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**GOLDEN GATE UNIVERSITY
LITIGATION CENTER**

2014 RECEPTION PROGRAM

Sneak Peak—Walk Through *Wes Porter*

Welcoming Remarks *Blair Pickus*

Thanking Faculty *Jaclyn Merkis*

Celebrating Mock Trial Teams *Wes Porter*

Faculty & Alumni Awards *Wes Porter*

Student Awards *Blair Pickus*

THE GGU ADVOCATE

- ...thinks creatively, with mastery of the facts
- ...communicates persuasively and clearly
- ...presents with confidence, poise and flexibility
- ...has command of the law and rules of evidence, and
- ...above all else, is courteous, professional and ethical.

Special Thanks to . . .

President Dan Angel, Dean Rachel Van Cleave, Associate Dean Kim Stanley, and The Hon. Lee Baxter for her generous support and the GGU administration for their support of the Litigation Center and our students.

Professors in Litigation

Prof. Robert Calhoun
Prof. Caren Cambre
Prof. Mort Cohen
Prof. Bill Gallagher
Judge Marc Goldman
Prof. Peter Keane
Prof. Susan Leff
Prof. Stefano Moscato
Judge Lisa Novak
Prof. Wes Porter
Prof. Susan Rutberg
Prof. Harriet Schiffer Scott
Prof. Peter Sherwood

GGU Mock Trial Coaches

VJ Chetty (*Fall & Spring*)
Erik Knuppel (*Fall & Spring*)
Julia Levitskaia (*Fall & Spring*)
Brandon Schantz (*Fall & Spring*)
Alex Jones (*Fall*)
David Kuchinsky (*Spring*)
Samuel Luzadas (*Spring*)

2013-14 Baxter Fellows

Katya Salganick & Blair Pickus

Thank you to the people who make it all possible: volunteer judges, litigation alumni, generous donors, gifted faculty assistants and other volunteers who tirelessly dedicate their time to our students!

Litigation Awards

International Academy of Trial Lawyers Award for Most Outstanding Student in the Field of Litigation

Brooke Perkins

Academic Excellence Award in Trial Litigation

Brent Kling

Award for Significant Contribution to the Litigation Center

Aseil Mohmoud Jaclyn Merkis

Litigation Leadership Award

Jamie Down Aseil Mohmoud
Brent Kling Brooke Perkins
Jaclyn Merkis

Litigation Achievement Award

Kassie Cardullo Lauren Whitted
Zoe Tellman Jory Zalona (2L)

Litigation Merit Awards

Colleen Clark Sunita Popal
Lori Mullins (2L) Anisa Sirur (2L)

GGU Mock Trial Teams 2013-14

Mock Trial Collaboration 13

Anna Kashtanova¹
Sylvia Nguyen¹
Jared Pursell¹
Dominic Ripoli¹
Anisa Sirur¹
Jory Zalona^H

Stetson Pretrial 13

Ellen Billingsley^H
Chanelle Bowman^H
Colleen Clark^H
Mark Heisey^H

SFTLA 13*

Sylvia Nguyen¹
Jared Pursell¹
Anisa Sirur¹
Jory Zalona^H

CACJ 13**

Brent Kling¹
Jaclyn Merkis¹
Aseil Mohmoud¹
Brooke Perkins¹

Regional ABA Labor 13*

Dustin Helmer ^H	Kassie Cardullo ^H
Sunita Popal ¹	Jacob Colvin ¹
Zoe Tellman ¹	Jamie Down ¹
Lauren Whitted ¹	Lori Mullins ¹

National ABA Labor 14***

Dustin Helmer^H
Sunita Popal¹
Zoe Tellman¹
Lauren Whitted¹

National Trial Competition 14

Kassie Cardullo ^H	Cheri Hawkins ¹
Brent Kling ¹	Tim O'Connor ¹
Jaclyn Merkis ¹	Jory Zalona ^H

Capitol City 14***

Colleen Clark^H
Jamie Down¹
Lori Mullins¹
Brooke Perkins¹

ABA National Criminal 14***

Kassie Cardullo^H
Brooke Perkins¹
Lauren Whitted¹
Jory Zalona^H

Florida State National Civil 14

Michael DiGrande^H
Paula Eisenberg^H
Kelly Murray¹
Anisa Sirur¹

Animal Law Closing Arg. 14

Kelly Murray¹

* FIRST PLACE
** SECOND PLACE
*** THIRD PLACE

¹ 1ST STEP GRADUATE
^H HLP GRADUATE

Faculty & Alumni Awards

Litigation Distinction Award

Acadia Senese

for achievement in the field of litigation

Litigation Service Award

Dan Devoy

for commitment to the GGU Litigation Program

Litigation Mentor Award

Julia Levitskaia

for commitment to GGU mock trial teams

Litigation Faculty Award

Judge Maria-Elena James & Prof. Caren Cambre

for leadership in litigation courses

Young Alumna Award

VJ Chetty

for achievement in the early years of practice

The 2014 1L Professor Bernie L. Segal Cross & Close Competition

1st Place Team:

Daniella Crownover & Kim Whitlow

2nd Place Team:

Elizabeth Marroquin & Khyati Short

3rd Place Team:

Bryce Bommer & Samuel Guthrie

Best Cross:

Kim Whitlow

Best Close:

Khyati Short

Best Cross (Prelims):

Bryce Bommer & Angela Giang

Best Close (Prelims):

Anna Nicolopoulos & Rena Sera

Teamwork Award:

Danielle Jones & Emily Levitan

Bernie L. Segal Award
for Presentation Style:

Kaisha Borgaro & Shadeh Ghezavat