President Bush has designated Mary Beth Buchanan as the new Acting Director for the Office on Violence Against Women (OVW) (http://www.usdoj.gov/ovw/). Ms. Buchanan joins OVW from her most recent appointment as the U.S. Attorney for the Western District of Pennsylvania. A copy of her biography is available at http://www.usdoj.gov/usao/paw/bio.html. OVW also welcomed its new Principal Deputy Director, Kiri Rowe. Ms. Rowe joined OVW from the National Institute of Justice where she served as Chief of Staff.

The mission of the Office on Violence Against Women is to provide federal leadership to reduce violence against women, and to administer justice for and strengthen services to all victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking. This is accomplished by developing and supporting the capacity of state, local, tribal, and non-profit entities involved in responding to violence against women.