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PACE UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW INTERNATIONAL LAW DAY COLLOQUIUM

PREFACE

On October 26, 1996, Pace University School of Law's International Law Society and International Law Review jointly hosted an International Law Day Colloquium. The Pace International Law Review is pleased to publish edited versions of the oral remarks made by three distinguished scholars; Professor Vanessa Merton of the Pace University School of Law, Professor Pamela Goldberg of the City University of New York School of Law and Mr. Jean-Philippe Lavoyer of the International Committee of the Red Cross.

The first panel at the International Law Day Colloquium addressed the topic: *Human Rights in Relation to Women's Health: Can the United Nations Utilize Existing International treaties to Protect Women?* As the first speaker on this panel, Professor Merton's discussion on *The Utility of International Law for Protecting Women's Health Rights* was that of a friendly skeptic, framing pertinent questions for Professor Goldberg to address and laid the foundation for the attendees to come to a better understanding of the potential efficacy of international law and international legal institutions. Professor Goldberg's discussion on *Women, Health and Human Rights* addresses the ways in which health, in particular, women's health issues have been conceptualized in international documents. Professor Goldberg discusses health rights as a growing part of the "second generation" of human rights that are being sought out today. Professor Goldberg's concern lies with the manner in which women's health issues are being described, addressed and enforced within international documents.

The second panel at the International Law Day Colloquium addressed the topic: *How Do We Maintain Human Dignity in*

the Midst of Armed Conflicts? In the opening presentation, Mr. Jean-Philippe Lavoyer outlined the mandate and the activities of the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) in his discussion entitled, *The International Committee of the Red Cross - How Does it Protect Victims of Armed Conflict?* Mr. Lavoyer's discussion focused on the ICRC's role as promoter and guardian of international humanitarian law.