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PREFACE

Welcome to Volume 48 of the *Golden Gate University Law Review Ninth Circuit Survey*. The *Survey* is the only law review in the country dedicated exclusively to decisions issued by the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit. The *Survey* provides students an opportunity to explore topics in depth by analyzing the underlying reasoning, effect, and possible implications on future law. The Notes in this edition highlight several pivotal decisions issued by the Ninth Circuit in recent years—each exploring a different area of law.

We would like to begin by extending a very heartfelt thank you to Chief Judge Sidney Thomas, who graciously provided the introduction to this edition of the *Survey*. Chief Judge Thomas was generous in providing commentary about some of the Ninth Circuit's history and innovations.

We would like to express our gratitude to Dean Niedwiecki who has been an advocate for the journal and has provided us with continued support. We would also like to extend thanks to Academic Dean Mark Yates for providing his guidance and expertise to *Golden Gate University Law Review*. We are especially grateful for Lori Johnson who has our deepest gratitude for her editorial and Bluebook assistance. We also offer our thanks to each author for their articles. These Notes represent the culmination of our authors' time, passion, and devotion to critical issues.

As the Editor-in-Chief and Managing Editor for the 2017-2018 year, we have been excited and inspired by many aspects of the Ninth Circuit from its judges and jurisprudence to its history and heritage. We have also been energized by the hard work and dedication of the 2017-2018 *Golden Gate University Law Review* Staff Writers and Associate Editors who worked tirelessly to make this edition possible. A law review issue is never an individual effort, but instead the result of much collaboration. It is our privilege to present this edition of the *Golden Gate University Law Review Ninth Circuit Survey*.

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