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The **Third Edition** features up-to-date theories and topics, such as the "autonomy" feminism and "masculinities" theory. Expansion of the current theory-based structure includes the "big three" feminisms described in the previous edition and the "new three" feminisms, which are expanded in the third edition. New applied areas are covered as well, such as transgender legal issues and sex trafficking. While the book remains U.S.-focused, important new material on global and comparative feminism has been added. Throughout the text, students will find discussion about changes in the law since 2003 on issues such as rape, pay equity, sex stereotyping, marriage equality, Title IX, and more.

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- Up-to-date theories and topics
 - o "autonomy" feminism, "masculinities" theory, "social justice" feminism
 - LGBT and critical race perspectivesa
- **Two-part organization**, focusing on chronology and substantive areas of the law that are of particular importance to feminist legal scholars
 - Part one focuses on chronology by examining the three generations of feminist legal theory that have emerged since 1971
 - the Generation of Equality (1970s)
 - the Generation of Difference (1980s)
 - the Generation of Complex Identities (1990s to present)
 - this part will also include the "new three" feminisms in the 3rd edition (intersectional, autonomy and postmodern feminism)
 - Part two focuses on substantive areas of the law, which fall into three categories
 - economic subordination of women
 - sexual subordination of women
 - motherhood and reproduction
- Introduction of new applied areas
 - transgender legal issues
 - sex trafficking
 - reproductive justice
- More material on global and comparative feminism, while remaining U.S.-focused
- Discussion of **changes in the law** since 2003
 - o rape
 - o domestic violence
 - pay equity

- \circ torts and tax law
- same-sex marriage
- Title IX, and more

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