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Digital Commons: The Legal Scholarship Repository @ Golden Gate University School of Law

<http://digitalcommons.law.ggu.edu/>

Annual Report May, 2018

Prepared by Janet Fischer, Collection Development Librarian and Administrator of the Digital Commons



A Message from Michael Daw, Associate Dean and Director of the Law Library

GGU Law was the first law school in the Bay Area to rely on Digital Commons for our online repository, and we have added material to it steadily for the past several years. Last year, more than 234,000 texts were downloaded from researchers everywhere. Digital Commons keeps the scholarly work of GGU Law's faculty and students available to the world, and we are happy to continue our relationship with them.

Introduction & Mission

- ☞ Digital Commons is the institutional repository for GGU School of Law and provides global, open access to digital scholarly and cultural resources created by our campus community.
- ☞ Our mission is to be an active participant in the creation of new knowledge by making available the research and scholarly activities of GGU Law.

The law school was founded in 1901 and faculty today continues to produce excellent scholarship. The work of the law school and its faculty, staff, and students is archived and made widely available through

DC@GGULaw. DC@GGULaw is funded and administered by the Golden Gate University School of Law Library.

Downloads

- ☞ A download occurs when a user chooses to copy a full-text version of a document to a local computer. Downloads can be initiated directly from within Digital Commons or through any Internet search engine showing a GGU Digital Commons document in the search results.
- ☞ Due to copyright laws, availability or other restrictions, not all documents in GGU Digital Commons include associated full-text.
- ☞ Authors with a current email address receive monthly download reports.
- ☞ Each submission has a permanent and simple URL, making it easy for authors to share their papers.

A Quick Look

<i>Total number of distinct items in DC@GGULaw:</i> 5958	<i>Number of faculty publications (articles, book chapters, and books):</i> 878
<i>Number of LLM & SJD theses:</i> 61	<i>Number of GGU law review articles:</i> 1633
<i>Cumulative full-text downloads (since inception in 2010):</i> 1,777,897	<i>Full-text downloads May 2017-2018:</i> 234,936

Our Audience

The majority of users find our content via a keyword search on Google.

Where are they from? The top 10 countries, May 2017-2018:

United States	124,335	France	4500
United Kingdom	11,636	Germany	4207
Nigeria	7,564	Australia	3880
India	6,764	China	3533
Canada	4824	Russian Federation	3479

The five most downloaded papers, May 2017-2018:

Title/Author	# of Downloads
The Use of Offender Profiling Evidence in Criminal Cases, SJD thesis by Norbert Ebisike (2007)	12,127
The Relationship Between Law and Politics, Annual Survey (2009)	6,663
Tell It Like It Is - Sellers' Duties of Disclosure in Real Estate Transactions Under California Law, GGU Law Review (1996)	5,053
A Study of the Significant Aspects of German Contract Law, Annual Survey (1996)	4,289
Yakuza: The Warlords of Japanese Organized Crime, Annual Survey (1997)	3,350

Faculty Scholarship

The [Faculty Scholarship](#) collection includes articles and other publications written by faculty, as well as interviews, lectures and speeches. We take care to secure permission from publishers to post articles in *DC@GGULaw* and we receive permission the vast majority of the time. Digital Commons also gives us the capability to link to outside articles, video and audio presentations that are hosted on other sites, and to embed video clips that are hosted on sites such as YouTube and Vimeo. Authors with a current email address receive monthly reports of their article downloads directly from bepress.

*Number of faculty articles in DC@GGULaw: **812***

Faculty article downloads May 2017-2018:

43,139

The five most popular papers written by current faculty members were:

TITLE & AUTHOR	# of downloads
International Law in the Nigerian Legal System, by Chris Okeke	1,479
Transformative Constitutionalism in South Africa: Creative Uses of Constitutional Court Authority to Advance Substantive Justice, by Eric Christiansen.	1,163
Right of Publicity and the Intersection of Copyright and Trademark Law, by Marc Greenberg and Michael L. Lovitz.	894
Socioeconomic Bias in the Judiciary, by Michele Benedetto Neitz.	775
The Supreme Court and Gender-Neutral Language: Setting the Standard or Lagging Behind? By Leslie Rose	565

The [Book Gallery](#) has increased to 66 law faculty monographs and book chapters. The Book Gallery allows us to post an image of the book, a synopsis, and a link to purchase the book.

*Number of faculty monographs in DC@GGULaw: **30***
*Number of faculty book chapters in DC@GGULaw: **36***

Student Scholarship

*Number of student papers from the Poverty Law Symposium: **7***

*Number of downloads May 2017-2018: **152***

The student editors of the GGU Law Review manage a **blog** at <http://ggulawreview.org/>. We archive their blog posts in the repository, which preserves the students’ contributions and increases the visibility of their posts.

*Number of GGU Law Review blog posts harvested into DC@GGULaw: **50***

*Number of downloads May 2017-2018: **1365***

The five most popular blog posts were:

TITLE	# of downloads
Celebrity Nude Photo Leak: Just One More Reminder That Privacy Does Not Exist Online and Legally, There’s Not Much We Can Do About It.	461
Bitcoin: Crypto-Currency or Bust.	114
More Than Meets the Eye with New Google Contact Lenses	59
The Hazards of Catching a Lyft: Ride-Sharing in San Francisco	50
Police High Speed Pursuits: Giving Police the Authority to Intervene Before the Public is Harmed	48

The law library receives a copy of each **SJD thesis** written by our students. These are bound and retained in the law library collection. With permission from the author, the dissertation is also scanned and added to *DC@GGULaw*. If we do not have permission to upload the dissertation we add a record for it with a note that it is available in the law library.

*Total number of student theses uploaded to DC@GGULaw: **61***

*Number of downloads May 2017-2018: **22,709***

The five most popular theses were:

TITLE & AUTHOR	# of downloads
The Use of Offender Profiling Evidence in Criminal Cases, SJD thesis by Norbert Ebisike (2007).	12,127
Arbitrability and Public Policy in Regard to the Recognition and Enforcement of Arbitral Award in International Arbitration : the United States, Europe, Africa, Middle East and Asia, by Veena Anusornsena (2012).	1,301
History and Influence of Law Code of Manu, by Charles J. Naegele (2008)	941
Moral and Legal Issues Concerning Contemporary Human Cloning Technology : Quest for Regulatory Consensus in the International Community to Safeguard Rights and Liberties Essential to the Future of Humanity, by Ching-Pou Shih (2010)	799
Argentine "Dirty War" : Human Rights Law and Literature, by Alexander H. Lubarsky (1997)	619

Law Reviews

GGU Law currently publishes three law reviews/journals. All are archived in *DC@GGULaw*. The statistics show that the number of downloads from *DC@GGULaw* is much higher than the number of hard copy subscriptions for each title, indicating that by posting articles on *DC@GGULaw* we reach a much broader audience than we do with print subscriptions alone. Bepress aggregates all law reviews from all law schools published in the Digital Commons at https://www.bepress.com/categories_inl/law-journals/. There are now 320 scholarly law reviews and journals hosted through bepress. Many of these university law reviews are moving to an online-only format, using Digital Commons as their publishing platform.

GOLDEN GATE UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW

Annual Survey of International & Comparative Law

The *Annual Survey of International & Comparative Law* is published annually under the auspices of Golden Gate University School of Law's *Sompong Sucharitkul Center for Advanced International Legal Studies*, with articles written by professors and legal scholars of both civil and common law. Its purpose is to publish scholarly articles on international and comparative law subjects of interest to scholars and practicing attorneys. All volumes from volume 1 (1994) through volume 22 (2017) are posted.

*Number of articles in DC@GGULaw: **209***

*Article downloads May 2017-2018: **46,581***

The five most popular articles were:

TITLE	# of downloads
The Relationship Between Law and Politics (2009)	6,663
A Study of the Significant Aspects of German Contract Law (1996)	4,289
Yakuza: The Warlords of Japanese Organized Crime (1997)	3,350
Impediments to Human Rights Protection in Nigeria (2012)	1,885
Public Regulation of the Oil and Gas Industry in Nigeria: An Evaluation (2016)	1,685

GOLDEN GATE UNIVERSITY LAW REVIEW

Begun in 1969 as *Cal Law Trends*, the Golden Gate University Law Review is a general interest legal journal. The **Golden Gate University Law Review** publishes twice times each year with scholarly writing on a broad range of legal topics, including constitutional law, criminal procedure, immigration law, contract law, and administrative law. The most popular issue is the Ninth Circuit Survey. Each issue contains Case Notes, Comments, Articles, and Case Summaries covering cutting-edge legal topics written by judges, students, professors, and legal practitioners from across California and around the world. It is edited and published by students of the Golden Gate University School of Law. All issues from volume 1 (1971) through volume 48 #2 (2018) are posted.

*Number of articles in DC@GGULaw: **1206***

*Article downloads May 2017-2018: **69,639***

The five most popular articles were:

TITLE	# of downloads
Tell It Like It Is - Sellers' Duties of Disclosure in Real Estate Transactions Under California Law (1996)	5,053
Apple Computer, Inc. v. Franklin Computer Corporation Puts the Byte Back into Copyright Protection for Computer Programs (1984)	2,229
The Marital Rape Exemption: A Violation of a Woman's Right of Privacy (1981)	2,105
California's Conclusive Presumption of Paternity and the Expansion of Unwed Fathers' Rights (1996)	1,495
Challenging Adhesion Contracts in California: A Consumer's Guide (2004)	1,441



Founded in 2006, the Golden Gate University *Environmental Law Journal (ELJ)* is a student-run journal that publishes articles written by environmental law attorneys, practitioners, scholars, and students from around the world. The ELJ is part of Golden Gate University School of Law’s nationally-regarded environmental law program, which includes the Environmental Law and Justice Clinic, the JD certificate program in environmental law, and the LLM in Environmental Law program. All issues from volume 1 (2007) through volume 10, issue #1 (2018) are posted.

Number of articles in DC@GGULaw: 148

Article downloads May 2017-2018: 6239

The five most popular articles were:

TITLE	# of downloads
Tellez v. Dole: Nicaraguan Banana Workers Confront the U.S. Judicial System (2014)	514
Transoceanic Trash: International and United States Strategies For the Great Pacific Garbage Patch (2009)	426
Desperate Times Call for Sensible Measures: The Making of the California Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (2016)	344
A Regulatory Wake-Up Call: Lessons From BP’s Deepwater Horizon Disaster (2011)	285
The Not-So-Green Renewable Energy: Preventing Waste Disposal of Solar Photovoltaic (PV) Panels (2011)	269

Dear Mr. President,

In establishing the National Bipartisan Commission on Central America, you asked its advice on what would be appropriate elements of "a long-term United States policy that will best respond to the challenges of social, economic, and democratic development in the region, and to internal and external threats to its security and stability. ... Twelve members, of both political parties and of widely disparate views, studying the situation in Central America with intensity and dedication over a period of nearly six months, reached a degree of consensus at the end that I think few of us expected at the beginning. The lesson of this experience, I believe, is that the best route to consensus on U.S. policy toward Central America is by exposure to the realities of Central America.

-From the Report of the National Bipartisan Commission on Central America, 1984

water/environmental law.

Government Documents *California State Documents*

The law library has digitized a large portion of our collection of state government documents to make them available through the Digital Commons. Many of the older documents are available no place else online.

Number of California State Documents: 1,444

Number of downloads May 2017-2018:

28,331

The most popular documents were:

TITLE:	# of downloads:
California Administrative Procedure Act. Administrative Adjudication	3,029
Frivolous Action Filings in California Courts	740
Homicides in California, 1970-1971	508
The California Prosecutor - Integrity, Independence, Leadership	405
Controlling Felony Plea Bargaining in California: The Impact of the "Victims' Bill of Rights"	392

Federal Documents

In 2018 we began to digitize certain historical federal government document that pertain to the study of law, especially environmental, labor, and criminal law, and documents of particular interest to Californians. So far we have only 20 works in the collection, but it has already generated downloads for material relating to California earthquakes (especially official reports on the 1906 earthquake) and

Conferences, Lectures, & Workshops

DC@GGULaw allows us to provide access to the content of our conferences. This collection archives the work of annual events and, where available, streaming video recordings of speeches and presentations, especially from **the Fulbright Symposium, the Ronald M. George Distinguished Lecture Series, the Jesse Carter Distinguished Lecture Series, and the Veterans Law Conference.**

In 1923, annual tuition for the full-time study of law at Golden Gate was \$79.50 per year. A 10% reduction was applied if paid in full. (1923 Course Bulletin)

Papers downloaded from Conferences, Lectures, & Workshops May 2017-2018:

50,942

Centers & Programs

In this collection we archive the work of **the Environmental Law & Justice Clinic (ELJC), the Women’s Employment Rights Clinic (WERC), the Litigation Center and the Center on Urban Environmental Law (CUEL),** among others.

Conferences, Lectures & Workshops

In this collection we archive the work of the Annual Conference on Recent Developments in Intellectual Property Law and Policy, the Annual Fulbright Symposium, California Animal Law Symposium, Poverty Law Conference, the Ronald M. George Distinguished Lecture Series, the Jesse Carter Distinguished Lecture Series, and the Veterans’ Law Conference.

About GGU Law

In the collection “About GGU Law” we archive those items of both immediate and historical significance. Included are articles about the law school, links to faculty and department blogs, press releases, commencement programs and student handbooks. The collection also includes the law school dean’s annual report or letter, current and past bulletins, and course schedules, issues of *GGU Lawyer* and other alumni and student publications.

Historical Collections

Our collection of historical material includes:

- ☞ Commencement Programs dating back to 1909
- ☞ Law School bulletins dating back to 1923
- ☞ Press releases dating back to 1977
- ☞ An image gallery

☞ Student handbooks dating back to 1980

☞ Other miscellaneous historical material

Special Collections

The Jesse Carter Collection

Jesse W. Carter graduated from Golden Gate College of Law in 1913 and served as Associate Justice of the California Supreme Court from 1939 until his death in 1959. The Jesse Carter Collection at GGU Law consists of copies of speeches given and articles written throughout his career, photographs, newspaper clippings, and case files. The speeches and articles have been digitized and are part of this online collection, as are the numerous newspaper articles about Justice Carter throughout his career.

Looking Forward

Reed Elsevier purchased bepress in 2017 and SSRN in 2016. We are monitoring what changes may be forthcoming to both of these open-access platforms resulting from this merger.

Questions?



If you would like more information about how *DC@GGULaw* can serve your department, please contact:

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