

Letter From the Editors

We are pleased to present the second issue of the *Journal of Forensic Social Work*. The inaugural issue was well-received, with congratulatory remarks and interest from forensic professionals around the globe. Because of this overwhelming response we have negotiated with the publishers, Taylor and Francis Group, to increase the number of publication issues to three for 2012, with another increase to four issues per year in 2013. This increase is a substantial event for a new journal and demonstrates the publisher's strong commitment to the Journal and the forensic social work profession. We thank the management team at Taylor and Francis for their continued guidance and promotion of the Journal. Of course, we could not continue to produce a high-quality, peer-reviewed journal without scholarly contributors, our editorial board and reviewers, and, of course, the consumers. Thank you for making the *Journal of Forensic Social Work* a success.

The second issue reflects the breadth within the field and comprises a wide range of topics faced by social workers and other professionals practicing in the justice system. This issue contains both qualitative and quantitative research along with a new book review section. Empirical research highlights the challenges faced by people of color in the criminal and juvenile justice systems, as well as research on marginalized populations like female prostitutes. Through this research, we see beyond the criminal offense and understand the intrapersonal, cultural, and institutional factors that often lie at the core of social maladjustment and crime. The *Journal of Forensic Social Work* arms us with timely research that forensic professionals everywhere can use to promote social justice, humane treatment for victims of crime and offenders, and ultimately safe communities for all to live.

We thank the authors and reviewers who contributed their time and talent in the development of this issue. As always, we appreciate our readers and welcome any feedback to encourage the continued success of the Journal.



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