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PREFACE

Welcome to Volume 52 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: applying discretion to California's sex offender registry, examining constitutional standing in data theft litigation, ensuring wages for California workers, Britney Spears and conservatorship laws, and the First Amendment and defective 3D firearm files.

We would like to express our gratitude to the instrumental people who have supported Volume 52 of the *Golden Gate University Law Review Comments Edition*: Dean Colin Crawford, for advocating for the journal and providing us with his continued intellectual and creative support; Tara Cooley, for her editorial and Bluebook assistance; Professor Jennifer Babcock for her expert guidance and congenial strength in her role as *Golden Gate University Law Review's* Faculty Advisor; professors Heather Varanini and Michael Daw for their continued support of our writers. Finally, we offer our sincerest thanks to each author for their Comment and Outside Article, as these works represent the culmination of our authors' time, passion, and devotion to critical issues.

As the Editor-in-Chief and Managing Editor for the 2021–2022 year, we have been continually inspired by the hard work, dedication, and

growth of the 2021–2022 *Golden Gate University Law Review* Staff Writers, Associate Editors, and Executive Board Members who worked relentlessly 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 Comments Edition*.

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