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Lecture, Q&A with John Burris, Renowned Civil Rights Attorney
“Trayvon Martin & Oscar Grant: The Intersection of Race and Criminal Justice”
When: January 22, 2014, 4pm, Where: GGU Law, 536 Mission Street, 2nd Floor

SAN FRANCISCO, CA Join a community of lawyers, law students and professors for a public event centered on the intersection of race and criminal justice. Distinguished GGU alumnus John Burris (BS 67) will speak about the implications of the cases against George Zimmerman for the shooting of Trayvon Martin, as well as the case against the Bay Area Rapid Transit District for the shooting of Oscar Grant. Burris has a tremendous record as a plaintiff's civil rights attorney. Among his most high profile cases were the Oakland Riders class action and Rodney King civil suit against the City of Los Angeles. His primary areas of focus for his practice include cases involving police misconduct, employment discrimination and criminal defense. He is the author of *Blue vs. Black: Let's End the Conflict between Police and Minorities*.

In addition to these high profile cases, Burris has represented Barry Bonds, Tupac Shakur, Delroy Lindo, Dwayne Wiggins, Keyshawn Johnson, Gary Payton, Jason Kidd, Latrell Sprewell, sports agent Aaron Goodwin, former Chief of Police of San Francisco Earl Sanders, and numerous public officials.

Burris was listed among the top 100 trial lawyers in California in 2007 by the American Trial Lawyers Association. In 2005 Burris was named one of the top 100 Most Influential Attorneys in the State of California by the *Daily Journal* and he has been featured on the cover of *California Lawyer* magazine. He has also served as a legal analyst on Fox, MSNBC, Court TV, CNN and many local television and radio stations.

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