

## Defining Women in Family Law

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The continued struggle for gender equality has resulted in several changes to legislation in the Philippines. International agreements and conventions such as the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women have set standards for local legislation. This Article examines the Philippines' efforts to conform to those standards and end the struggle.

The Author first examines and compares Family Relations Law in the country as embodied in the old Civil Code and the New Civil Code and the Family Code. Specifically, age and status, marriage and remarriage, separation and annulment, names and surnames, parental authority, work, profession, and business, and ownership, acquisition, and administration of property all bear consequences and changes on women in family law.

While there have been changes forward, the Author still identifies remaining challenges for law in terms of questions of choices and decision-making for women. These challenges remain unquestioned in present law but still important to resolve in order to completely end the struggle for gender equality.