

Marina Angel

"Professor Marina Angel is a prolific legal scholar who has achieved outstanding professional excellence, distinguishing herself among law school professors and researchers nationwide for her ground breaking legal scholarship in areas vital to the equal participation of women in society, including legal education, juvenile justice, gender studies, and comparative law."

-- Thomas M. Golden, President of the Pennsylvania Bar Association

As a writer, teacher, and scholar, Professor Marina Angel has dedicated herself to improving the status of women and minorities in the legal profession and reforming the profession in order to make their advancement possible. Even more importantly, she has selflessly devoted herself to aiding countless individual colleagues and students in supporting and counseling them step-by-step along the paths of their careers.

In 1965, Professor Angel earned a bachelor's degree from Barnard College and began her legal career in 1969, when she received a law degree (magna cum laude) from Columbia Law School. While in law school, Professor Angel worked as a law clerk at the NAACP Legal Defense and Education Fund. After graduating, she worked as an attorney for the Philadelphia Voluntary Association and completed an L.L.M. from the University of Pennsylvania Law School. In 1973, she served as an associate at Gordon & Schetman, P.C., in New York, where she represented professional unions and handled major sex discrimination cases.

In 1978, Professor Angel joined the faculty of Temple University Law School, and immediately began to venture into previously uncharted territory as she researched and wrote about women's legal rights and the status of women in the law. Professor Angel's writings have focused on sexual harassment, abuse and violence against women and girls, legal education, criminal law, and labor and employment law. In her research, she has analyzed the psychiatric and legal issues relating to sexual harassment. She document, for the first time, the nature and the scope of sexual harassment perpetrated by judges. Later, she focused on abuse and violence against women and girls and the criminal justice system?s responses, analyzing the relationship between gender stereotypes and violence. She has over thirty publications to her credit. (See bibliography).

In her earlier years at Temple, Professor Angel served as Associate Dean for Graduate Legal Studies and External Programs, directed Temple's Summer Session Abroad at the University of Athens, and founded the Pennsylvania and Delaware Valley Women Law Teachers. In addition, Professor Angel taught abroad as a visiting law school professor at various universities, including Queensland Institute of Technology and Wollongong University in Australia, Tel Aviv University, and the University of Puerto Rico. She continuously mentors many young women and men.

Professor Angel's service career at Temple University is extensive. At the law school, she chaired several law school committees, and served as advisor to the women?s caucus and law student groups of various ethnic backgrounds. At the university, Professor Angel chaired the Committee on the Status of Women, the University Student Disciplinary Committee, and was Secretary of the

Faculty Senate. Professor Angel chaired the Association of American Law Schools' (AALS) Section on Women in Legal Education and organizes a networking dinner at each AALS Annual Meeting. In 1995, she became General Counsel to the Modern Greek Studies Association and the Greek American Women's Network in New York.

Active in the American Bar Association (ABA), Professor Angel has served on seven ABA law school accreditation site inspection teams. She is a member of the bar associations of New York City, Philadelphia, and Pennsylvania and has served on the Philadelphia Bar's Gender Bias Task Force and other committees concerning women.

Since 2001, Professor Angel has compiled statistics on the status of women in the legal profession within the state of Pennsylvania. The results and findings from this information are presented in the Pennsylvania Bar Association's "Annual Report Card." The Philadelphia Bar Association awarded Professor Angel the Sandra Day O'Connor Award in 1996 in recognition of her legal, academic, and mentoring contributions to the legal profession. The Pennsylvania Bar Association's Commission on women presented Professor Angel with the Anne X. Alpern Award in 1998. In 2003, the PBA gave he a Special Achievement Award in recognition of her many accomplishments. (See Honors and Awards).

In 2004, Professor Angel received the American Bar Association's Margaret Brent Women Lawyers of Achievement Award. In the tradition of Margaret Brent, Professor Angel's life work embodies an unfailing commitment to advocating for women and minorities in the profession. She has pioneered in legal scholarship, excelling in the quality and extent of her contributions and in her continually forthright stands for equal rights.