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# FOREWORD

The last two years have been periods of tremendous growth for the UCLA Women's Law Journal. Last year, we expanded the publication to two issues; this year, we saw an enormous increase in the number of students interested in working on the women's law journal; and, now, with Volume Five, we present our first symposium. In keeping with the goals set by the founding board of the *UCLA Women's Journal*<sup>1</sup> and in large part due to the efforts of Frances Olsen, we have the honor of publishing a set of papers from the April 1994 conference entitled *Women in Central and Eastern Europe: Nationalism, Feminism and Possibilities for the Future* held at the University of California, Los Angeles.

We feel that symposia have special significance as tools for the empowerment and enlightenment of women. Through symposia, participants create an atmosphere of simultaneous teaching, learning, and invention: they listen to each other, learn from each other, and embark on collaborative efforts. Symposia give participants an uninterrupted opportunity to define, direct, and contribute to burgeoning discussions. In the context of women and the law, this is essential for engendering a more encompassing feminist jurisprudence. Symposia provide a forum for the voice that Catharine MacKinnon seeks to evoke: "[a] voice that, unsilenced, might say something that has never been heard."<sup>2</sup>

Again, we thank Frances Olsen for performing her crucial role in both organizing the conference and in aiding in virtually every step of the publication of these papers. We also thank Dean Susan Westerberg Prager and Professor Christine Littleton for their continued advice and support in this endeavor.

This journal is produced as the result of the considerable commitment and hardwork of the members of the *UCLA Wo-*

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1. "The *UCLA Women's Law Journal* is committed to diversity within feminist legal scholarship. We believe that feminist scholarship must endeavor to encompass the experiences of *all* women." Stephanie H. Villafuerte & Laura E. Reece, *Foreword*, 1 *UCLA WOMEN'S L.J.* 1 (1991).

2. CATHARINE MACKINNON, *FEMINISM UNMODIFIED* 77 (1987).

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