his concerns and urges the judiciary to carefully consider before ordering a custody evaluation. We hope you enjoy the authors' spirited debate and consider both sides of the topic.

Before you set this issue aside, be sure to check out the Resource Page, the last page of this—and every—issue. This time we're announcing a new product from the American Judges Association: video interviews with leading figures in the movement to improve procedural fairness in court. Each video is approximately 15 minutes or less and well worth your time to watch. – EB

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