

LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

The *American Criminal Law Review* is proud to present the “Women’s Rights in the Criminal Justice System” Symposium Issue. The idea for this Symposium arose out of the #MeToo movement, which has provoked legal and political discussions over the role of gender in every part of the workplace, from the boardroom to the factory floor. Unfortunately, the intersection between criminal law and women’s rights has not received the same degree of attention. This topic has a broad reach—speakers at the Symposium discussed its implications for a variety of individuals in the criminal justice system: the cisgender, transgender, and gender-queer; the impoverished; mothers; CEOs; police officers; and everyone in between. Drawing from these presentations, this Issue contains articles on women and sentencing, the impacts of the Prison Rape Elimination Act, the trans panic defense, “revenge porn” laws, and what it means to be both a feminist and a criminal defense lawyer in today’s climate. It is our hope that the contributions in this Issue will bring long-overlooked concerns about women’s rights in the criminal justice system to the fore and provide a foundation for professors, practitioners, and policymakers to initiate reform.

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Sincerely,
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