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**T**he lead article in this issue is Professor Charles Weisselberg's annual review of the criminal decisions for the past Term of the United States Supreme Court. As always, there are a number of cases that are significant, and Professor Weisselberg has placed them in context for us. By reading this article each year, you can stay on top of the past year's key developments, and Professor Weisselberg also previews the key cases now pending before the Court.

Our next article is from one of our old friends, Professor David Wexler. He's written several articles in the past for *Court Review*, and we devoted a special issue to therapeutic jurisprudence—the field he helped create—back in 2000. (You can find that issue on our website at <http://ajancsc.dni.us/publications/courtrv/cr37/cr37-1/cr37-1.pdf>.) In his current article, Professor Wexler makes a rather modest suggestion that could pay large dividends: Why not take advantage in criminal and other cases of the experience of lawyers who help other lawyers with substance-abuse problems through lawyer-assistance programs? Give it some thought, and feel free to correspond with Professor Wexler ([davidbwexler@yahoo.com](mailto:davidbwexler@yahoo.com)) about the idea.

Our final article tackles when *Miranda* warnings may be required in schoolhouse interrogations. Many schools have law-enforcement officers in-house these days, and questions about the interactions between those officers and students are more frequent. Stephanie Forbes, a recent graduate of the William & Mary School of Law, wrote this article, which was the winning entry in the American Judges Association's 2011 writing competition for law students.

I will close by calling your attention to an AJA-sponsored national symposium set for May 18 in Nashville—*The Politicization of the Judiciary: How to Respond*. This symposium will address an issue critical to judges today, and you will have a chance to interact with the leading experts in the area. Take a look at page 76 and the inside back cover for details.—Steve Leben



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