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Hastings Women's Law Journal is breaking records this semester! In this, the second issue of *HWLJ's* longest volume to date, we are excited to be presenting a dynamic set of scholarly perspectives on a range of issues.

Lisa Zolotusky examines the prevalence of caesarian birth and questions the incentives doctors currently have to perform this invasive procedure. Deborah Weiss's article about gender discrimination in employment explores pervasive stereotyping and its implications for implementing Title VII successfully and recommends a modified affirmative-action paradigm to limit the impact of stereotypes in workplaces.

Next, we have printed an *amicus curiae* brief from organizations and experts dedicated to ending rape and intimate partner violence, in support of Selecky in *Stormans, Inc. v. Selecky*, which discusses the importance of women's access to emergency contraception following rape or sexual assault.

The issue then takes a turn, exploring California's prison and jail realignment policy's impact on mentally ill incarcerated persons and the counties now negotiating housing these inmate-patients long-term in Annie Cooper's note.

I am thrilled to be presenting two articulate and divergent positions regarding HIV criminalization in one issue. I hope that our readers appreciate the dialogue between Angela Perone and Erin McCormick as much as I and *HWLJ's* editors have while editing these pieces.

Continuing on our theme from 24:1, there are two articles about the system of laws surrounding domestic violence in the United States. Robin Runge explores the history of the Violence Against Women Act and puts in context the 2013 reauthorization of that important legislation. Claire Wright recommends that the United States follow international law and psychological analysis to better protect victims of psychological domestic violence or "intimate terrorism."

I have thoroughly enjoyed working with *HWLJ's* wonderful set of editors this year. The publication, symposium, and notes staff have taught me so much about so many varied topics over this year. We have accomplished a huge amount in one academic year. From a nationally acclaimed symposium to a blockbuster volume of engaging and varied scholarship, you have demonstrated that our mission can be achieved in its entirety.

Finally, I have the great pleasure of introducing our readers to the incoming Editor-in-Chief, Elena Gekker. Elena will masterfully manage *HWLJ* throughout its twenty-fifth year. Expect great things.

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Editor-in-Chief, Volume 24