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Stepping Back, Moving Forward

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To my parents. If not for them and their insistence on being the best I could be, I would not be who and where I am today. I also dedicate this to the persons this volume is about: the innocents who languish in prison, who go unheard despite repeated cries for help, and whose unwanted sacrifice will hopefully pave the way so that others in the future will not endure what they have. Finally, I dedicate this volume to the attorneys, judges, journalists, policymakers, scientists, and others who work to right the wrongs of our criminal justice system.

—ADR

To Jenny, Elizabeth, Anna, Ethan, and Zoe; whether stepping back to reminisce about times past or moving forward in anticipation of times not yet revealed, I could not be happier than to be in such fine company. And let us all dedicate ourselves toward establishing a more perfect union in which justice carries the day.

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—CLB
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