

Karen H. Rothenberg, J.D., M.P.A., is the Dean, Marjorie Cook Professor of Law, and founding Director of the nationally recognized Law & Health Care Program at the University of Maryland School of Law. The first woman to serve as chief executive and academic officer in the law school's 185-year history, Dean Rothenberg has led Maryland to new heights of accomplishment while continuing to produce cutting-edge scholarship on issues at the intersection of women's health care and the law.

Since Dean Rothenberg's appointment in 2000, the School of Law has opened a new, state-of-the-art academic facility, strengthened its national leadership in legal areas including health care, the environment and clinical education, and climbed more places in the annual *U.S. News* rankings than any other top tier law school. Under her leadership, Maryland Law has leveraged its connections with the regional legal and business communities to enhance students' educational and employment opportunities, established itself as a national leader in diversity among faculty and students, and increased the professionalization of its administration. Dean Rothenberg holds direct managerial responsibility for the law school's \$35 million annual operating budget and oversees the management of its \$43 million endowment. She has successfully completed a \$12 million building campaign, and recently announced the public launch of a new campaign that already has raised more than half of its \$50 million goal.

As a faculty member, Dean Rothenberg founded the innovative Law & Health Care Program, which *U.S. News & World Report* ranked second nationally in 2007. Since becoming Dean, she has overseen the creation of numerous additional centers, programs, and initiatives, including the Women, Leadership & Equality Program, which is dedicated to the development of lawyers who recognize the barriers women face in assuming leadership roles in society and work to surmount such obstacles.

Dean Rothenberg serves on the board of the Kaiser Foundation Health Plan of the Mid-Atlantic States and is Academic Advisor to the Business Women's Initiative Against HIV/AIDS. She was appointed to the Maryland Stem Cell Research Commission in 2006, and advised the NIH on the awarding of grants as a member of its National Advisory Child Health and Human Development Council. Dean Rothenberg is a member of the ABA Task Force on Law School Accreditation, serves on the Board of Directors for the American Law Deans Association, and is a past president of the American Society of Law, Medicine and Ethics.

An accomplished scholar and expert on issues at the intersection of health care, gender, and law, Dean Rothenberg's research interests include the legal and social implications of genetic testing, women's health, the rights of patients and human subjects, AIDS, and access to health care. She is co-editor of the book *Women and Prenatal Testing: Facing the Challenges of Genetic Technology* and author of numerous articles on genetics and public policy. Dean Rothenberg has testified before federal and state legislatures on a wide range of issues, including the U.S. House of Representatives' Genetic Information Nondiscrimination Act of 2007, and is a recipient of the American Society of Law, Medicine & Ethics' Joseph Healey Health Law Teachers Award.

Historically a trailblazer, Dean Rothenberg was a member of the first graduating class of women at Princeton University, where she received both her B.A., magna cum laude, and M.P.A. from the Wilson School of Public and International Affairs. An Order of the Coif graduate from the University of Virginia School of Law, she practiced with the Washington, D.C., law firm of Covington and Burling, and in 1983 became one of a few women on the Maryland School of Law's faculty.

In 2007, Dean Rothenberg received Equal Justice Works' Dean John R. Kramer Award in recognition of her national prominence in promoting public service in legal education, was inducted into the Maryland Commission for Women's Hall of Fame, and was named to the *Daily Record's* inaugural group of "50 Most Influential Marylanders."