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PREFACE

The United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit encompasses Alaska, Arizona, California, Hawaii, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, Oregon, Washington, Guam and the Northern Mariana Islands. This immense geographic area gives rise to an unsettling number of diverse social and intellectual issues which have catapulted Ninth Circuit judges to the forefront in all areas of the law. Not surprisingly, therefore, Ninth Circuit decisions attract the critical eye of many writers, esteemed practitioners and law students alike.

This twenty-first edition of the Ninth Circuit Survey analyzes important decisions of the Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit. It contains notes and comments which explain and critique significant cases decided during the 1994-1995 court term. It also includes a detailed biography of each jurist sitting on the court in the Ninth Circuit.

The students of Golden Gate University School of Law have successfully undertaken the publication of this entirely student-managed, student-edited and student-written scholarly legal journal. The editor wishes to acknowledge and express her appreciation for the tireless efforts and invaluable contributions of Kevin McGee, Roberta Simon, numerous faculty mentors and the Ninth Circuit Survey associate editors, including: Nick Nyland, Tad Ravazzini, Marilyn Weinstein, Steve Wiss and Jennifer Wohlstadter. I wish to personally recognize the members of the Ninth Circuit Survey, including those writers whose work was not published, for challenging and shaping my writing, legal analysis and leadership skills through the process of creating this journal.

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