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DEDICATION TO  
MICHELLE OBERMAN, J.D., M.P.H.

This issue honors Michelle Oberman, a former Associate Professor of Law at DePaul University, whose impressive and diverse background ranges from an in-house hospital setting to state government consulting, where she assisted in drafting AIDS-related legislation. As a feminist scholar, Professor Oberman's research focuses on legal and ethical issues relating to sexuality, pregnancy, and motherhood. She is well regarded by her colleagues in the fields of women's health and the law, medical ethics, and public health policy. She lectures to a wide variety of audiences, including law school faculty, health care professionals, legislative advocates, and community-based interest groups.

We have re-published two of Professor Oberman's more influential publications. In *Mothers Who Kill: Coming to Terms with Modern American Infanticide*, Professor Oberman discusses the history of infanticide in various countries and analyzes the cultural, ethical and legal implications of recent infanticide cases. In *Turning Girls Into Women: Re-Evaluating Modern Statutory Rape Law*, Professor Oberman discusses statutory rape law issues at a time when the law surrounding this topic was receiving little attention. In addition, we have re-published an article that attributed her work to Professor Oberman. The article is *Sex, Rape, and Shame* by Katharine K. Baker, who is a colleague and friend of Professor Oberman.

Professor Oberman is well known and respected for her work in the area of statutory rape, specifically focusing on the legal issues of sexual encounters between adults and underage girls and boys. A mother herself, Professor Oberman has frequently written and spoken about regulation and intervention in the treatment of pregnant women and modern American infanticide.

During her ten-plus-year affiliation with DePaul, she greatly influenced the development of DePaul's Health Law Program and the expansion of DePaul's Public Interest Law Association. Her innovative style and passion for teaching made her well liked and greatly respected by her students, and her classes some of the most sought-after in the College of Law. Her presence here will be greatly missed and her contributions not forgotten.

*Allyson Y. Esposito, Case Brief Editor*

