

William and Mary Journal of Women and the Law

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Dear Colleagues:

We write to bring you good news from the *Journal of Women and the Law*. As we write, Volume 9 is well underway – it features papers from a wonderful conference sponsored by the Journal last spring on the topic of “Young Women in the Juvenile Justice System.” Our next symposium – scheduled for January 31, 2003 – will focus on the recent developments in the “postpartum defense” inspired by the Andrea Yates trial. The keynote speaker will be Michelle Oberman, Professor of Law and Faculty Co-Chair, Health Law Institute, from DePaul University College of Law.

In addition to the annual symposium issue, the *Journal* will publish two additional issues this year. We will publish professional articles and student notes on topics ranging from the use of 42 U.S.C. § 1983 to enforce Title IX rights against disparate impact discrimination to the rights of homosexual partners in the post 9/11 era. We also have twenty-four second year students currently working hard on their first drafts of notes for publication during the 2003-04 academic year.

We are working with a full staff (forty students) this year and plan to take advantage of the fact that 2002 marks the 65th year since women first attended and graduated from the Law School. Remarkably, the school's first woman graduate, Virginia Mister Walker, L'37, is still alive and well on the Eastern Shore. Many hundreds of women have followed in her footsteps and we will honor them by inviting numerous speakers to address the student body during Women's History Month. We also expect to sponsor informal roundtable programs during the year to discuss timely issues related to gender and the law.

In short, the *Journal* you entrusted to us is alive and well. We are proud to be the latest in the line of those who conceived this project, gave it life, and have continued to bring new energy, ideas, and industry to the task of publishing excellent legal scholarship.

We continue to receive funding to publish the *Journal* from the College's Publication Council, but we must raise additional funds to support our other activities. That is the other reason we are writing to you now. We hope that, as you consider your year-end charitable contributions, you will consider a gift earmarked for support of the *Journal*.

Thank you for continuing to support the *Journal* and have a wonderful holiday season.

Sincerely,

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Editor-In-Chief