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**2020 Annual Report for Digital Commons: The Legal Scholarship
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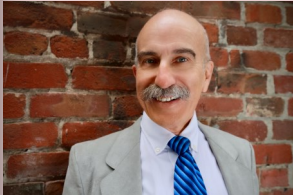


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This report covers the
period from May 1, 2019 to
June 30, 2020.



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

Golden Gate University Law is particularly pleased with our internet repository hosted by Digital Commons. Covid-19 has forced so many of us to find so much more online that it is a relief Digital Commons has been keeping our writing accessible online for ten years. We have more than 6,000 items in the repository, and have seen more than 2.5 million downloads of GGU material since 2010, more than 500,000 in the past year, alone.

It is the law library's task to make as much information available to as many as we can, especially during these trying times. Digital Commons is exceptionally helpful with this, and we plan to continue as long as humanly possible.

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

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 today our faculty continue to produce excellent scholarship. The work of the law school and its faculty, staff, and students is archived and made widely available through the Digital Commons.

Our repository is funded and administered by the GGU Law Library.

A Quick Look at the Stats

Total number of distinct items in the repository: **6,296**

Number of faculty publications (articles, books, and book chapters): **934**

Number of SJD theses: **81**

GGU law reviews:

Annual Survey: **23 volumes**

ELJ: **10 volumes**

GGU Law Review: **50 volumes**

Cumulative full-text downloads since inception in 2010: **2,529,330**

Full-text downloads May 2019—June 2020: **536,645**

"On behalf of Greenaction for Health and Environmental Justice, I write to inquire if the California Department of Public Health's Radiological Health Branch ("CDPH") plans to respond to Greenaction's petition under 17 C.C.R. § 30205 to revoke Tetra Tech EC, Inc.'s ("Tetra Tech") California Radiological Materials License No. 7909-01. The Petition was submitted to you on July 26, 2018 via email. The original Petition and its 25 supporting exhibits are still available online. We have not received a reply from CDPH, nor are we aware of any action by CDPH on the Petition. Meanwhile, the true scope and impact of Tetra Tech's fraud, committed while operating under its Radiological Health Branch license, continues to be exposed...

"It is not acceptable for CDPH to fail to respond to Greenaction's well-documented Petition, nor would it be acceptable for CDPH to fail to act on the Petition, which was filed to protect public health and the environment."

~Tyler Sullivan,
ELJC

What's New in the Past Year

[Environmental Law & Justice Clinic](#) [Hunter's Point Naval Shipyard Documents](#)

This Hunters Point Naval Shipyard archive hosts various Environmental Law and Justice Clinic filings and documents generated in advocating for the cleanup of radiological contamination at the Hunters Point Naval Shipyard. The Clinic, on behalf of Greenaction for Health and Environmental Justice, began investigating the Navy's cleanup at the Shipyard in 2017 to ensure the Navy's cleanup of the site protects human health and the environment, as required under federal Superfund law.

The Clinic worked with whistleblowers to make public the whistleblowers' allegations of fraud in the Shipyard cleanup. We included detailed accounts of fraud in petitions to the Nuclear Regulatory Commission and the California Department of Public Health, asking those agencies to revoke the licenses of a contractor implicated in the fraudulent cleanup. Select documents related to the federal (NRC) and state (CDPH) petitions are included below.

The Clinic has also submitted comments to the Navy and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency related the Navy's cleanup. These comments focus on issues including: (1) the Navy's failure to acknowledge the impact of the fraud; and (2) the inadequacy of Navy's plans to protect the public from exposure to radioactive waste at the Shipyard. Select documents related to the Clinic's comments are included in this collection.

This collection has already seen **227** downloads!

[Blockchain Law](#)

This collection highlights student papers from Professor Neitz's class, Blockchain and the Law.

[Environmental Law Journal Blog](#)

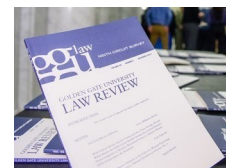
This new blog hosts student scholarship by the members of the editorial board of the ELJ. Blog posts are harvested for the Digital Commons.

Faculty Article Downloads in the Past Year

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 the Digital Commons 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 articles in Digital Commons: **864**

Article downloads in the past year: **68,348**



"The Survey highlights some of the Ninth Circuit's most challenging and notable cases. This year's issue features *Perez v. Roseville*, 882 F.3d 843 (9th Cir. 2019), superseded by 926 F.3d 511 (9th Cir. 2019), and *Williams v. Gaye*, 895 F.3d 1106 (9th Cir. 2018). In *Perez*, the court considered the complex issue of whether the defendants, police officials who had investigated a complaint against a fellow officer that led to the officer's termination, were entitled to qualified immunity from 42 U.S.C. § 1983 claims. *Williams*, by contrast, was a copyright infringement action arising out of the allegation that Pharrell Williams and Robin Thicke's "Blurred Lines" had copied from Marvin Gaye's "Got to Give It Up." These cases, two of the thousands that the Ninth Circuit resolves every year, evidence the breadth and weight of the court's docket."
~Introduction to the Ninth Circuit Survey, Vol. 50.

Student Scholarship Downloads in the Past Year

GGU Law Review Blog posts in Digital Commons: **75**

GGU Law Review Blog post downloads: **2,845**

Student Dissertations in Digital Commons: **71**

Student Dissertations Downloads: **35,099**

GGU Law Reviews

Annual Survey of International & Comparative Law

Article downloads for the past year: **133,702**

(There is an anomaly in the count for April, and it is not included in this report.)

Environmental Law Journal

Article downloads for the past year: **7,615**

Golden Gate University Law Review

Article downloads for the past year: **93,551**

Cal Law Trends and Developments

Cal Law Trends and Developments was the predecessor publication to the Golden Gate University Law Review. It was published in three volumes: 1967, 1969, and 1970. It is still accessed for research!

Article downloads for the past year: **3,955**

Additional Statistics

Centers & Conferences

Includes: CUEL - Center for Urban Environmental Law, Environmental Law and Justice Clinic, Environmental Law and Justice Clinic - Hunters Point Naval Shipyard Documents, Environmental Law Symposia, Intellectual Property Law, Litigation Center at Golden Gate University School of Law, McCarthy Institute, Veterans Legal Advocacy Center, and the Women's Employment Rights Clinic.

Downloads in the past year: **5,215**

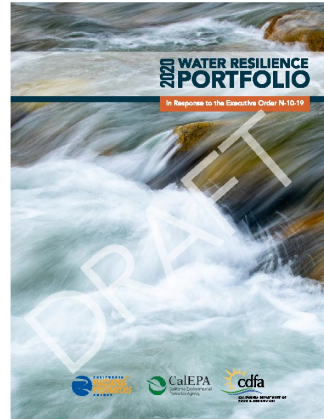
Federal Government Documents

During the past year we have digitized and removed from the shelves 135 paper copies of the following publications: Juvenile Justice Bulletin, National Institute of Justice Office of Justice Programs, and the National Institute of Justice Research in Brief.

Downloads in the past year: **7,051**

California Government Documents

Several years ago the Law Library digitized most of our collection of state documents. We continue to add to this collection. The most recent addition is the Water Resilience Portfolio, 2020. These documents are accessed frequently.



Downloads in the past year: **38,036**

If you would like more detailed statistics for your particular department, or more information about how the Digital Commons can serve your department, please contact:

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