WHERE WE HAVE BEEN
&
WHERE WE ARE GOING

As feminist jurisprudence has grown, so too has this Journal. Origin-
ally founded as a forum in which to discuss the law’s ever-changing
effects on women, the Harvard Women’s Law Journal has continually
documented women’s legal victories (and persistent struggles) over the
past twenty-six years. While our progress is certainly cause for celebra-
tion, much remains to be done.

Women’s early battles of access and inclusion in the workplace are
slowly being won. Today, new questions of workplace equality exist, and
concerns about how to balance work and family persist. The relevance of
these issues warrant attention and, as a result, occupy much of this year’s
Journal. In addition, violence against women remains a constant threat to
women’s mental, physical, and emotional health. For the first time, this
Journal contains a focus section devoted entirely to variations on this
theme, and includes ways in which the law can better protect women.

As we celebrate the fiftieth anniversary of women graduating from
Harvard Law School and the appointment of the first female Dean in the
Law School’s 186-year history, we remember where we have been, in
order to evaluate where we are headed. We dedicate this volume of the
Harvard Women’s Law Journal to those who have fought to make femi-
nist jurisprudence and women’s issues a valued part of legal education. In
particular, to the courageous women who first opened the doors of Har-
vard Law School, we say thank you; because of your bravery, there is a
place for us here. To future generations of women who will continue to
shape feminist jurisprudence, we wish you great success.

—THE EDITORS-IN-CHIEF