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Digital Commons: The Legal Scholarship Repository @ Golden Gate University School of Law

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First Annual Report May 1, 2013

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A Message from Michael Daw, Associate Dean and Director of the Law Library

I am delighted to introduce our First Annual Report of the Digital Commons: The Legal Scholarship Repository at Golden Gate University School of Law. The GGU Law Library was an early adopter of BEPress's Digital Commons as its digital repository; we were the first law library in the Bay Area to subscribe.

As you can see from the statistics below, people are downloading and reading GGU Law's continuing contributions to legal scholarship. Digital Commons makes this additional access possible.

Implementation and maintenance of the Digital Commons and the electronic preservation of much of our intellectual property would not have been possible without the tireless efforts of Janet Fischer, Collection Development/Government Documents Librarian and Administrator for Digital Commons. I am extremely grateful to her for how well our legal scholarship repository advances our mission.

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Introduction

Digital Commons: The Legal Scholarship Repository @ Golden Gate University School of Law, or, simply, *DC@GGULaw*, is the institutional repository for the law school's intellectual work and contributions to the field of law, whether produced by faculty, students, centers or conferences. This report highlights the major accomplishments of *DC@GGULaw* since its launch on July 1, 2010.



We created *DC@GGULaw* to digitally preserve the intellectual work of the law school. It allows the law library to collect in one secure location our professors' written works, products from the law school's symposia, the full run of our law journals, our law school magazines and alumni journal, and any special collections. The Digital Commons (DC) is available to anyone with internet access and its content is highly retrievable through popular search engines.

The law library staff began to implement the *DC@GGULaw* in 2009 after learning about this publishing platform at the annual meeting of the American Association of Law Libraries. Digital Commons, hosted by Bepress, "is a fully hosted and supported platform, which frees you up to acquire digital assets, build collections, work with scholars, and promote your repository as a hub of scholarly activity for your entire campus and community." (<http://digitalcommons.bepress.com/about/advantages/>) Supported by Michael Daw, Associate Dean and Director of the Law Library, and Drucilla Stender Ramey, then Dean of the School of Law, the law library funded the project, designed its appearance, and began to populate it with faculty articles, law review issues, and LLM and SJD theses. This report will show the success of our repository and how *DC@GGULaw* serves our law school and legal community.

Our Mission

The mission of *DC@GGULaw* is to preserve, archive, and make available the intellectual products of the Golden Gate University School of Law. The law school was founded in 1901 and continues today to produce excellent scholarship. The work of the law school and its faculty, staff, and students is preserved and made more widely available through *DC@GGULaw*.

Funding

DC@GGULaw is funded and administered by the Golden Gate University School of Law Library.

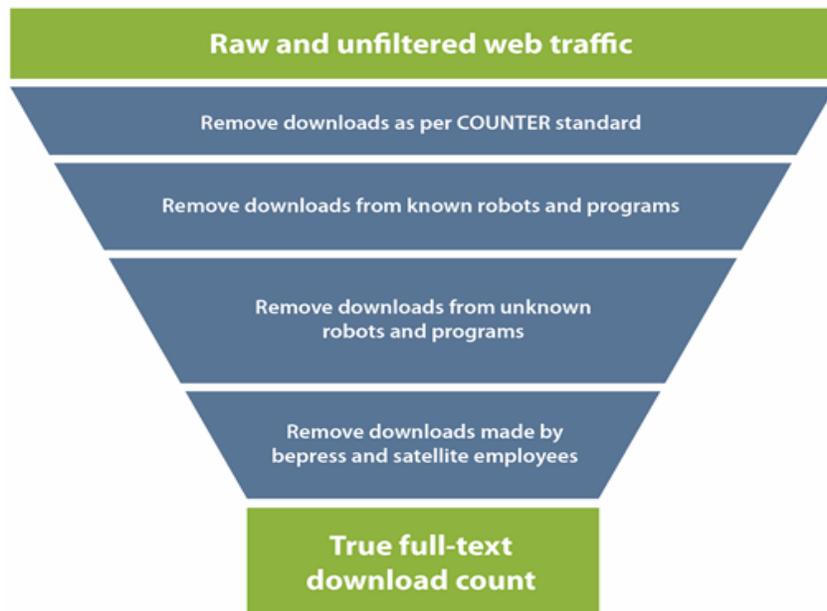
System Information

DC@GGULaw is supported by Berkeley Electronic Press (Bepress) using the latest version of Digital Commons. You may find more information on the Digital Commons platform here: <http://digitalcommons.bepress.com>. Digital Commons is ADA compliant. To see a complete list of other law schools using this platform please visit: <http://digitalcommons.bepress.com/institutional-repository-law/>.

A Quick Look

Why Bepress download counts are good numbers:

Filtering Downloads: Our Basic Algorithm
(Performed on all log files and entire bepress usage history)



As of May 1, 2013:

<i>Megabytes of content in DC@GGULaw:</i> 6,963	<i>Distinct items in DC@GGULaw:</i> 2,885
<i>Number of law review articles:</i> 1359	<i>Number of faculty publications:</i> 567
<i>Number of LLM & SJD theses:</i> 35	<i>Full-text downloads:</i> 553,796

Major Collections in *DC@GGULaw*

Faculty Scholarship

One of our first priorities was (and still is) to add our professors' published articles to *DC@GGULaw*. The Faculty Scholarship collection includes articles and other publications written by faculty as well as interviews, lectures and speeches. We take care to secure permission from publishers to post articles in *DC@GGULaw* and we receive permission the vast majority of the time. Digital Commons also gives us the capability to link to outside articles, video and audio presentations that are hosted on other sites, and to embed video clips that are hosted on sites such as YouTube and Vimeo. Authors with a current email address receive monthly reports of their article downloads directly from Bepress.



The screenshot shows the 'FACULTY SCHOLARSHIP' collection page. At the top right, the title 'FACULTY SCHOLARSHIP' is displayed in orange. Below it is a blue 'Follow' button. A horizontal line separates the header from the main content. Below the line, the text 'Browse the *Faculty Scholarship* Collections:' is followed by four underlined links: 'Articles About Faculty', 'Interviews', 'Lectures & Speeches', and 'Publications'.

Number of faculty articles in DC@GGULaw: 567

Faculty article downloads as of May 1, 2013: 78,964

The most popular paper was: Chuang, Chester S. and Lau, Denys T., *The Pros and Cons of Gene Patents*, *The Recorder*, Dec. 17, 2010, with 9,185 downloads.

This collection also includes articles about our faculty that were written by other journalists and reporters.

Student Scholarship

The law library receives a paper copy of each LLM and SJD thesis produced by our students. These are scanned and added to *DC@GGULaw* as they come in; older theses have also been scanned and added as time permits.

Number of print student theses in the law library: 54

Number of student theses scanned into DC@GGULaw: 35

Number of downloads as of May 1, 2013: 20,173

The most popular title was: Ebisike, Norbert, *The Use of Offender Profiling Evidence in Criminal Cases*, (2007) with 6,458 downloads.

About GGU Law

In the collection “About GGU Law” we house those items of both immediate and historical significance. Along with articles written about the law school, links to faculty and department blogs, press releases, commencement programs and student handbooks, the collection includes:

- **Bulletins & Prospectuses.** With some gaps, we have scanned and loaded our law school bulletins dating back to 1932.

ABOUT GGU SCHOOL OF LAW

[Follow](#)

Browse the *About GGU School of Law* Collections:

- [Articles About GGU Law](#)
- [Blogs](#)
- [Commencement Programs](#)
- [Dean's Annual Report](#)
- [Law School Bulletins & Prospectus](#)
- [Press Releases](#)
- [Registrar's Publications](#)

Other Law School Publications

- **GGU Lawyer/Class Action.** This is the law school’s quarterly magazine. Issues date from 1992 to the present.
- **Alumni News.** The predecessor publication to Class Action. Issues date from 1976.
- **Caveat.** A student-run newsletter. Scanned issues date from 1965 to 1995.

Conferences, Lectures & Workshops

DC@GGULaw is also a tool for providing access to conference information. This collection allows us to archive the work of annual events, especially the **Fulbright Symposium** and the **Ronald M. George Distinguished Lecture Series**.

CONFERENCES, LECTURES AND WORKSHOPS

[Follow](#)

Browse the *Conferences, Lectures and Workshops* Collections:

- [California Animal Law Symposium](#)
- [Fulbright Symposium](#)
- [Poverty Law Conference](#)
- [Ronald M. George Distinguished Lecture Series](#)

Centers & Programs

In this collection we archive the work of the Environmental Law & Justice Clinic, the Women's Employment Rights Clinic, the Litigation Center and CUEL-, among others.

CENTERS & PROGRAMS

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Browse the *Centers & Programs* Collections:

- [Center for Urban Environmental Law](#)
- [Environmental Law and Justice Clinic](#)
- [Environmental Law Symposia](#)
- [Intellectual Property Law](#)
- [Litigation Center at Golden Gate University School of Law](#)
- [The Sompong Sucharitkul Center for Advanced International Legal Studies](#)
- [Women's Employment Rights Clinic](#)

Special Collections

The Jesse Carter Collection

Jesse W. Carter graduated from Golden Gate College of Law in 1913 and served as Associate Justice of the California Supreme Court from 1939 until his death in 1959. The Jesse Carter Collection at GGU Law consists of copies of speeches given and articles written throughout his career, photographs, newspaper clippings, and case files. The speeches and articles have been digitized and are part of this online collection, as are the numerous newspaper articles about Justice Carter throughout his career.

Items in the Jesse Carter collection have been downloaded **4367** times.

Law Reviews

GGU Law currently publishes three law reviews/journals. All are archived in *DC@GGULaw*. The predecessor publication to the *GGU Law Review*, *Cal Law Trends*, is also included. The statistics show that the number of downloads from *DC@GGULaw* is much higher than the number of hard copy subscriptions for each title, indicating that by posting articles on *DC@GGULaw* we reach a much broader audience than we do with paper subscriptions alone.

Annual Survey of International and Comparative Law



This journal is published annually by professors and legal scholars of both civil and common law under the auspices of Golden Gate University School of Law's *Sompong Sucharitkul Center for Advanced International Legal Studies*. Its purpose is to publish scholarly articles on international and comparative law subjects of interest to scholars and practicing attorneys.

All volumes from volume #1 (1994) through volume #18 (current volume) are posted.

*Print subscriptions as of May 1, 2013: **108***

*Number of articles in DC@GGULaw: **164***

*Article downloads as of May 1, 2013: **75,693***

The most popular article was: Ogbodo, Dr. S. Gozie, *Environmental Protection in Nigeria: Two Decades after the Koko Incident*, 15 Annual Survey of Int'l. & Comp. L. 1 (2009) with 3,624 downloads.

Golden Gate University Law Review

GOLDEN GATE UNIVERSITY LAW REVIEW

Begun in 1969 as *Cal Law Trends*, the Golden Gate University Law Review is a general interest legal journal. The Golden Gate University Law Review publishes three times each year with scholarly writing on a broad range of legal topics, including constitutional law, criminal procedure, immigration law, contract law, and administrative law. The most popular issue is the Ninth Circuit Survey. Each issue contains Case Notes, Comments, Articles, and Case Summaries covering cutting-edge legal topics written by judges, students, professors, and legal practitioners from across California and around the world. It is published by students of the Golden Gate University School of Law.

All issues from volume #1, issue #1 (1971) through volume #43, issue #2 (current issue) are posted.

*Print subscriptions as of May 1, 2013: **185***

*Number of articles in DC@GGULaw: **1097***

*Article downloads as of May 1, 2013: **273,487***

The most popular article was: Rosenthal, Ann J. and Phillips, R. Stuart, *Tell It Like It Is - Sellers' Duties of Disclosure in Real Estate Transactions Under California Law*, 26 Golden Gate U. L. Rev. 473 (1996) with 4,354 downloads.



Founded in 2006, the Golden Gate University Environmental Law Journal (ELJ) is a student-run journal that publishes articles written by environmental law attorneys, practitioners, scholars, and students from around the world. The ELJ is part of Golden Gate University School of Law's nationally-regarded environmental law program, which includes the Environmental Law and Justice Clinic, the JD certificate program in environmental law, and the Environmental Law LLM program.

All issues from volume #1, issue #1 (2007) through volume #6, issue #1 (current issue) are posted.

*Print subscriptions as of May 1, 2013: **186***

*Number of articles in DC@GGULaw: **98***

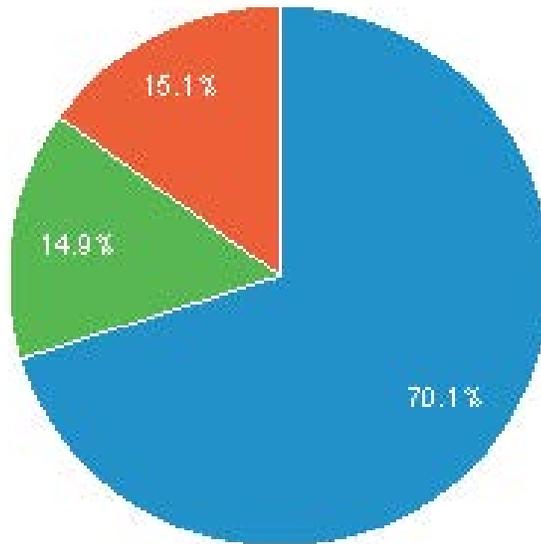
*Article downloads as of May 1, 2013: **21,591***

The most popular article was: Dautel, Susan L., *Transoceanic Trash: International and United States Strategies for the Great Pacific Garbage Patch*, 3 Golden Gate U. Env't'l L. J. 181 (2009) with 1,396 downloads.

Our Audience

In the past year 32,344 visitors found DC@GGULaw with the majority finding our content via a keyword search on Google.

■ Search Traffic
 ■ Referral Traffic
 ■ Direct Traffic



Where are they from? The top 10 countries:

	Country/Territory	# Visits	% of Total
1	United States	21,096	65.19%
2	(unable to determine)	1,606	4.98%
3	United Kingdom	1,478	4.54%
4	Canada	816	2.56%
5	India	678	2.10%
6	Nigeria	465	1.46%
7	Australia	460	1.40%
8	Germany	393	1.24%
9	China	255	0.80%
10	Tanzania	235	0.74%

Law Commons

In the past year, Bepress introduced a new feature to Digital Commons subscribers – the **Digital Commons Network**. This network allows researchers to easily access the scholarship in other Digital Commons repositories by topic. Individuals may also subscribe to email alerts for new articles on specific topics, e.g., Animal Law, Tax Law, etc. GGU Law consistently ranks high in the Law Commons for the popularity of our articles in areas such as international law, environmental law, and intellectual property law.

Explore the Law Commons here: <http://network.bepress.com/law/>.

Looking Forward

In addition to continuing to add new publications and conferences, our goals for future growth of *DC@GGULaw* include the addition of more archival material and the creation of image galleries for the school's collection of photographs. GGU Law's history in San Francisco is deep and rich, and should be preserved and shared with the wider community.

As funding permits, we would also like to subscribe to an additional DC module - ***Selected Works***. Selected Works allows us to create an individual page for each faculty member which would aggregate all of that person's publications, lectures, etc. in one place, accessed by a simple and stable URL.

To see what Selected Works could do for our faculty, please see an example of a Selected Works faculty page here: http://works.bepress.com/charles_baron/.

Questions?



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