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PANEL ONE
Gender, Race, and Sexuality:
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Women's Rights Law

Introduction

Professor Suzanne Goldberg

Hello and welcome. We are thrilled to see you all here. I speak on behalf of my co-panelists in thanking Sarah Weddington for laying some of the groundwork on which we are standing and for laying some of the foundation that gives rise to the issues we are going to talk about on this panel. Because after all, there are few legal markers that are so significant as *Roe v. Wade* in women's rights litigation history. What I ask each of you as you are listening is not only to think critically about what we are saying but also to think of some questions that you would like to pose or comments you would like to make after we are done.

Martha Davis will be speaking first. Martha is Vice President and Legal Director of the NOW Legal Defense and Education Fund. She is also about to become Professor Martha Davis at Northeastern Law School starting in the fall. Professor Tanya Hernandez is on the faculty here at Rutgers-Newark Law School, and is the Justice Frederic Hall Scholar. In addition to the biographical information in the symposium program, I would simply note that each of us on the panel actually comes out of a background of doing public interest legal work very much in the tradition and spirit that Sarah Weddington was talking about before.