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DEDICATION

John Gorfinkel is the rare person who combines probing scholarship and administrative creativity. This book symbolizes both qualities.

The scholarship encompasses depth and wide range. In the fields that he has selected as his specialties he has plowed deep. He has brought to the areas of constitutional law, torts, and conflicts of law, among others, his own exceptional academic preparation, long experience in practice, enthusiastic interest and honest appraisal. Nor has he been content to accept the given word or doctrine. The sense of exploration and freedom that takes him each summer to the high Sierra to find new trails and to see new vistas of lake and mountain endows him with the spirit of the pioneer in the doctrines of the law.

Yet his sensitivity to legal learning has not stopped at examining and expanding concepts of the law; he has devoted himself to bringing to law students a knowledge of the theory and practice of law. His development of the Golden Gate Law School to its present high standing has been no mean achievement. That endeavor involved the application and dissemination of scholarship at the student level. Thus Dean Gorfinkel's talent as an administrator and his ability as an exponent of the law served to revitalize a law school, to mold the raw material of a somewhat amorphous teaching facility into the present accredited institution, to bring to it outstanding instructors and to equip it with facilities that rate among the best. Nor is the Golden Gate Law School a static one; it has been constructed to be a growing law school, to fulfill special future needs; Dean Gorfinkel was sufficiently far-seeing to build it on the blueprint of future growth.

This book, as I have said, typifies the talents of Dean Gorfinkel. It scans the whole field of the law, giving the student and lawyer the opportunity to learn the developments that have occurred in California law during the past year.

Expectantly, its successors will do so in future years. Dean Gorfinkel has included in this volume his own article on the law of conflicts, which is the special product of his scholarship in that field. Other experts have analyzed the changes and application of California law in other areas.

The unique feature of the book is that its very concept and its execution, its research in these various subjects of the law, is the product and the contribution of Golden Gate Law School. Such an accomplishment would have been impossible without the leadership of Dean John Gorfinkel. The book is at once an emblem and a tribute to his larger achievement: the creation of a fine-structured institution that will go down through the years expanding and testing the application of the law and explaining its essence to the lawyers of tomorrow.

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