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PREFACE

A desire to advocate for change drives many of us to the practice of law. When confronted with a law or precedent that has unjust results, we are compelled to bring this flaw to light and present solutions that provide more equitable and reasonable results. The First Edition of Volume 41 of the *Golden Gate University Law Review* contains four pieces from authors that successfully accomplish this goal.

Matthew R. Farley argues that traditional copyright law is insufficient to protect and promote user creativity in virtual worlds.

Diane J. Klein discusses how existing laws might be modified in community property states to accommodate plural marriage and to account for the distribution of property upon the death or divorce of one or more spouses.

Laura C. Bornstein examines the social and political factors that influenced the Supreme Court's decision in *City of Cleburne, Texas v. Cleburne Living Center, Inc.* in which the Court declined to rule that the mentally disabled were a quasi-suspect or suspect class, and after assessing the long-term impact of the decision, argues that the need to overturn it is still strong.

Luke Welmerink analyzes courts' dismissal of Chapter 7 bankruptcy petitions and argues for a more detailed case-by-case analysis of the facts and circumstances of a debtor's petition before allowing such a dismissal.

The ideas presented within these pages would not have been possible without the creativity, hard work and patience of each of the authors. These ideas would not be so clearly articulated without the tireless dedication of the Law Review staff. It has been a pleasure and an honor to spend these late nights writing, editing and cite checking with such a devoted group. I would like to extend a special thanks to Bailey Bifoss, our Outside Articles Editor, for never ceasing to amaze.

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