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## Letter to Golden Gate University Archivist

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**Moving On**

Dear GGU Library Archivist:

It has been a privilege to work with and get to know so many of you since becoming dean of Golden Gate University School of Law in 2004. With your help, we are in a far better position today than we were four years ago. We should all take great pride in that fact.

Confident that the School of Law is on the right track, I am leaving Golden Gate to become dean at Texas Wesleyan School of Law in Fort Worth. My tenure as dean at GGU ends on July 31, 2008. The decision to leave GGU was a difficult one, inspired in part by my desire to be closer to my family in the Midwest.

My leaving is made far easier, however, in knowing that Professor Alan Ramo will succeed me as acting dean. Alan co-founded and has long directed our award-winning Environmental Law and Justice Clinic. A popular professor and accomplished litigator, Alan has done much in his nearly 15 years at GGU to prepare our students for the effective practice of law and to enhance our reputation in the legal community.

In addition to the appointment of Dean Ramo, I am pleased to announce that Professor Rachel Van Cleave, on the faculty since 2006, is the new Associate Dean for Academic Affairs in the School of Law. She succeeds Professor Robert Calhoun, who has provided outstanding service in the position for two years and has returned to full-time teaching at GGU. Rachel and Bob are just two of the GGU Law colleagues whom I have grown to respect and admire and whom I will miss for their congeniality and commitment to students.

Some of the positive developments these past four years in which we can all take pride include:

- Swift and significant progress of the GGU Law Library expansion project;
- Addition of several outstanding new GGU Law faculty members and the publication of many new scholarly books and journal articles by our faculty;
- Doubling our first-time bar passage rate in three years;
- Rising enrollments in many of our graduate law programs;
- Increased charitable giving that has enabled the University to exceed its goal for the *Centennial Campaign for GGU* and that will significantly aid our Law Library expansion and our efforts to provide scholarships to attract and retain top law students;
- Our diverse student body and inclusion in the current *US News & World Report* listing of the nation's most diverse law schools; and
- Our successful Law Reunion in April 2008.

I am most proud of the collective efforts of GGU Law students, faculty, staff—and you, our alumni—that resulted in our removal from ABA probation and the dramatic improvement of our graduates' first-time passage rates on the California bar exam.

I have been deeply gratified by the commitment and affection that so many of you have demonstrated for your alma mater. It has been an honor to know you and to steer the course of Golden Gate University School of Law these past four years.

Best Regards,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Frederic White".

Frederic White  
Dean