

## PREFACE

Volume XXIII of Golden Gate University Law Review, Notes and Comments issue, is devoted to recent developments in First Amendment jurisprudence.

We are pleased to present two major overviews of First Amendment law, focusing on freedom of expression within the American education system and the departure of Justice Brennan from the Rehnquist Court. This issue of Notes and Comments also examines several significant First Amendment decisions handed down during the Court's 1992 term. In addition, comments by student authors include a preview of the Court's forthcoming decision in *Church of the Lukumi Babalu Aye, Inc. v. City of Hialeah* and two articles addressing controversial trends in the regulation of pornographic expression and popular music lyrics.

By focusing on recent developments in First Amendment law, these authors provide a glimpse into many of the important free speech and religious issues that will shape our jurisprudence into the 21st Century. Significant changes in society and technology have altered the American landscape. We are today a culturally diverse, multi-ethnic population living in an age of information. Traditional forms of communication, religion and political association have given way to new hybrid forms, redefining our national identity and necessitating the development of a legal framework that can address these changes. It is my hope that the articles presented in Volume XXIII of Golden Gate University Law Review will assist in the evolution and development of such a legal framework.

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