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Welcome to Volume 53 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 dedicated itself to publishing scholarly writing on a wide range of legal topics that contributes to the broader legal discourse at the state, national, and international levels. 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. This trying period has greatly influenced the development and focus of this *Comments Edition*.

Each article in this issue focuses on a specific legal topic to evaluate the strengths and weaknesses of existing law and practice and to propose changes to ensure the fair and just administration of the law. This *Comments Edition* features Comments written exclusively by members of the *Golden Gate University Law Review*. Topics include: re-evaluating the right to abortion in the context of implied contract theory; abolishing juvenile life without parole sentencing; modernizing language in California's sovereign immunity statutes to enable more consistent enforcement; increasing online privacy protection for children; advancing the reproductive rights of immigrant women held in detention centers in Georgia; and addressing problems in the competency restoration and insanity defense mechanisms of the criminal justice system.

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Advisor; and Professors Heather Varanini and Michael Daw for their continued support of our writers. Finally, we also offer our sincerest thanks to each author for his or her Comment. These written works represent the culmination of our authors' time, passion, and devotion to addressing some of the most critical legal issues we have ever faced.

As Editor-in-Chief and Managing Editor for the 2022–2023 academic year, we have been inspired, humbled, and honored by the hard work, dedication, and professional and academic achievements of the 2022–2023 *Golden Gate University Law Review* Staff Writers, Associate Editors, and Executive Board Members. Their tireless dedication has made this edition possible. No issue of the *Law Review* is ever an individual effort. Instead, each issue represents the collaborative contributions of the entire journal. It is our distinct privilege to present this edition of the *Golden Gate University Law Review Comments Edition*.

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