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PREFACE

Welcome to Volume 47, Issue Number 2 of the Golden Gate University Law Review. The Golden Gate University Law Review is a student-run organization that publishes two issues each academic year. The winter issue focuses on in-depth analyses of decisions issued by the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit. The spring issue is the *Comments Edition*, which provides students an opportunity to explore deeply relevant and contemporary topics in the broader legal landscape.

Rather than publish a traditional academic article for this issue, our board decided to explore a topic: our city of San Francisco. We solicited articles from prominent, accomplished, and respected attorneys with roots in San Francisco and the Bay Area, and asked them to describe their experiences, memories, and specialties. The results are varied, fascinating, and engaging. Our contributors wrote on many topics that make San Francisco unique: city government; civil rights; criminal justice; the rights of women, racial minorities, and the LGBTQ community; and even the essence of what makes San Francisco the dynamic, special city it is.

The student-written comments also address issues that are relevant and trending in San Francisco. The City and the State of California continue to be on the front line of novel legal changes in the areas of college campus sexual assault responses, the new sharing economy and its impact on employment law, and the impact of healthcare laws on LGBTQ rights.

We would like to begin by thanking Golden Gate University School of Law's Dean, Rachel Van Cleave. In her final year in this leadership position, Dean Van Cleave graciously provided the first article in this issue of the *Law Review* as well as endless support and encouragement. We also thank Deanne Morton, our outside editor, who contributed significantly to making this journal a polished product. Special thanks to our article contributors: Louise Renne, John Burris, Drucilla Stender Ramey, and Judge Laurel Beeler. We also want to thank the many members of Golden Gate's faculty and staff who have contributed to this publication. Finally, we thank the spectacular members of the *Golden Gate University Law Review*: the Staff Writers, the Associate Editors, and the Executive Board, all of whom spent countless hours making this publication a reality. It is our distinct privilege to present this *Comments Edition* of the *Golden Gate University Law Review*.

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