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# FOREWORD

Celebration of the new millennium, the fiftieth year of the UCLA School of Law, and publication of Volume 10 of the *UCLA Women's Law Journal* provides us an opportunity to reflect on the importance of legal discourse in furthering the goals of feminism and how the *Journal* has advanced these goals. For ten years the *Journal* has made global contributions to feminism by publishing articles addressing legal issues of national and international importance and creating a forum for feminist scholarship that reaches subscribers around the world. The *Journal* has also contributed locally to feminism, providing students and faculty at the UCLA School of Law with a conduit for building relationships aimed at achieving more diversity and equality within legal jurisprudence. With the publication of Volume 10, the sixty-five members of our editorial board and staff join the ranks of hundreds of *Journal* alumni who have worked to publish 128 pieces — including articles, essays, speeches, and *amicus* briefs — since the inaugural volume of the *Journal*.

In both 1996 and 1998, the *Journal* broadened its contribution to feminist discourse by producing live symposiums to explore important and timely legal issues — the barriers women face in the workplace and same-sex rights, respectively. This year, the *Journal* will further its contribution by continuing the tradition of hosting a live symposium. On March 3, 2000, the *Journal* will present a symposium to address discrimination against women in academia. Professors of academic institutions create knowledge and power. They have the opportunity to shape minds and influence how students view the world. Discrimination within these institutions, both subtle and overt, denies students the opportunity to value difference and gender, and prevents our culture from transforming into one that accepts diversity and rejects oppression and injustice. Participants of the symposium will examine the scope and meaning of the problem, its current manifestations, and practical solutions to address it. The *Journal* will devote the Spring/Summer issue to publishing works presented at the symposium and other pieces regarding discrimination against women in academia. Additionally, the *Journal* will publish several pieces presented at the symposium in Volume 11.

