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Dear Scholars and Practitioners:

The *American University Journal of Gender, Social Policy & the Law* is thrilled to announce a new partnership with the ABA Domestic Violence Commission. As a part of this new collaboration, the *Journal* will publish the winning article from the Commission's annual Domestic Violence and the Law competition. Our alliance with the Commission provides an excellent opportunity to deepen and elaborate theories of domestic violence that reflect the intersection of gender and violence, and serve as a resource on current developments in the law. To further that goal, we are dedicating an entire issue of our *Journal* every year to domestic violence issues. Accordingly, the *Journal* respectfully requests the submission of your own writing on domestic violence. We welcome formal academic works, practitioner-focused practical pieces, and current events updates.

The *American University Journal of Gender, Social Policy & the Law* has an established history in domestic violence scholarship. Most notably our 2002 Domestic Violence Symposium issue, *Confronting Domestic Violence and Achieving Gender Equality*, features groundbreaking works from thirty-six authors.¹ Our *Journal* is one of the most-cited journals in the "Women, Gender, Sexuality and the Law" field, according to the Washington & Lee law review rankings. Our commitment to domestic violence extends to our student staff: many of our *Journal* staff members participate in specialized programs of study such as American University's Women and the Law Clinic or the Domestic Violence Clinic. We are also co-sponsoring a forum this October entitled "Prosecuting Sexual and Gender-Based Crimes for International Criminal Courts."

Please submit articles to us via email at genderlaw-articles-editor@wcl.american.edu. Citations in articles published in the *Journal* generally follow A Uniform System of Citation (18th ed.) for all legal sources, and The Chicago Manual of Style for non-legal sources.

Please feel free to contact us with any questions regarding submission or suggestions on how we may better advance the scholarship on domestic violence. We look forward to hearing from you, reading your articles, and working together to tackle the theoretical and everyday problems caused by domestic violence.

Sincerely,

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¹ 11 Am. U. Gender Soc. Pol'y & L. 237-1088 (2003) available at <http://www.wcl.american.edu/journal/genderlaw/11/11-2.cfm>.