

Voices for our Times: The Status Quo of Women Law Professors in Japan

This talk presents data relating to women in legal education in Japan circa 2019 - 2020 as a counterpart to another presentation looking at history and a comparison with the U.S. In this project, we sought to ascertain the numerical count of women law professors in Japan, data which ought to be easily accessible and well-known, but in fact was neither. The work then draws upon certain proxies in legal scholarship to assess the voice of women law scholars in Japan in recent decades, acknowledging that while some progress has been made, there is still much room for improvement.

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