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2011  
COMMENCEMENT



*Tuesday, the Seventeenth of May*  
*Two Thousand Eleven*  
*Louise M. Davies Symphony Hall*  
*San Francisco*  
*Eleven O'Clock AM*

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# PROGRAM

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## GREETING

**Drucilla Stender Ramey, Dean**  
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**Dr. Dan Angel, President**  
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*ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE*

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**Master of Laws (LLM) in International Legal Studies**  
**Master of Laws (LLM) in Environmental Law**  
**Master of Laws (LLM) in Intellectual Property Law**  
**Master of Laws (LLM) in Taxation**  
**Master of Laws (LLM) in United States Legal Studies**  
**Doctor of Jurisprudence (JD)**

## ALUMNI WELCOME

**David D. Alpert (MBA 00)**  
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Kelli Suzanne Shields • E	Vanessa Winn
Jerry Shindelbower ✎ ✎ ✎ ‡	Bryce Mercedes Wood
Ziv Shmargad ✎	John Barnabus Wysong
Francisco Dutra Silva, Jr. ✎ T	Shauna Christine Yandell ✎ ◻
Harvinder Singh ✎ ✎ ✎	Susan H. Yea B
Louis Adam Small	Preston Robert Young ◻
Felipe De Jesus Solis, Jr. Li	Lauren Young Epstein ✎ ✎ ✎ ✎ ‡ I
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Kiffanie Joan Stahle ✎	Jalen Zaiger ✎
Theresa Ann Strawn Li	Xiong “Jackson” Zhou
Kay Yukyong Suh	Anitra Tue Zobeck C Li
Moosa Suleman	

**Key to JD Candidates**

✎ Highest Honors	● <i>Golden Gate University Environmental Law Journal</i>
‡ Honors	◻ <i>Golden Gate University Environmental Law Journal Editorial Board</i>
✎ Jesse Carter Society	✎ <i>Golden Gate University Law Review</i>
✎ Honors Lawyering Program (HLP)	○ <i>Golden Gate University Law Review Editorial Board</i>
✎ JD/MBA	
■ JD/PhD	
∩ Public Interest Law Scholars Program	
◆ Pro Bono Honor Society	
• Environmental Law Scholars Program	

**Certificates of Specialization**

B Business Law	LE Labor/Employment Law
C Criminal Law	Li Litigation
E Environmental Law	P Public Interest Law
F Family Law	RE Real Estate Law
I International Law	T Tax Law
IP Intellectual Property Law	Y Youth Law

Golden Gate University School of Law and the Class of 2011 wish to recognize the 2011 Graduation Committee for its hard work, enthusiasm, and dedication in helping coordinate Commencement and other graduation events. The 2011 Graduation Committee members are Jessica Bair, Christina B. O’Keefe, and Byron Kazuyuki Toma.

## ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE AWARDS

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*Academic Excellence in Civil Litigation*  
**Susan Ann Rados**

*Academic Excellence in Criminal Litigation*  
**Erica Marie Corns**

*International Academy of Trial Lawyers Award for Most Outstanding Student in the Field of Litigation*  
**Anitra Tue Zobeck**

*Academic Excellence in Corporate and Commercial Law*  
**Natalie Rita Barker**

*Academic Excellence in Criminal Law*  
**Jonah Minkoff-Zern and Curtis Lee Briggs**

*Academic Excellence in Environmental Law*  
**Anthony Alfonso Austin and Evan James House**

*Academic Excellence in Family Law*  
**Robert Schoen**

*Academic Excellence in Intellectual Property Law*  
**Simone Chen**

*ABA-BNA Award for Excellence in the Study of Intellectual Property Law*  
**Laurel Sadler Robinson**

*Grotius Award for Academic Excellence in International Law*  
**Lauren Young Epstein**

*Academic Excellence in Labor and Employment Law*  
**Judith Aquino Buranday**

*ABA-BNA Award for Excellence in the Study of Labor and Employment Law*  
**Ziv Shmargad, Michael Ryan Seville, and Lois Huan-Ting Chang**

*Academic Excellence in Real Estate Law*  
**Jon Michael Ansolabehere and Elizabeth Black Williams**

*Scribes American Society of Legal Writers Award*  
**Sondra J. Livingston-Carr, Lauren Christine Lockhart, Christina B. O'Keefe, Susan Ann Rados, and Hons Yung**

*Academic Excellence in Tax Law*  
**Francisco Dutra Silva, Jr.**

## SPECIAL AWARDS

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*ALI-ABA Scholarship and Leadership Award*  
**Anitra Tue Zobeck**

*Allan Brotsky Pro Bono Award*  
**Anna Yee Nei Liu**

*Environmental Law Journal Award for Dedication and Excellence*  
**John W. Harrington Jr.**

*Law Review Award for Dedication and Excellence*  
**Melani L. Johns**

*Outstanding LLM Student Award*  
**Patrick Voos and David T. Schmid**

*Outstanding Achievement in Public Interest Law Award*  
**Kalla Ruth Hirschbein**

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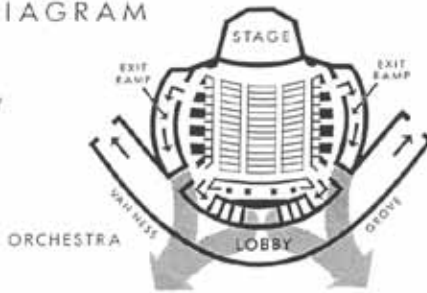
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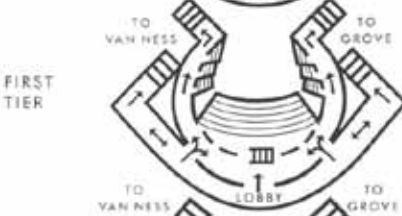
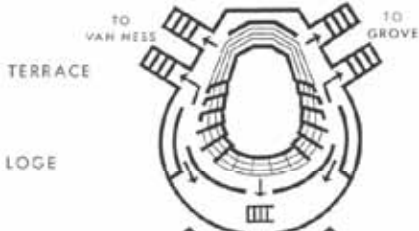
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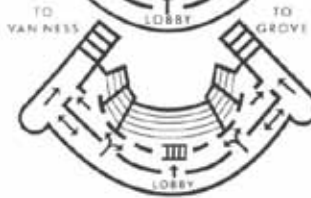


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Emergency  
Follow  
Any Lighted  
Exit Sign  
to Street.  
Do Not Use  
Elevators  
or Lobby  
Stair. Walk  
Don't Run.



  
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STAIR  
TO STREET

SECOND  
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