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The Journal would like to dedicate this issue to everyone who organized and participated in the 20th Annual Women and the Law Conference.

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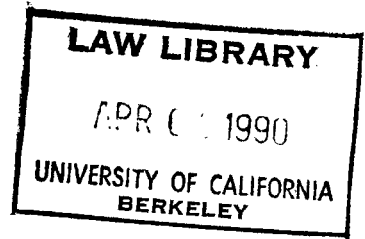
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This issue of the *Berkeley Women's Law Journal* is devoted to papers delivered at the 20th Annual Women and the Law Conference held in Oakland, California in March 1989. The Conference, a major meeting ground for practitioners, students, and scholars nationwide, involved approximately 250 speakers who discussed evolving issues in such areas as criminal law, health, education, employment, family law, housing, immigration, and reproductive rights. The Conference was an example of how diversity among women can present a united front. This special issue is meant to reflect this.

Our intent in putting together this issue has thus been to commemorate the Conference by providing both an additional forum for the diverse voices heard at the Conference, and a record of some of the issues currently facing women, both in the law and in society. Given the number of papers delivered at the Conference, our record here is necessarily incomplete, limited both by space considerations and by time constraints on would-be authors. The Articles we have collected in this issue include views on education, civil commitment of minors, custody, and surrogacy. The pieces are not necessarily "traditional" law review articles; they are, rather, speculative, suggestive, provocative. This issue thus also serves to reiterate our commitment to publishing alternatives to conventional legal arguments and formats.

Finally, this issue is also a triumph for us at the Journal. Publishing two issues in one year was a challenge. We are grateful to the hardworking people who organized the Conference, and to all who participated, for making it such a memorable event.



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