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# 2015 Annual Report for Digital Commons: The Legal Scholarship Repository @ Golden Gate University School of Law

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

<http://digitalcommons.law.ggu.edu/>

### Annual Report May 1, 2015

Prepared by Janet Fischer, Collection Development Librarian and Administrator of the Digital Commons

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

One of the law library's crowning achievements remains its commitment to Digital Commons as the repository for GGU Law's intellectual endeavors. GGU Law was the first law school in the Bay Area to adopt Digital Commons, and it remains an important collection-development and archiving service for us. As lawyers and scholars increasingly seek access to electronically stored information as a first look, the duty of libraries to collect, organize, store, and make digital information easily accessible increases. We are happy to provide this popular service to our patrons. We are happy that Digital Commons is the archive we can all rely upon.

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### **Introduction & Mission**

*Digital Commons: The Legal Scholarship Repository @ Golden Gate University School of Law*, or, simply, *DC@GGULaw*, is the institutional repository (IR) for the law school's intellectual work and contributions to the field of law produced by faculty, students, centers, and conferences. This report highlights the major accomplishments of *DC@GGULaw* during the period from April, 2014 to April, 2015.

The mission of *DC@GGULaw* is to archive, preserve, and make available the intellectual products of the Golden Gate University School of Law. The law school was founded in 1901 and its faculty continue today to produce excellent scholarship. The work of the law school and its faculty, staff, and students is archived and made widely available through *DC@GGULaw*. *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 the growing number of law schools using this platform please visit: <http://digitalcommons.bepress.com/institutional-repository-law/>. Articles in the Digital Commons have consistently high rankings in a Google search. Each submission has a unique and persistent URL.

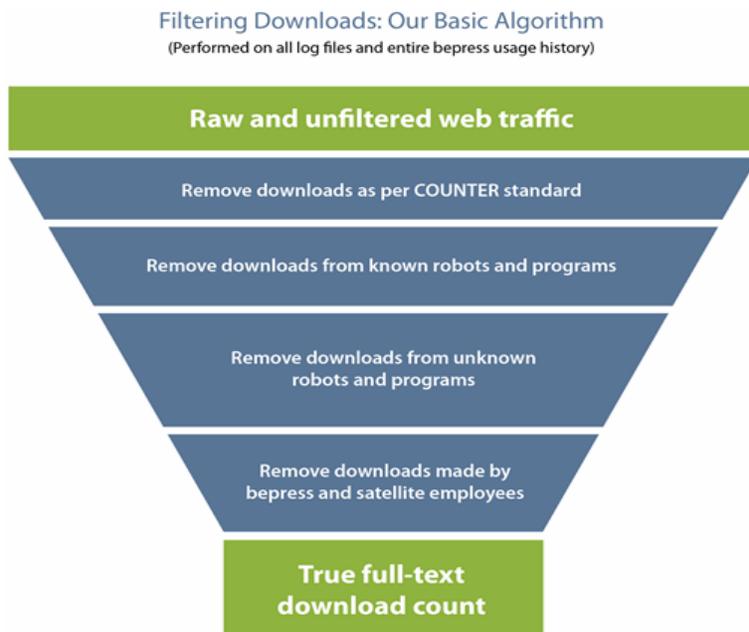
### Law Commons

The **Digital Commons Network** allows researchers to easily access the scholarship in all 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 articles in areas such as international law, environmental law, and real property law. Explore the Law Commons here: <http://network.bepress.com/law/>.

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### A Quick Look

Why Bepress download counts are good numbers:



<i>Total number of distinct items in DC@GGULaw:</i>	
<b>4,764</b>	
<i>Number of GGU law review articles:</i>	<i>Number of faculty publications:</i>
<b>1,326</b>	<b>700</b>
<i>Number of LLM &amp; SJD theses:</i>	<i>Total number of visits April 2014-April 2015:</i>
<b>59</b>	<b>37,850</b>
<i>Cumulative full-text downloads:</i>	<i>Full-text downloads April 2014 – April 2015:</i>
<b>1,078.130</b>	<b>252,698</b>

## Our Audience

In the past year 37,850 different visitors found *DC@GGULaw* with the majority finding our content via a keyword search on Google.

Where are they from? The top 10 countries:

Country	# Sessions	% of Sessions
<a href="#">United States</a>	21,414	56.58%
<a href="#">India</a>	1,838	4.86%
<a href="#">United Kingdom</a>	1,723	4.55%
<a href="#">Nigeria</a>	1,327	3.51%
<a href="#">South Africa</a>	829	2.19%
<a href="#">Canada</a>	789	2.08%
<a href="#">Germany</a>	645	1.70%
<a href="#">Kenya</a>	632	1.67%
<a href="#">Indonesia</a>	600	1.59%
<a href="#">Australia</a>	560	1.48%

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## What's New

This year we surpassed **one million downloads** of the material in our repository!

This year we were able to **redesign** the look and feel of the site, bringing the logo up to date and refreshing the appearance. We are grateful to Bepress for doing this for us at no cost. They waived their usual fee for a redesign since we've been a customer for five years.

During the 2014-2015 academic year the law library was challenged with the reduction of our physical space and the need to reduce the size of our print collection. We have held an impressive collection of California state documents such as legislative and agency reports and special publications as distributed by the State Librarian. Beginning in August, 2014, we scanned most of these materials and they are now freely available in the [California State Documents Collection](#) in *DC@GGULaw*. Materials are sorted by Assembly, Senate, Joint Committee, and agency publications, as well as by general topics such as the environment, crime and criminal justice, courts, telecommunications, and the like. Rather than collecting dust on the shelf, these materials are now easily available to our own researchers as well as the wider community.

<p><b><i>Number of California State Documents:</i></b></p> <p><b>1,266</b></p>	<p><b><i>Number of downloads since August, 2014:</i></b></p> <p><b>8,869</b></p>
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The most popular documents were:

TITLE:	# of downloads:
<i>California's Plan for Fuel Standards and Clean Vehicles: Impact on Emissions, the Economy, and Public Health.</i>	377
<i>Growth Within Bounds: Report of the Commission on Local Governance for the 21st Century.</i>	361
<i>Allocation of Sales Tax and Other Local Government Revenues: Developing Workable Incentives for Balanced Development.</i>	326
<i>Juvenile Violence: What it is, Why it is, How it Stops.</i>	322
<i>Impact of Terrorism on State Transportation Services and Facilities.</i>	159

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## Faculty Scholarship

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.

**Downloads from April 2014-2015:**

*Number of faculty articles in DC@GGULaw: 700*

*Faculty article downloads: 42,206*

**The most popular papers were:**

<b>TITLE &amp; AUTHOR</b>	<b># of downloads</b>
<i>The Supreme Court and Gender-Neutral Language: Setting the Standard or Lagging Behind?</i> By Leslie Rose (2010)	2,083
<i>International Law in the Nigerian Legal System</i> , by Chris Okeke (1997)	1,285
<i>The Pros and Cons of Gene Patents</i> , by Chester Chuang (2010)	1,218

The [Book Gallery](#) has increased to 40 law faculty monographs and book chapters. The Book Gallery allows us to post an image of the book, a synopsis, and a link to purchase the book.

*Number of faculty monographs in DC@GGULaw: 19*

*Number of faculty book chapters in DC@GGULaw: 21*

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## **Student Scholarship**

The student editors of the GGU Law Review manage a **blog** at <http://ggulawreview.org/>. We archive their blog posts in the repository, which preserves the students' contributions and increases the visibility of their posts.

**Downloads from April 2014-2015:**

*Number of GGU Law Review blog posts harvested into DC@GGULaw: 39*

*Number of downloads: 4,152*

The law library receives a copy of each **LLM and SJD thesis** written by our students. These are scanned and added to DC@GGULaw as they are submitted to the law library.

**Downloads from April 2014-2015:**

Total number of student theses added to DC@GGULaw: **59**

Number of downloads: **19,458**

The most popular theses were:

TITLE & AUTHOR	# of downloads
<i>The Use of Offender Profiling Evidence in Criminal Cases</i> , by Norbert Ebisike	7,712
<i>Moral and Legal Issues Concerning Contemporary Human Cloning Technology : Quest for Regulatory Consensus in the International Community to Safeguard Rights and Liberties Essential to the Future of Humanity</i> , by Ching-Pou Shih	1,466
<i>Arbitrability and Public Policy in Regard to the Recognition and Enforcement of Arbitral Award in International Arbitration : the United States, Europe, Africa, Middle East and Asia</i> , by Veena Anusornsen	1,135

## Law Reviews

GGU Law currently publishes three law reviews/journals. All are archived in DC@GGULaw. 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 print subscriptions alone. Bepress aggregates all law reviews from all law schools published in the Digital Commons at <http://digitalcommons.bepress.com/online-journals-law/>. There are now over 210 scholarly law reviews and journals hosted through Bepress. Many of these university law reviews are moving to an online-only format, using Digital Commons as their publishing platform.

## GOLDEN GATE UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW

### Annual Survey of International & Comparative Law

The *Annual Survey of International & Comparative Law* is published annually under the auspices of Golden Gate University School of Law's Sompong Sucharitkul Center for Advanced International Legal Studies, with articles written by professors and legal scholars of both civil and common law. 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 20 (current volume) are posted.

Downloads from April 2014-2015:

Number of articles in DC@GGULaw: **167**

Article downloads: **36,039**

The most popular articles were:

TITLE & AUTHOR	# of downloads
<i>Yakuza: The Warlords of Japanese Organized Crime</i> , by Lt. Bruce A. Gragert	3,197
<i>A Study of the Significant Aspects of German Contract Law</i> , by Manfred Pieck	2,663
<i>The Relationship Between Law and Politics</i> , by Dr. Miro Cerar	2,151

## 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 edited and published by students of the Golden Gate University School of Law. All issues from volume 1 (1971) through volume 45 #1 are posted.

Downloads from April 2014-2015:

Number of articles in DC@GGULaw: **1057**

Article downloads: **94,146**

The most popular articles were:

TITLE & AUTHOR	# of downloads
<i>Tell It Like It Is - Sellers' Duties of Disclosure in Real Estate Transactions Under California Law</i> , by Ann J. Rosenthal and R. Stuart Phillips	5,954
<i>Challenging Adhesion Contracts in California: A Consumer's Guide</i> , by Sierra David Sterkin	2,068
<i>California's Conclusive Presumption of Paternity and the Expansion of Unwed Fathers' Rights</i> , by Batya F. Smernoff	1,770



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 LLM in Environmental Law program. All issues from volume 1 (2007) through volume 7, issue #2 are posted.

**Downloads from April 2014-2015:**

<i>Number of articles in DC@GGULaw: <b>102</b></i>
<i>Article downloads: <b>12,167</b></i>

**The most popular articles were:**

TITLE & AUTHOR	# of downloads
<i>Tellez v. Dole: Nicaraguan Banana Workers Confront the U.S. Judicial System</i> , by Armin Rosencranz and Stephen Roblin	1,112
<i>Riding the Wave: Confronting Jurisdictional and Regulatory Barriers to Ocean Energy Development</i> , by Danielle Murray, Christopher Carr, Jennifer Jeffers, and Alejandra Núñez-Luna	726
<i>From Post to Pond: How the Public Created the Presidio's Crissy Field Marsh</i> , by Deborah Bardwick	666

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## Conferences, Lectures & Workshops

DC@GGULaw allows us to provide access to the content of our conferences. This collection archives the work of annual events and, where available, streaming video recordings of speeches and presentations, especially from the **Fulbright Symposium**, the **Ronald M. George Distinguished Lecture Series**, the **Jesse Carter Distinguished Lecture Series**, and our recent **Veterans Law Conference**.

#### Downloads from April 2014-2015:

*Papers downloaded from the Fulbright Symposium: **1,173***

*Papers downloaded from the Jesse Carter Lecture Series: **73***

### Centers & Programs

In this collection we archive the work of the Environmental Law & Justice Clinic (ELJC), the Women's Employment Rights Clinic (WERC), the Litigation Center and the Center on Urban Environmental Law (CUEL), among others.

#### Downloads from April 2014-2015:

*Papers downloaded from the IP Law Collection: **6,122***

*Papers downloaded from the ELJC: **515***

### About GGU Law

In the collection "About GGU Law" we archive those items of both immediate and historical significance. Included are articles about the law school, links to faculty and department blogs, press releases, commencement programs and student handbooks. The collection also includes the law school dean's annual report or letter, current and past bulletins, and course schedules, issues of *GGU Lawyer* and other alumni and student publications.

### 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.

In the past year, items in the Jesse Carter collection have been downloaded **964** times.

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### Looking Forward

As funding permits, we hope to subscribe to an additional Digital Commons module - *SelectedWorks*. SelectedWorks allows us to create an individual page for each faculty member, which would aggregate

all of that person’s publications, lectures, education, experience, and contact information in one place, accessed by a simple and persistent URL.

To see what SelectedWorks could do for our faculty, please see an example of a Selected Works faculty page here: [http://works.bepress.com/sarah\\_wiant/](http://works.bepress.com/sarah_wiant/). Your page could look like this:

**SelectedWorks of Sarah K. Wiant**

Author Home | Browse Subjects | Browse Article Types | Series Home

Professor Sarah K. Wiant has an extensive history with the Washington and Lee University School of Law. She first joined the community as an Assistant Law Librarian in 1972. At the same time, she became a member of the first class of women and completed her degree in 1978. After finishing her J.D., she became the Director of the Law Library and an Assistant Professor of Law. She moved to Associate Professor of Law in 1984, while maintaining her role as Director of the Library. She has held her position of a full Professor of Law since 1993. Professor Wiant stepped down from her position as Director in 2010, and has continued to teach fulltime.

Wiant's scholarship focuses on Copyright Law, Intellectual Property, Trademarks, Unfair Competition, and Admiralty Maritime Law. She has published extensive work in Copyright Law, including two books: *Libraries and Copyright: A Guide to Copyright Law* in the 1990's, and *Copyright Handbook*. Her numerous book chapters can be found in the series of *Specialized Legal Research*, as well as in *Developments in Copyright Law*, and the *Encyclopedia of Library and Information Science*. She has written articles and columns for publications such as *Virginia Lawyer*, *AALL Spectrum*, and the *National Paralegal Reporter*.

**Articles**

- PDF **Comment: 3D Printing**, *Washington and Lee Law Review* (2014)
- PDF **A Tribute to Joseph Edward Ulrich** (with Brian C. Murchison, Ross W. Krumm, James Jennings, Robert Connolly '80L, Rebecca Buehler Connelly '88L, Samuel W. Calhoun, Lyman Johnson, Ann MacLean Massie, Uncas McThenia, and Joan M. Shaughnessy), *Washington and Lee Law Review* (2010)  
This tribute honors Joseph Edward Ulrich, who in thirty-one years on the W&L Law faculty...
- PDF **UCITA Enacted in Virginia**, *AALL Spectrum* (2000)
- PDF **Tales of AALL History (Stories of "My First Annual Meeting")**, *Law Library Journal* (1996)
- PDF **Refining the Government Relations Program: The Final Report of the Task Force on AALL's Government Relations Activities**, *Law Library Journal* (1995)  
During the summer of 1993, Kay Todd, President Elect of the American Association of Law...

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## Questions?



If you would like more information about how *DC@GGULaw* can serve your department, please contact:

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