



In this new book, law scholar Tracy Thomas discusses pioneering feminist Elizabeth Cady Stanton’s impact on the law and feminism. It explores Stanton’s intellectual contributions to—and personal experiences with—the law of the family. Better known for her work on suffrage, Stanton also equally emphasized reform of the private sphere of the family as central to achieving women’s equality. By weaving together law, feminist theory, and history, Thomas explores Stanton’s little-examined philosophies and proposals for women’s equality in marriage, divorce, and family, and reveals that the campaigns for equal gender roles in the family that came to the fore in the 1960s and ’70s had nineteenth-century roots. Thomas argues that Stanton’s positions on divorce, working mothers, domestic violence, childcare, and many other topics were strikingly progressive for her time, providing significant parallels from which to gauge the social and legal policy issues confronting women in marriage and the family today.

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