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Foreword

For twenty years, the *Hastings Women's Law Journal* has provided a forum for alternative legal discourse. This year, we consciously sought to broaden the scope of scholarship represented in our Journal in the hope of bringing it within the vision expounded by our founders' mission statement. We also chose to include that statement in the front pages of Volume 20. We hope future editors will continue to print, as well as rethink, the mission statement each volume as a reminder of what the *Hastings Women's Law Journal* strives to accomplish.

The founding members of the *Hastings Women's Law Journal* sought to add a unique and valuable perspective to the legal community, embracing and celebrating diversity. We encourage dialogue on how the law impacts such broad issues as feminism, sex and gender, race, multiculturalism, family structures, labor and social justice issues.

We are incredibly proud of the level of scholarship our professional and student authors bring to the discourse of social justice. Our issue begins with an exploration of the lawyer's role as an effective and ethical client representative to clients with varying cultural backgrounds, needs, and experiences that may not fit neatly within traditional interpretations of the Model Rules of Professional Responsibility. The next Article explores how student editorial bias affects the law review article selection process, and how this bias excludes "dissent scholarship" to the especial detriment of authors not writing on mainstream topics. The Article offers some guidelines for how editors may correct for such biases in the selection process. Our student Notes directly address topics within gender and social justice. The first Note examines labor organizing efforts of marginalized labor and, based on that examination, formulates a theory of "margins-organizing." It then applies that theory to the labor organizing efforts of sex workers. The second Note explores and problematizes "fertility tourism" using India as case study in commercial surrogacy and ending with suggestions for regulation in the industry. In addition, we are excited to publish Mae C. Quinn's essay on her experiences with male abusers as a daughter and later as a public defender.

We would also like to express our great appreciation for our tireless and diligent Articles team: Executive Articles Editor Grace Chung, Senior Articles Editor Kristen Driskell, Lead Editors Holly Miller and Krupal Patel, and Assistant Lead Editors Sarah Bendon, Natalie Kocher, Eric Lindstrom, and Sally Trung. In addition, we want to thank our second year

members for their invaluable efforts bringing this issue to completion. Thanks also to Managing Editor, Kathryn Cantrell, for keeping everyone informed, organized, and on track.

This February, we held our twentieth anniversary Symposium, "Ongoing Struggles for Economic Equality: Challenges Faced by Women & Marginalized Communities," followed by an anniversary celebration. The Symposium brought together many great advocates, including prize winning author and expert on work/family issues, Joan C. Williams and Barbara Allen Babcock, who taught the first courses on Women and the Law at Georgetown and Yale and who spoke about Clara Foltz, the first woman lawyer on the Pacific Coast and founder of the public defender movement. Professor Babcock's speech about Clara Foltz will be printed in our next issue. The Symposium was a true success, embracing such topics as: women attaining economic equality as advocates; low wage workers' struggles during economic recession, especially in industries with a high concentration of women, people of color, LGBTQ people, and immigrants; work-life balance; and economic and environmental perspectives on social change. We are extremely grateful for and proud of our Executive Symposium Editor, Hillary Jo Baker, for making this Symposium and celebration such successes.

Also in commemoration of our twentieth anniversary issue, we asked former *Hastings Women's Law Journal* editors-in-chief to submit brief statements describing how membership on the journal has shaped their lives. We publish several of these statements here.

Finally, and most importantly, we extend our thanks to the wonderful women and men who are currently members of the *Hastings Women's Law Journal*. We are inspired by your enthusiasm and dedication. As our term comes to a close and yours begins, we could not be more sure of the quality, dedication, intelligence, creativity, and good humor you will bring to *Hastings Women's Law Journal*. It has been a true pleasure to work with you all. Whether you are graduating or taking the helm next year, we bid you the best of luck in all of your endeavors. Thank you for a wonderful year.

As *Hastings Women's Law Journal* closes our twentieth anniversary year, we are delighted to share with you, our Readers, the fruits of our labor!

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