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## PREFACE

Welcome to Volume 48, Issue Number 2 of the *Golden Gate University Law Review*. The *Golden Gate University Law Review* is a student-run organization that publishes two issues each academic year. The winter issue focuses on in-depth analyses of decisions issued by the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit. The spring issue is the *Comments Edition*, which provides students an opportunity to explore deeply relevant and contemporary topics in the broader legal landscape.

Rather than publish a traditional academic article for this issue, our editorial board decided to explore a topic: trailblazers in the Bay Area legal profession. We interviewed prominent, accomplished, and respected attorneys who contributed to the Bay Area community, and asked them to recall their experiences, accomplishments, memories, and specialties. The results are varied, fascinating, and engaging. These articles based on the interviews present many of the legal backgrounds that make each contributor unique: serving on the San Francisco bench and pushing for women's advancement in the legal profession; environmental regulations and safety; employment, real estate, and family law; and intellectual property and entertainment law.

The student-written Comments also address various issues that are relevant and trending in the legal community in California, across our country, and also internationally. These Comments provide insight to novel legal changes and their impact in the areas of: the need for statistical data in analyzing Fourth Amendment challenges; international regulatory frameworks that protect the rights of women who serve as surrogates; U.S.-Indian relations and its influence on tribal sovereignty; and the integration of evidence-based practices into judicial split-sentencing.

We would like to begin by thanking Golden Gate University School of Law's Dean, Anthony Niedwiecki. In his first year as Dean of Golden Gate University School of Law, he has provided our *Law Review* with endless support and encouragement. We also thank Lori Johnson, our outside editor, who contributed significantly to making this journal a polished product. Special thanks to our article contributors: Judge Lee Baxter, Tony Berman, Darryl Gruen, and Danny Wang. We also want to thank the many members of Golden Gate's faculty and staff who have contributed to this publication. Finally, we thank the spectacular members of the *Golden Gate University Law Review*: the Staff Writers, the Associate Editors, and the Executive Board, all of whom spent countless

hours making this publication a reality. It is my distinct privilege to present this *Comments Edition* of the *Golden Gate University Law Review*.

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*Executive Articles Editor*

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