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The members of the Journal Editorial Board, Journal Staff and I are honored to present Volume 3 of the Journal of Race, Gender, and Ethnicity.

On April 17, 2007, a symposium on Women and the Law, sponsored and organized by the Journal of Race, Gender, and Ethnicity, was held at Touro Law Center. The symposium was divided into two sessions: the first panel discussion was on Women as Members of the New York Bench and Bar and the second featured Chief Judge Judith S. Kaye and a panel discussion on Women and the Judiciary. This volume contains the transcript of the second session on Women and the Judiciary.

The first session of the symposium was a panel discussion on Women as Members of the New York Bench and Bar. The speakers included: Eileen Kaufman, Professor of Law, Touro Law Center; Honorable Leon Lazer, Professor of Law, Touro Law Center and Former Associate Justice of the New York State Supreme Court, Appellate Division, Second Department; Craig Purcell, Partner, Glynn Mercep & Purcell L.L.P., and Chair of the Suffolk County Bar Association's Judicial Screening Committee; and Lois Carter Schlissel, Managing Partner of Meyer, Suozzi, English & Klein, P.C.

The second session of the symposium featured Chief Judge Judith S. Kaye and included a panel discussion on Women and the Judiciary. Panelists included: Honorable Fern Fisher, Administrative Judge of the Civil Court of the City of New York; Professor Beryl Jones, Professor of Law and Associate Dean for Student Affairs, Brooklyn Law School; Honorable Margaret Chan, Civil Court of the City of New York, Kings County; and Honorable Mary Werner, former New York State Supreme Court Justice, Suffolk County, and former Administrative Judge of Suffolk County.

I would like to express my gratitude to all of the speakers for their involvement in the symposium. It is an honor to publish the transcript of the second session of the symposium on Women and the Law in Volume 3 of the Journal of Race, Gender, and Ethnicity.

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