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## Foreword

No country can ever truly flourish if it stifles the potential of its women and deprives itself of the contributions of half of its citizens.

- Michelle Obama

*Hastings Women's Law Journal* (HWLJ) is committed to providing a platform for underrepresented communities to be heard within the legal field. From shining light on women who are shackled during labor, to discussing transgender bathroom laws, HWLJ is committed to discussing tough topics in hopes of moving our society toward true equality. During a time of historic equality movements such as #MeToo, *Time's Up*, and *Black Lives Matter*, HWLJ knows the importance of, and is committed to, publishing scholarly articles that ensure these movements, and movements like them are heard and discussed.

*Hastings Women's Law Journal* would like to thank its amazing 2L and 3L editing staff—without them, this publication would not be possible. HWLJ has an extraordinary team of 2L staff editors and 3L senior editing staff. It is due to the staffers' hard work and commitment that HWLJ is able to publish such well-written, thought-provoking articles. Additionally, HWLJ would like to thank its authors, who through their articles show their commitment to tackling hard legal issues.

HWLJ was incredibly proud to host an amazing symposium this year, *Speak out and Speak Loud: Discrimination in the Legal Field*. This event was single-handedly organized, managed, and hosted by our amazing Senior Symposium Editor, Xochilt Gama. Thank you. Furthermore, HWLJ would like to thank its Executive Notes Editor, Nick Brummel, and Executive Articles Editor, Margot Brooks, for working hands-on with our 2L staff, assisting them in writing their own scholarly articles.

Furthermore, HWLJ is excited to announce its new incoming Volume 30 Editor-in-Chief, Melissa Herrera.

Last, but certainly not least, HWLJ would like to thank Tom McCarthy, who through his commitment to excellence and endless support ensures the publication of all journals at Hastings. Thank you to the Hastings community and its incredible professors who always push their students to speak out and speak loud.

- Sonja Arndt  
Editor-in-Chief, Volume 29

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