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FOREWORD

This 15th Volume of the Golden Gate University Law Review is comprised of three Issues: The *Ninth Circuit Survey*, *Notes and Comments*, and the *Women's Law Forum*.

This year the *Ninth Circuit Survey* celebrates its tenth year of publication as the only law journal in the country devoted entirely to summary and analysis of significant decisions of the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals. This issue features in-depth analysis of the Circuit's major decisions between September 26, 1983 and February 15, 1985, and a briefer synopsis in a separate summary section, of other noteworthy decisions.

Over the years Golden Gate University Law Review's *Notes and Comments* issue has featured articles, case notes and comments in a wide variety of areas; however, in recent years *Notes and Comments* has presented a more topical format focused on a particular area of the law. Volume 14 was devoted to legal questions arising from the advent of new and high technologies. Volume 15 features case notes and comments on legal and ethical questions in the field of health care and medical technology.

The *Women's Law Forum* remains one of only four journals in the nation devoted to an exploration of legal issues affecting women. This issue contains case notes and commentary on relevant issues in this field and features a survey of California appellate and Supreme Court decisions from the preceding year.

Volume 15 is designed with the practitioner in mind. We hope it will serve as a quick and ready reference to recent developments in federal law within the Ninth Circuit; as a useful tool for those interested in tracking women's evolving legal status in American society; and as a guide for those interested in exploring developing legal and ethical questions in the health care arena.

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