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# Acknowledgments

The seed for this book was planted several years ago, when our own research interests in the emotional aspects of legal decision making led us to edit a special issue of *Law and Human Behavior* on the topic (Wiener and Bornstein 2006). In the course of reading the submissions and writing our own papers for the special issue, we came to realize just how many people were doing excellent work in the area and were addressing a broad array of interrelated topics under the “law-and-emotion” umbrella. This realization, in turn, had three salutary consequences. First, it made us excited and energized to know that our fellow researchers were doing so much good stuff. Second, it inspired us to undertake several new research projects, both together and with our individual research groups. And third, the awareness that there was so much more out there led us to propose organizing the symposium that produced this book.

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# Preface

The volume editors for this 56th volume of the Nebraska Symposium on Motivation are Richard L. Wiener and Brian H. Bornstein. The volume editors coordinated the symposium that led to this volume, including selecting and inviting the contributors. My thanks go to Brian and Rich and to our contributors for their outstanding presentations and chapters. This interdisciplinary work on emotion and the law takes its rightful place in the finest scholarly traditions of this historic series.

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