

Letter From the NOFSW President

Dear Forensic Social Work Community:

I am delighted to welcome you to the inaugural issue of the *Journal of Forensic Social Work*. The National Organization of Forensic Social Work (NOFSW) has a rich history of pioneering in social work by responding to the unique needs of those working with forensic populations. NOFSW is excited about the Journal as an innovative venue to present thought-provoking articles across the spectrum of forensic social work practice in a diverse variety of legal settings.

On behalf of the NOFSW Executive Council, I want to thank Viola Vaughan-Eden, PhD, LCSW, and Rob Butters, PhD, LCSW, for their outstanding leadership as co-editors and for their countless hours of work in creating and promoting this groundbreaking journal.

The *Journal of Forensic Social Work* will continue to seek high-quality manuscripts for review and welcomes your submissions. The Journal is dedicated to mentoring young forensic scholars by pairing them with our co-editors and editorial review board members who will provide detailed critiques and guidance leading to the publication of exemplary journal articles.

This innovative Journal is distinguished in its' contribution to the literature in the dynamic and growing field of forensic social work. As we approach our 30th anniversary in 2013, the NOFSW is still vibrant and growing. We are pleased to introduce this inaugural issue and are confident you will find the articles stimulating and relevant to your professional practice.

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