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SAN FRANCISCO—Three of the country’s leading legal scholars have joined the faculty of the Golden Gate University Summer Law Program in Paris. Judge William Fletcher of the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit, Professor Catharine A. MacKinnon of University of Michigan School of Law, and Professor Charles Ogletree of Harvard Law School, will teach comparative law to classes of U.S. and European students at the University of Paris Nanterre campus. Judge Fletcher, formerly a professor at University of California’s Boalt Hall School of Law, will teach comparative remedies law. Professor MacKinnon will teach comparative sexual harassment law. Professor Ogletree will teach comparative reparations law.

Judge Fletcher is the author of a major text on civil procedure and a former Rhodes scholar. He was appointed to the Court of Appeals by President Clinton. Professor MacKinnon is well known for her ground-breaking work on sex equality. She conceived the legal claim for sexual harassment as sex discrimination, drafted statutes recognizing pornography as a violation of civil rights, and established rape as an act of genocide. Her leading casebook, Sex Equality, sets U.S. law in a transnational context. She is one of the most widely-cited legal scholars of her time. Professor Ogletree is the founding Director of the Charles Hamilton Houston Institute for Race and Justice, and author of All Deliberate Speed: Reflections on the First Half Century of Brown v. Board of Education (2004).

The month-long program begins June 3, 2005. Co-sponsored by Golden Gate University School of Law and the University of Paris (Nanterre), it is open to U.S. law students who have completed one year of graduate level law school, and European law students who have completed three years of undergraduate level law studies, and to practicing U.S. lawyers. All classes are co-taught by an American law professor or judge and a European professor. Further information about the program is available on the Golden Gate website (www.ggu.edu/law) or from the program co-director, Professor David Oppenheimer, at dbo@ggu.edu.