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INTRODUCTION

On March 24, 2003, the Northern Illinois University College of Law hosted its twelfth annual symposium. The goal of the symposium was to bring together legal, social science and academic experts for presentations and in-depth panel discussions with audience participation, centered on issues related to the pervasive societal problem of domestic violence.

The symposium was the result of a collaborative effort by the College of Law, Prairie State Legal Services and the Northern Illinois University Center for the Study of Family Violence. The symposium brought together a distinguished panel of practicing attorneys, a judge, legal academics, law enforcement, psychologists and sociologists, and other service providers, to participate in a series of panel discussions with the goal of starting a comprehensive dialog among the many constituencies involved in the domestic violence arena.

The Northern Illinois University Law Review would like to thank all who contributed to the success of this symposium, but particularly the speakers and panelists; Professor Mary Becker, keynote speaker, Professor Elvia Arriola, moderator, Stephan Baker, Kathy Bettcher, Judge Rosemary Collins, Gretchen Farwell, Professor Adele Morrison, Deputy Donny Parham, Peggy Patty, Jody Raphael, Dr. Alan Rosenbaum, and Pam Wiseman.

The following members of the faculty and staff of the College of Law provided invaluable help to the Law Review in preparing and conducting the symposium. Professor David Taylor was involved from the beginning, helping to frame the topic and format of the symposium, and providing guidance and assistance throughout the process. Director of Alumni Relations and Public Relations Carol Jambor-Smith, and her staff; Melody Mitchell, Melinda Rosales, and Sarah Parisi, publicized the event, registered participants, and provided administrative and logistical support for the symposium.

Gail Walsh of Prairie State Legal Services was also extremely helpful in framing the symposium, and helping to identify panelists.

Although every member of the Law Review had a part in preparing for this year's symposium, the following deserve special recognition. Paige Hoyt, who served as the Symposium Editor, worked for nearly an entire year developing and producing the symposium. Her efforts were apparent in the quality of the program. Law Review members Megan Drefchinski, Steven Greeley, Amy Miller, John Palmer, Julie Proscia, John Ruud, Kimberly Shefts, and Brett Skean also provided support on the day of the symposium.

Dawn Weekly and Elizabeth Potts assisted in transcribing the proceedings.

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