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Message From The Publisher

The Anti-Terrorism and Death Penalty Act of 1996 seriously changed the rules for federal habeas petitions filed by state prisoners. A recent study documents just how dramatic the AEDPA’s effect has been on the relief granted to petitioners. See the article on p. 17. The AEDPA was ill-advised legislation, and *JD* has editorialized that its habeas provisions should be repealed in their entirety.

Thomas Arthur is one of the people harmed by the AEDPA. *JD* has reported on, and editorialized about the State of Alabama’s opposition to forensically testing evidence in Arthur’s case since before his 1991 murder conviction and death sentence. Just days after the Supreme Court’s ruled in *Baze v Rees* (No. 07–5439, April 16, 2008) that lethal injection is constitutional, Alabama’s AG filed a motion for the setting of a new execution date for Arthur. Arthur’s case isn’t just a travesty because the DNA testing opposed by Alabama could prove his innocence, but his case has never been reviewed by a federal court because of the AEDPA’s one-year filing deadline. Another person harmed by the AEDPA’s filing deadline is Jesse Friedman. See the article on p. 10.

It seems like a story from *The Onion*, but Serena Kozakura was fortunate her appellate lawyer was imaginative enough to use the size of her breasts to prove she couldn’t have committed an apartment break-in. See the article on p. 4.

Justice:Denied editorialized on its website in the fall of 2007 opposing former federal judge Michael Mukasey’s confirmation as U.S. Attorney General. Among other things Mukasey has a well-documented disdain for the presumption of innocence and other basic legal principles that can shield the innocent from a wrongful conviction. So it isn’t surprising that since taking office in November 2007, AG Mukasey has used his position to protect Bush administration officials from accountability for a variety of serious actions, including complicity in violating domestic and internal laws by the torturing of people based on suspicion of their wrongdoing. When the highest federal law enforcement official openly functions as a partisan political hack, it is legitimate to question the integrity of the U.S. Department Of Justice as a whole.

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