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PREFACE

It is a pleasure and an honor to introduce Volume 30 of the Golden Gate University Law Review. As we stand at the beginning of a new century, it is appropriate that we reflect on the traditions Volume 30 embodies. First, these four issues continue our tradition of publishing student-written articles on a variety of current issues. Second, Volume 30 reflects a slightly newer, but equally important tradition of publishing articles written by practitioners on a selected topic of environmental law. Third, Volume 30 is another example of the Law Review's tradition of publishing a journal of the highest possible quality. Indeed, I believe that this volume sets a new standard of scholarship for those that will follow in the new century.

Volume 30 is also notable in the innovations that have begun during its creation. For example, this is only the second volume that includes summaries of recent decisions by the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit. Additionally, this is the first year of the Law Review's Alumni Fellowship, which relies on previous editors as advisors and mentors to the current Editorial Board and staff. This is also the first year in which we have published four issues. Last, but certainly not least, the increased participation and success of the part-time night students on the staff of Volume 30 have immeasurably strengthened the Law Review.

I offer my congratulations to the incoming Editorial Board and staff. I charge you to continue the traditions of the Law Review while you confront the changes in the law and legal education that will come in the new century. The Golden Gate University Law Review is part of a much older institution of student-edited law reviews. That institution, too, will surely

change with the times. If you continue the Law Review's dual traditions of excellence and innovation, you will make the Law Review a success amidst these changes.

I owe an incredible debt of gratitude to the Editorial Board and staff of the Law Review. Their hard work, energy and intensity have made Volume 30 better than I imagined it could be when we started last summer. In particular, I would like to highlight the efforts of Lisa Braly, Jennifer Emmaneel, Scott Sanford and Laura Stratton, whose tireless editing and advising helped to shape the writers' ideas into the articles contained in this volume. In addition, Alan Bennett was at my side throughout this year, offering advice and suggestions. His efforts made the Law Review run more smoothly, and I thank him for his initiative. I am also grateful to Beth Mora, who made research much less daunting than it might have been for our writers.

Volume 30 would not have been the success that it is without the contribution of the Law School Faculty. Specifically, I would like to thank Professor Michael Zamperini, whose advice and guidance made me a better leader than I might have been otherwise. I am also grateful to Professor Mary Ann Wolcott, for her unwavering patience in working with the staff and advising the Editorial Board. Finally, on behalf of the entire staff of the Law Review, I would like to express our gratitude to the faculty members who mentored the student writers.

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