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The Journal is a learning experience for all of its members and is organized to reflect our own feminist values. We have designed the Journal nonhierarchically so that every member has an equal say and equal responsibilities. In our meetings we strive to acknowledge each member’s opinion on all decisions and to ensure that everyone feels comfortable speaking out.

In this first issue of the Journal we have included pieces which discuss the interaction of the law and women’s issues from varying feminist perspectives. We encourage responses to our Journal and hope to publish letters in subsequent issues reacting to pieces in our first issue. We also encourage the submission of articles, artwork, poetry, fiction, autobiography, book reviews and interviews on any subject bearing upon the intersection of law and feminism.
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