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It is nine thirty on a Saturday night. I sit in the journal office with the muffled sounds of San Francisco's Tenderloin twenty-two floors below. I love this office, with its neglected plants and Utne Readers, thousands of random papers, the messy editorial board and pictures of our mothers. I have skipped classes, canceled plans and spent more than one entire weekend sitting in front of this computer. I have sat here and listened to the wind rattle the windows; made sure there were two spaces after colons in titles; that the bluebook format was right; that there were not too many periods or commas; found pin cites for every quote. I have been proud to do it. Proud to have this one year to contribute to this small, alternative corner of our large, conservative law school.

I am never alone. We have become a community of lawyers, learners, editors and friends. We have become the Hastings Women's Law Journal. We have survived ten years. We have survived adversity. We have survived controversy. We have even survived bureaucracy. And we are growing. We would like to dedicate this issue to all the women and men who have come before us, women like Naomi Himmelhoch and Laura Weinstock who return to the journal as authors and share their lives with us all. And to all the editors of issues and symposia, to cite-checkers and source-pullers and especially to Diane Bessette, Debra Kochan and Amy Brown—who planted the seed that grew into our tree that allowed us to go out on a limb—

Happy Anniversary