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PREFACE

Welcome to Volume 50 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 *Ninth Circuit Survey* and the *Comments Edition*. The *Ninth Circuit Survey* issue features student-written Case Notes and Case Summaries focused exclusively on decisions of the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit. The *Comments Edition* is a general interest edition, comprised of student-written Comments and Outside Articles written by practicing attorneys, judges, and academics. The *Comments Edition* provides a forum for students and legal professionals to explore deeply relevant and contemporary topics in the broader legal landscape.

Since its establishment in 1969, the *Golden Gate University Law Review* has been dedicated to publishing scholarly writing on a wide range of legal topics that contributes to the broader legal discourse on a state, national, and international level. This year's *Comments Edition* continues this tradition. In the recent years leading up to the publication of this issue, America has experienced some of the most controversial legal conversations in our nation's history, and this trying period has greatly influenced the development and focus of this *Comments Edition*.

Each focusing on a particularized legal topic, the articles in this issue evaluate the strengths and weaknesses of existing law and practice, and propose changes to ensure the fair and just administration of the law. The topics of these articles include: the shortcomings of the domestic recycling program, collective bargaining as a tool in disputes involving misclassified independent contractors, and the efficacy of an Equal Rights Amendment in relation to Black women. In addition, this publication includes a transcript of a symposium on the appointment of Brett Kavanaugh to the United States Supreme Court bench.

We would like to begin by thanking our outside article contributors, Megan Manning and Stephanie Deskins. We would also like to express our gratitude to: Dean Anthony Niedwiecki, who has been an advocate for the journal and has provided us with continued support; Academic Dean Mark Yates for providing his invaluable guidance and expertise to *Golden Gate University Law Review*; Heather Varanini, who has our deepest gratitude for her editorial and Bluebook assistance; and Professor Jennifer Babcock for her expert guidance and continued support as *Golden Gate University Law Review's* Faculty Advisor. Finally, we offer our sincerest thanks to each author for their articles, as

these Comments represent the culmination of each authors' time, passion, and devotion to critical issues.

As the Editor-in-Chief and Managing Editor for the 2019–2020 year, we have inspired by hard work and dedication of the 2019–2020 *Golden Gate University Law Review* Staff Writers, Associate Editors, and Executive Board Members 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 distinct privilege to present this edition of the *Golden Gate University Law Review Ninth Circuit Survey*.

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