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EDITOR'S NOTE

The lead article in this issue is Professor Charles Weisselberg's annual review of the key criminal-law cases decided by the United States Supreme Court during the past Term of the Court (the Term that began in October 2009 and ended with the last decisions on June 30, 2010). This is the third year we've had the benefit of Professor Weisselberg's analysis, and I hope you will take advantage of it if you need to keep up-to-date on criminal-law developments in the United States.

Prof. Weisselberg not only summarizes the key cases, but also notes where things may go from here or ways in which judges may need to react. For example, in addition to noting the Court's holding in *Padilla v. Kentucky* that a criminal-defense lawyer must advise the defendant when the deportation consequences of a conviction are clear, Prof. Weisselberg also notes that trial judges may want to add to their scripts in plea hearings a question about whether the defendant has consulted with counsel about the possible immigration consequences of the plea and conviction.

Next in the issue is an American Judges Association White Paper. AJA President Mary Celeste took on the task of putting all of the debates over judicial-selection systems in context—a context both of American history and of recent United States Supreme Court decisions. Her goal was to identify challenges judges may face no matter the selection system, especially in light of recent developments in and out of court.

If you have even a passing interest in the debate over judicial-selection methods—or if you have wondered how the recent United States Supreme Court opinions on the limits on judicial speech or judicial-recusal standards may affect you—this White Paper will serve as an excellent overview for you. After you've read it, if you want to go further, take a look at the special issue on judicial-selection recently published by the Litigation Section of the State Bar of Texas (available on the web—see page 112). And then wait for the next issue of *Court Review*, in which we expect to have an update on recent developments by Georgetown law professor Roy Schotland, a leading expert on judicial-selection systems and election law.

Our issue concludes with a winning essay from the AJA's law-student writing competition. Jessica Wang, a UCLA law student, reviews the admissibility questions that arise from remote-electronic traffic devices that take still photos or video of what's taking place on the roadways.—Steve Leben



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