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From *Booker* To *Spears*: A Roadmap for Sentencing Guidelines

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Since its landmark ruling in *United States v. Booker*, that the Sentencing Guidelines were simply advisory, the Supreme Court has swiftly and significantly diminished the relevance of the Guidelines and increased the discretion of district court judges in sentencing defendants. This article reviews the *Booker* case and a similar ruling in *Spears v. United States* that provide the defense with valuable tools to advocate creatively on behalf of clients.

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