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Incarceration, Recidivism, and Rehabilitation

Thank you for focusing your [September] issue on "Incarceration, Recidivism, and Rehabilitation." (p. 603) I was very grateful to see that you dug below the surface and addressed some of the systemic issues facing prisoners (and our communities).

Jeremy Gregg

*Chief Development Officer
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Thank you for your magnificent treatment of the subject of imprisonment. I have been a student of the subject for several years now and am committed to the reform of a broken system that is doing much more harm than good.

I am active in Bexar County, attempting to put in place a number of counseling programs for former offenders and jail inmates. Simply put, our punishment model no longer works (if it ever did), and I am an advocate for thoughtful reform.

Ted H. Roberts

San Antonio

Job well done on your criminal justice system-featured articles. These articles are relevant and important in today's society. I was especially pleased with the "Prison Is Prison" article featuring Michael Morton (p. 608). It seems that many vocal elements of our society demand that certain criminal defendants be "placed in prison and the key be thrown away." The fact is that there can be a productive, meaningful life for individuals sentenced to prison. A critical component for rebuilding those lives is that there must be a realistic hope for improvement. Without that hope, the criminal justice system bogs down miserably and problems feed into more problems.

Roger Baron

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What about Mediation?

As the article, "Transnational Disputes in a Global Economy" (July, p. 512) seems to be directed to international readers who are non-lawyers, I am concerned about a rather glaring omission in the discussion of dispute resolution in the United States.

In the second section of the article under "Resolving Disputes," ... nowhere is mention made of mediation as an alternative to costly, protracted litigation or arbitration as a dispute resolution option. Since this voluntary method of non-binding dispute resolution is, and has been for many years, written into the

contractual agreements ... to omit any reference to the process whatsoever is troubling.

The fact that the article concludes with a brief discussion of the importance of cultural affinity in the resolution of international disputes underscores the importance of the mediation process. Who better to navigate the shoals of different languages, cultures, and differing legal traditions at play than a highly trained, experienced, and competent mediator?

Clyde Kenan Oldham

Laredo

Corrections

I understand that after Ms. Patricia Cummings had proofed and approved what was supposed to be the final edit of her article, "Prison Is Prison," someone on your staff made changes, including some that were factual inaccuracies. Having been involved in the publication process as an editor on the *Texas Law Review* and as a practitioner when I've written articles for publication, that is unconscionable. You need to apologize to Ms. Cummings publicly, in your next edition, so that those who read the articles don't ascribe any of your mistakes to her.

Robby Alden

Austin

Editor's Note: In the opening sentence of Ms. Cummings' article, the author wrote that Christine Morton was killed in her home in "northwest Austin," but, prior to publication, *Bar Journal* staff incorrectly changed the location to "Round Rock, in the southern edge of Williamson County." We apologize to Ms. Cummings for the error.

The LGBT Law Section was listed incorrectly as the LGBT Section on pp. 623 and 628 in the September issue. We regret the error.

The LGBT Law Section focuses on laws affecting the LBGT community and, as an inclusive environment, welcomes all judges, lawyers, and law students to join.

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