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ANNUAL EDITH HOUSE LECTURE TO FOCUS ON REPRODUCTIVE RIGHTS

ATHENS, Ga. -- On the heels of the 30th anniversary of the Supreme Court's controversial *Roe v. Wade* decision, Kathy Hall-Martinez, director of the International Program of the Center for Reproductive Law and Policy (CRLP) in New York City, will deliver the 21st annual Edith House Lecture, titled "Using Legal Strategies to Promote Women's Reproductive Rights: Achievements and Challenges." The lecture will be given on Monday, March 3, 2003, at 4 p.m. in the newly renovated Classroom A at the University of Georgia School of Law. It is open to the public and admission is free.

As director of the International Program at CRLP, Hall-Martinez focuses on reproductive health and rights issues from both comparative legal and international human rights perspectives. She has worked with non-governmental organizations to ensure the United Nations committees that monitor compliance with international human rights treaties hold national governments accountable for their reproductive rights obligations. She is a frequent speaker on reproductive rights issues at conferences in North America, Latin America, Europe and Africa.

Hall-Martinez has also collaborated on numerous publications including *Reproductive Rights 2000: Moving Forward*, *Reproductive Rights are Human Rights*, and the program's signature *Women of the World* series.

She received her Bachelor of Arts in Comparative Literature from Princeton University and her Juris Doctor from the Columbia University School of Law.

The Edith House Lecture Series, hosted annually by the Women Law Students Association (WLSA), is named for one of the first female graduates of the University of Georgia School of Law. A native of Winder, Georgia, House was co-valedictorian of the law class of 1925, the first class to graduate women. She practiced law for 38 years and became assistant U.S. attorney for the Southern District of Florida and acting U.S. attorney for the district.

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