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Impact on Affirmative Action is Race Relations Series Topic on March 21

San Francisco — Golden Gate University School of Law presents the fourth lecture in its 1996 series, *Race Relations in America*. Eva Jefferson Paterson will speak on “Affirmative action and the California Civil Rights Initiative” on Thursday, March 21, at 12:00 noon in Auditorium B at 536 Mission Street.

Ms. Paterson, Executive Director of the San Francisco Bay Area Lawyers’ Committee for Civil Rights, is a superb orator, having delivered keynote addresses for, among others, the National Women and the Law Conference, the ACLU Northern California Bill of Rights Celebration, and the Conference of the National Coalition against Domestic Violence.

During her eighteen years of service with the Lawyers’ Committee, her practice has included providing free legal services to low-income individuals and litigating class action civil rights cases. Ms. Paterson’s activities have focused on gender as well as race inequities. A noteworthy advocate in the struggle against domestic violence, she is the co-founder of A Safe Place, a shelter for battered women in Oakland, and the author of “How the Legal System Responds to Battered Women.” Other recent articles include “Can’t We Get Along?” and “The Future of Affirmative Action,” which appeared in *California Lawyer*.

Following Ms. Paterson, the series will come to a close with a lecture on Tuesday, April 9, at 5:00 p.m. (note different time) by Professor Charles J. Ogletree, Jr., Director of the Criminal Justice Institute at Harvard University School of Law, entitled “Race in America: Lessons from the Million Man March.”

All lectures are free and open to the public. The series is funded by the Helzel Family Foundation, and co-sponsored by the San Francisco Bar Association and the Golden Gate University Black Law Students Association. California attorneys may register for one hour of continuing legal education credit for each event by calling (415) 442-6636 in advance.

Golden Gate University School of Law is located on the San Francisco campus of Golden Gate University at 536 Mission Street. The University is accredited by the Western Association of Colleges and Universities and the Law School is approved by the American Bar Association.

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