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The Annual Chief Justice Ronald M. George Distinguished Lecture Series, named after legendary former Chief Justice of California Ronald M. George, shines a light on the vital role of the courts by bringing together judicial leaders to share their perspectives on critical issues facing the judiciary.

Golden Gate University Law Review's Ninth Circuit Survey is the nation’s only law review edition devoted exclusively to the decisions of the Ninth Circuit. Every year the Survey showcases key decisions of the court over a variety of legal fields, delving beyond the results of the Ninth Circuit cases to analyze the underlying reasoning, effect, and possible implications on future law, and this year’s Survey is no different.

The Introduction of this year’s Survey, written by the Honorable Carlos T. Bea, discusses the history of the Ninth Circuit and Judge Bea’s experiences with the Court. Key decisions involving copyright protection for comic book characters, an individual right to self-defense, and key issues in California’s capital punishment system are analyzed in the three Notes written by Golden Gate University School of Law students, which you will have the opportunity to hear about from the authors.

Today, we are honored to welcome the Honorable Carlos T. Bea, a judge on the U.S. Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals, and Ben Feuer, Chairman of the California Appellate Law Group.

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Agenda
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UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS FOR THE NINTH CIRCUIT
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6:00 p.m.  WELCOME – Rachel Van Cleave
Dean, Golden Gate University School of Law

LAW REVIEW INTRODUCTION – Elizabeth Youngberg (JD 17)
Editor-in-Chief, GGU Law Review

Katherine Alphonso (JD 17)
DC Comics v. Towle: To the Batmobile!: Which Fictional Characters
Deserve Protection Under Copyright Law

Kevin Ballard (JD 17)
Peruta v. County of San Diego: An Individual Right to Self-Defense
Outside the Home and the Application of Strict Scrutiny to Second
Amendment Challenges

Heather Varanini (JD 17)
Jones v. Davis and the Critical Issue of Time in California’s Capital
Punishment System

6:30 p.m.  INTRODUCTIONS
Kathleen Morris
Associate Professor of Law, Golden Gate University School of Law

6:40 p.m.  IN CONVERSATION
Hon. Carlos T. Bea
Judge, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit

Ben Feuer
Chairman of the California Appellate Law Group

7:40 p.m.  CLOSING REMARKS
Rachel Van Cleave
Dean, Golden Gate University School of Law

7:45 p.m.  REFRESHMENTS SERVED
Judge Carlos Bea serves as a judge on the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit. He received his Bachelor’s Degree from Stanford University in 1956 and his J.D. from Stanford Law School in 1958. Judge Bea was born in San Sebastian, Spain, and immigrated with his family to Cuba in 1939. In 1952, he represented Cuba on the Cuban National basketball team in the Helsinki Olympics. He later played for Real Madrid (1953, 1955) and Stanford (1953–6). Judge Bea became a naturalized citizen of the United States in 1958. He engaged in private practice in San Francisco, principally in the area of civil trials (jury and non-jury), from 1959–75 at Dunne, Phelps & Mills and from 1975–90 at Carlos Bea, A Law Corporation. He is a Diplomate of the American Board of Trial Advocates (ABOTA), having tried more than a hundred cases to conclusion. He taught courses in civil litigation advocacy at the UC Hastings College of Law and at Stanford Law School. He has lectured on trial practice subjects to bar groups and on the American legal system for the U.S. Information Agency (State Department) in Latin America. He served as Honorary Vice Consul of Spain in San Francisco (1979–1993) and was decorated three times by the King of Spain and the Spanish government in recognition of his service. From 1990 to 2003, Judge Bea served as a judge of the San Francisco Superior Court. He was nominated by President George W. Bush to the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit and was confirmed in 2003.

Judge Bea and his wife Louise reside in San Francisco, where they raised their four sons, Sebastian, Alexander, Nicholas, and Dominic.
In Memoriam

Dr. Kevin Starr

1940–2017

University Professor and Professor of History at the University of Southern California

As we prepared to go to press with this event program, we learned of the sudden death of Dr. Kevin Starr on January 14, 2017. Dr. Starr had been scheduled to appear tonight in conversation with his dear friend Judge Carlos Bea. The GGU community is saddened by the loss of Dr. Starr, who made enormous contributions to California as our state’s most celebrated and colorful historian. We dedicate tonight’s event to him.
Ben Feuer

Ben Feuer is the chairman of the California Appellate Law Group, a 10-attorney appellate boutique based in San Francisco focused on civil and business appeals in the California and federal appellate courts. The firm was named one of the Top Boutiques in California by the *Daily Journal* last year.

Feuer has devoted his entire career to appellate law, and serves as lead appellate counsel in all types of federal and California appeals and writs, including appeals from judgments arising in business and commercial disputes, high-value personal injury actions, environmental and natural resource litigation, real estate controversies, trade secret and fraud claims, anti-SLAPP motions, and First Amendment matters. He also consults on appeals and complex motions, and acts as amicus counsel.

Feuer previously served as of counsel to the San Francisco appellate boutique Eisenberg & Hancock, and practiced with top litigators at the national firms Quinn Emanuel Urquhart & Sullivan and Williams & Connolly. He also served as a law clerk to Judge Carlos Bea of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit, where he analyzed dozens of appeals and en banc petitions on all topics of federal law.

Feuer is the founder and longtime chair of the Appellate Section of the Bar Association of San Francisco’s Barristers Club, and in that role has moderated dozens of panels with appellate judges, practitioners, and professors on topics related to appellate law and practice. In 2013, the Bar Association of San Francisco presented him with its “Outstanding Barrister” award, in honor of his “extraordinary contribution to” the Bar Association and his “commitment to the ideals of legal justice and professional excellence.”

Feuer is a member of the Board of Directors of the Barristers Club, and also served on the advisory board to OneJustice, an organization that supports California legal nonprofit groups. He frequently appears in the pages of the *Recorder*, the *Daily Journal*, the *National Law Journal*, and the *LA Times* on issues involving the Constitution and the courts.