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# South African Constitutional Court Justice Albie Sachs To Speak This Friday

*Former Dissident and Government Detainee to Speak on New South African Constitution at Golden Gate Law School*

SAN FRANCISCO — The Honorable Albie Sachs, Justice, Constitutional Court, Republic of South Africa, will speak at Golden Gate Law School on Friday, January 24, at 12:00 noon in Auditorium B on the second floor of 536 Mission Street, San Francisco. Justice Sachs' topic will be "The New South African Constitution."

Justice Sachs began his law practice as an advocate at the Cape Town Bar in 1957. Working as a civil rights advocate, he was twice detained without trial, once in solitary confinement for 18 months. In 1966, he went into exile in England, where he completed his Ph.D. at the University of Sussex. In 1977, he was named Professor of Law at the Eduardo Mondlane University in Maputo, Mozambique, and from 1983 until 1988, served as Director of Research in the Mozambique Ministry of Justice. After recovering from a near fatal car bombing in Mozambique, Justice Sachs founded and directed the South African Constitutional Studies Centre, based first in London and then at the University of the Western Cape in South Africa. As a member of the African National Congress, Justice Sachs was active in the negotiations for a new South African Constitution and in October 1994, he became a member of the Constitutional Court of South Africa, the nation's highest court.

His experiences while in prison are detailed in his book, *The Jail Diary of Albie Sachs*, published in 1966, and dramatized first for the Royal Shakespeare Company in London, and later performed by the Eureka Theater Company in San Francisco.

The lecture is funded by the Helzel Family Foundation.

*Golden Gate University School of Law is located on the San Francisco campus of Golden Gate University at 536 Mission Street. The University is accredited by the Western Association of Colleges and Universities and the Law School is approved by the American Bar Association.*

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