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The fallibility of "expert" fingerprint testimony was once again exposed when Lana Canen was exonerated of felony murder when a reexamination of the fingerprint evidence that clinched her conviction revealed the jury was misled because it was not her fingerprint that was found at the crime scene. See p. 12.

The dishonorable conduct by prosecutors in this country that is a cause of many innocent persons being convicted is the predictable consequence of no meaningful oversight of their behavior by the courts or state bar associations. That lack of oversight can also result in a prosecutor known to be of suspect integrity seeking a "promotion" to a judgeship. See p. 17.

Innocent persons languishing in prison must not only often depend on a *pro bono* lawyer, but also on an expert willing to donate their time working on that person's case. The recently deceased Dr. Glenn Larkin was a forensic pathologist who for more than a decade volunteered his expertise in many cases of injustice. See p. 14.

Clinton Treadway found out the hard way that the devil is in the details, when after seven years in prison he was exonerated by the discovery his name had been misspelled in a police report. That new evidence proved he was the victim of the very crime he had been convicted of committing. See p. 13.

Not only is compensation nonexistent or anemic for most persons exonerated of a crime, but Monika de Montgazon found out after being cleared of murdering her father that she owed the State money because she had to repay the cost of the expert evidence that exonerated her. See p. 18.

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