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DEAN DRUCILLA STENDER RAMEY

It is my great honor to serve as the new dean of Golden Gate University School of Law, an institution for which I have the greatest admiration and affection and an ambitious vision that I hope will call upon and enhance all the strengths and diversity of our extraordinary extended community.

As a former tenured member of the Law School faculty and, particularly, as the former executive

director and general counsel of the Bar Association of San Francisco and former executive director of the National Association of Women Judges, it has been my privilege to collaborate closely with many of the School of Law's outstanding alumni in all segments of the profession and the judiciary across the country. This has provided me with a bird's eye view of the positive impact you have made on your clients, the legal profession, the judiciary and, most importantly, the greater community. Ours is an alumni group especially well situated to emerge even stronger from these challenging economic times and, I believe, to increasingly provide that all-important bridge for our students and graduates to succeed as our economy slowly recovers.

I am proud to be affiliated with an institution that yields such alumnae as my friends Alaska Supreme Court Justice **Morgan Christen (JD 86)**, who is profiled on page 22 of this edition, and **Karen Hawkins (JD 79, MBA-Taxation 81)**, who served as chair-elect of the American Bar Association Taxation Section prior to her recent appointment as director of the Office of Professional Responsibility at the Internal Revenue Service. I look forward to working closely as well with the many other distinguished alumni mentioned in these pages, including nationally prominent immigration attorney **Marc Van Der Hout (JD 77)**, recipient of the 2009 Robert G. Sproul Award from the Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights, and so many others.

As an attorney whose career has been devoted to civil rights, civil liberties, and increasing access and diversity in the profession and the judiciary, I am especially proud to be taking the helm of a law school that is consistently ranked one of the most diverse in the nation. Golden Gate is a unique institution that provides access to a legal education for people from every walk of life and excels in preparing students to serve as highly skilled, creative, and ethical legal practitioners. My own experience includes teaching in the areas of employment discrimination, gender and racial discrimination, and torts; pursuing impact civil rights litigation at the Mexican American Legal Defense and Educational Fund and in private practice; leading a broad array of professional and community organizations; and implementing dozens of successful initiatives to increase diversity, equal opportunity, and access in the justice system.

This is a particularly exciting time to be assuming the helm of this Law School, which has been joined recently by several noted educators and scholars. I am pleased also to note that many of our faculty have been promoted to new leadership posts, including **Professor Susan Rutberg (JD 75)**, who will now

lead our Externships Program and our Honors Lawyering Program—among our most innovative and successful offerings.

Recently initiated programs, such as our Intellectual Property Law Center, Law and Leadership Program, and Pro Bono Tax Clinic have joined our superb LLM programs and our nationally recognized environmental, criminal, tax, international, and public interest law concentrations, among others, and are already exerting a notable positive impact on our students' education and our Law School's reputation.

I am consummately proud to also announce that our new initiatives this fall will be headlined by the **Inaugural Chief Justice Ronald M. George Lecture**, the first in a series of annual addresses by state supreme court chief justices, named in honor of my friend and nationally esteemed California Supreme Court Chief Justice Ronald M. George. Most appropriately, Chief Justice George will be presenting the first lecture here on campus on October 20, 2009.

We are delighted to be hosting a new Poverty Law Conference this spring, thanks to a generous grant from the Elfenworks Foundation. We are also launching a new Poverty Law Program to enhance teaching and scholarship in this area. For a listing of more upcoming events, please see the back of this magazine.

Though I can't take credit, I am proud of such recent honors as the US Environmental Protection Agency 2009 Environmental Award to our Environmental Law & Justice Clinic and a recent official commendation from Senator Dianne Feinstein to Professor and Director Chris Okeke for his leadership of our international law programs and Fulbright Symposium on International Legal Studies. I have no doubt that we will see many more honors in the years to come.

Thanks to the generosity of you, our alumni, and many others, the Law School now has a greatly expanded and improved Law Library, and the University, under the leadership of President Dan Angel, exceeded its goal for *The Centennial Campaign for GGU*. I look forward to working closely with you on a multifaceted campaign to raise funds and collaborate on new initiatives that will help us significantly heighten the national profile and prestige of our Law School and add to our success in attracting and retaining top law students and best preparing them for the practice of law.

I wish to extend my heartfelt thanks to Professor Alan Ramo for his outstanding leadership as interim dean of the Law School this past year and for making my transition the smoothest and most delightful I could ever have dreamed possible.

With warm regards,

Drucilla S. Ramey
Dean Drucilla Stender Ramey



Drucilla Stender Ramey

NEW DEAN

DRUCILLA STENDER RAMEY became Law School dean and professor effective August 1. She has led such organizations as the National Association of Women Judges and the Bar Association of San Francisco. For more about Dean Ramey, see page 13 of this magazine. Her appointment as Law School dean received widespread coverage this spring, in such publications as the *Daily Journal*, *Recorder*, *San Francisco Chronicle*, and *San Francisco Examiner*. She was recently honored as one of the founders of the Bar Association of San Francisco's Goals & Timetables Initiative at its Minority Summer Associates Reception and served as Mistress of Ceremonies for the Immigrant Legal Resource Center's 30th Anniversary Dinner in San Francisco. She has been appointed to the boards of directors of both the American Judicature Society and the Habeas Corpus Resource Center and reappointed to the editorial advisory board of *California Lawyer* magazine.



Helen Chang

PROFESSOR HELEN CHANG has been granted tenure. She has taught a variety of courses at the Law School since 1991, including Criminal Law, Family Law, Community Property, and Torts. She has written in the area of gender and family law and is a court-appointed special advocate for children in the foster care system. After receiving her BA from the University of Texas at Austin and her JD from Southern Methodist University, she practiced civil litigation in San Francisco, taking many cases to trial and arbitration. In addition to teaching, she has served as interim dean of students and interim director of the LLM in Taxation Program and has tutored students for the California bar exam.



Eric C. Christiansen

PROFESSOR ERIC C. CHRISTIANSEN has been granted tenure. He has taught at the Law School since 2005 and has served as academic director of the Law School's Honors Lawyering Program and the Paris Summer Study Abroad Program. Prior to coming to GGU, he practiced international corporate law at Latham & Watkins and was a law clerk to the chief justice of the South African Constitutional Court. He received his BA from the University of Notre Dame, an MA from the University of Chicago Divinity School, where he was an Andrew W. Mellon Fellow of the National Endowment for the Humanities, and his JD from New York University School of Law, where he was a Root-Tilden Public Interest Law Scholar and editor-in-chief of the *Journal of International Law & Politics*.

His publications include articles on social welfare rights, South African constitutional law, and the rights of sexual minorities in the *NYU Journal of International Law & Politics*, *Columbia Human Rights Law Review*, *Loyola University Chicago International Law Journal*, *UCLA Journal of International Law and Foreign Affairs* and elsewhere. Christiansen was among 20 professors at California law schools to submit an amicus brief to the California Supreme Court arguing to overturn Proposition 8 and has led programs on and off campus concerning marriage equality.

SUSAN RUTBERG, Director of Externships & Academic Director of the Honors Lawyering Program



Susan Rutberg gave a tour of GGU's clinical programs to Law Professor Itaru Yamanaka of Japan's Kumamoto University this spring.

Professor **Susan Rutberg, (JD 75)** who has taught at the Law School since 1991, has been appointed to the new position of director of externships. She will oversee all field-placement clinical programs for the Law School, including judicial externships and clinics offered in civil law, criminal litigation, real estate, taxation, and post-conviction capital criminal defense (in collaboration with the California

Appellate Project) and a new family law field placement program to begin in 2010. She will also serve as academic director of the Law School's Honors Lawyering Program and continue to teach and direct the Criminal Litigation Clinic and such courses as Trial Advocacy and Wrongful Convictions.

Rutberg is well known for her work defending the wrongfully accused

and, in some cases, getting their convictions overturned. Her honors have included the Northern California Innocence Project Pursuit of Justice Award and the Criminal Trial Attorneys of Northern California Career Achievement Award. She has practiced criminal defense with the Bayview-Hunters Point Community Defender, San Francisco Public Defender and First District Appellate Project and has supervised clinical programs at the University of San Francisco, Santa Clara University, and City University of New York law schools and has served on the board of directors of Women Defenders. Her recent activities included speaking at the National Lawyers Guild Testimonial Dinner and moderating a plenary session titled "Extracting Reflection: Creating Teachable Moments in Clinical Law Practice" at the Northern California Clinical Conference at Stanford University, which she helped organize. In addition to a JD from GGU, she has a BA from Cornell University.



Leslie Burton

LESLIE BURTON, Director, LLM in US Legal Studies Program

Professor **LESLIE BURTON**, who has served as co-director of the Law School's third-year Solving Legal Problems Program and taught Writing and Research and Practical Legal Writing, is the new director of the Law School's LLM in US Legal Studies Program, succeeding co-directors Chris Pagano and Anthony Pagano. Burton has extensive experience working with and teaching US and foreign-educated law students in such countries as Turkey, Germany, and the Czech Republic and was a Fulbright Scholar at Charles University in Prague in 2000.

She has an LLM in International Legal Studies from Golden Gate and a JD from Santa Clara University School of Law. She has practiced bankruptcy law in San Francisco at Howard, Rice, Nemerovski, Canady, Falk & Rabkin and was a law clerk to a US Bankruptcy Court judge. This summer she taught Introduction to Common Law Legal Systems to law students at the Friedrich-Alexander University of Erlangen-Nuremberg, Germany, on a grant from the German Academic Exchange Service.

"I'm excited about my new position as director of the LLM US Legal Studies Program," Burton says. "I've long had a fascination with other countries and cultures and have taught overseas. I believe my experience teaching with and living among foreign students will be an asset to the program. I also plan to incorporate my years of teaching Legal Writing and Research by adding that component to the Introduction to US Legal Studies class that I will teach this fall. Good research and writing skills are essential for anyone wanting to practice in the United States. I'm looking forward to this new opportunity."



CHESTER CHUANG

Associate Professor **CHESTER CHUANG**, a former adjunct professor in the Law School, will teach Contracts and Patent Law in the coming year. He has a JD from New York University School of Law, where he was *New York University Law Review* notes development editor, and a BS in pharmacy from the Ohio State University. He has worked as an attorney

at both O'Melveny & Myers LLP and Perkins Coie, where he specialized in IP transactional and patent litigation work, primarily involving software and semiconductor companies. He is a former law clerk for US District Court Judge Sandra Brown Armstrong. For the past four years he has been senior corporate counsel with Electronics for Imaging, Inc., an international technology company in Silicon Valley. He will be actively engaged with the Law School's Intellectual Property Law Center.

Section. His recent publications include "A Line Drawn in Water: Aquifers Beneath the Mexico-United States Border," in the *University of Denver Water Law Review* (2009) and a chapter titled "Two Rivers Meet: At the Confluence of Crossborder Water Law and Foreign Investment Law" for *Sustainable Development in Global Investment Law* (Kluwer, 2009). In recent months he has spoken on climate change, water law, and other topics at the North American Environmental Commission Workshop in Denver, Santa Clara University School of Law, UC Berkeley Graduate Department of Environmental Planning and Landscape Architecture, and for the Bar Association of San Francisco. He also moderated a panel at UC Hastings College of the Law.



PAUL KIBEL

PAUL KIBEL, a former adjunct and visiting professor in the Law School who has taught Civil Procedure and several environmental courses, is now associate professor. He has co-directed the Law School's LLM in Environmental Law Program, served as faculty editor of the *Environmental Law Journal*, directed the Law School's City Parks Project, and spearheaded the annual

Environmental Law Symposium. He also has taught at the Goldman School of Public Policy, University of California at Berkeley, and Stanford University. He has an LLM from UC Berkeley Law School, a JD from Willamette University, and a BA from Colgate University. He is formerly of counsel for Fitzgerald Abbott & Beardsley LLP and a former co-chair of the Natural Resources Subsection of the California State Bar's Real Property

Associate Professor **HINA SHAH** was formerly a visiting professor and clinical staff attorney with the Law School's Women's Employment Rights Clinic. She has over 10 years' experience advocating on employment and labor issues affecting unionized and low-wage immigrant workers. Before joining Golden Gate, she worked at the Asian Law Caucus, Inc., where she directed both the Labor/Employment Project

and the Garment Advocacy and Reform Center. She also was president of the statewide policy advocacy organization Sweatshop Watch, Inc.

She has worked at union-side labor firms in Oakland and was a staff attorney at the US Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit. Her publications include *Ethnic and Religious Discrimination*, published by the American Bar Association, and multilingual educational materials for low-wage workers. She has a JD from UC Hastings College of the Law and a BSW from the University of Texas at Austin. In 2009 she spoke to the Marin County Women Lawyers Group on "Caregiver Discrimination: Hidden Bias against Women Attorneys with Children;" at a plenary session of the Northern California Clinical Conference at Stanford University; and at Golden Gate's "Beat the Clock" MCLE program.



HINA SHAH



MICHELE BENEDETTO

Associate Professor **MICHELE BENEDETTO** has been elected executive committee member of the Poverty Law Section of the Association of American Law Schools. Her previously published article on the ethical crisis on the immigration bench has been republished by the *Journal of the National Association of Administrative Law Judiciary* (Fall 2008), which is sent to every US federal administrative law judge.



ROGER BERNHARDT

Professor **ROGER BERNHARDT**, the author of leading books on California real estate law by Continuing Education of the Bar (CEB) and other publishers, was featured on the cover of CEB's spring 2009 catalog. In May he spoke at the State Bar of California's Real Property Section Conference in Tahoe at a Property Professor's Roundtable.



MORT COHEN

Professor **MORT COHEN** spoke in Sacramento last fall at a statewide meeting of patients' rights advocates, law professors, and others on cases he has argued before California appellate courts involving the rights of institutionalized mentally ill people to appear before trial courts and receive effective counsel and the need for determinations of incapacity regarding

contracting and medical decision-making in conservatorship processes. He also discussed his advocacy and research on the constitutional rights of nursing home residents. Cohen has cases pending before the California Court of Appeal and the California Supreme Court, both involving the constitutional rights of the mentally ill. He is working on several other cases, one involving medical treatment of so called "friendless" elderly, and another involving surrogate decisionmaking on psychoactive drugs, DNR orders, and restraints.

RODNEY FONG, assistant dean for bar exam services, spoke on a panel on "Academic Engagement: Creative Options for Teaching Part-time Students" for the Section on Part-Time Division Programs at the Association of American Law Schools Annual Meeting in San Diego. He also discussed "Strategies for Achieving Diversity in the Legal Profession" at the State Bar of California's Section Education Institute in Berkeley and testified on diversity in legal education at the American Bar Association's West Coast Regional Hearings on the State of Diversity in the Legal Profession. Fong received the Gregory Allen Egertson Award for Outstanding Staff Member at the Law School's 2009 Awards Ceremony.

Associate Professor **WILLIAM GALLAGHER**, co-director of the Intellectual Property Law Center, will be a visiting scholar in fall 2009 at the Center for the Study of Law and Society at UC Berkeley School of Law, where he will continue his empirical research projects focusing on strategic enforcement of IP claims and his work on a book focusing on "law and society" perspectives on IP law. His review of Stanford University anthropologist Sarah Jain's book *Injury: The Politics of Product Design and Safety Law in the United States* has been published in the online *Law and Politics Book Review* (Vol. 18, No. 1, Jan. 2008). His recent activities have included speaking at the Practising Law Institute in New York at a conference titled "Navigating Trademark Practice before the USPTO, 2009"; giving a talk titled "Strategic Intellectual Property Enforcement: Perspectives from an Empirical Study of Everyday Lawyering" to the Contra Costa County Bar Association IP Law Section; presenting a paper, "Are They Real Lawyers? The Role of Patent Prosecutors in the Patenting (and Inventive?) Process" at a conference at the University of Wisconsin School of Law; and organizing and participating in two panels at the Law and Society Association's annual meeting in Denver.

Professor **MARC GREENBERG**, co-director of the Intellectual Property Law Center, has been elected chair of the Art Law Section of the Association of American Law Schools (AALS). In March he spoke at the Comic Arts Conference, held in conjunction with the Wondercon Convention in San Francisco, on "Comics, Courts and Controversy: The Cases of the Comic Book Legal Defense Fund and the Superman Litigation," an expanded version of a similar presentation he made to the AALS Art Law Section in January. In April he moderated a panel on campus of lawyers and legal experts regarding a proposed class-action lawsuit by authors against Google that was co-sponsored by the Law School and California Lawyers for the Arts. In May he spoke on "The State of Copyright" to the San Francisco Intellectual Property Law Association in Berkeley. This spring he provided his expertise for news segments on KCBS Radio and KGO-TV.

Associate Professor **HELEN KANG**, director of the Environmental Law and Justice Clinic, and Associate Professor Paul Kibel spoke at a panel sponsored by the Bar Association of San Francisco on environmental cases pending before the US Supreme Court. Kang also spoke at the annual "Access to Equal Justice: Critical Perspectives on Court and Law Reform" conference at Washington University in March and in May at the American Association of Law Schools' Conference on Clinical Legal Education, as a concurrent session presenter on "Teaching Complex Problem Solving: The Environmental Justice Context." Her article, "A Case Study of Environmental Justice Work in West Oakland" was published in the May 15 online newsletter of The Race Equity Project.

WILLIAM GALLAGHER



Professor and Dean Emeritus **PETER KEANE** continues to be widely interviewed in the news media, with appearances in such print, broadcast, and online news sources in 2009 as the Associated Press, *USA Today*, NBC-TV, CBS-5, Fox News, KTVU, KQED, *Sports Illustrated*, *National Law Journal*, *California Bar Journal*, and *San Francisco Bay Guardian*.

Professor **JANICE KOSEL** spoke at a January panel sponsored by the State Bar of California titled "Common Perfection Problems and Unusual Perfection Techniques." She coauthored the December 2008 update to *California UCC Sales and Leases*, published by Continuing Education of the Bar.

Professor **MYRON MOSKOVITZ** made presentations on how to win appeals and writs to various bars this fall and winter, including the Berkeley-Albany, Solano, and Santa Clara County, Calif., bar associations. The Law School's Moot Courts for Practicing Lawyers, which he founded and directed, was well attended this year, particularly when attorneys rehearsed their argument to overturn Proposition 8 in March before making their case before the California Supreme Court, and he was quoted in the March 5 *Daily Journal* about the Prop. 8 Moot Court. Attorneys and judges from several of this year's moot courts attended a reception in the spring to celebrate the program's success.



A book has been published in honor of Associate Professor **CHRIS OKEKE**, director of the Law School's LLM & SJD Programs in International Legal Studies and the Sompong Sucharitkul Center for Advanced International Legal Studies. *Contemporary Issues on Public International and Comparative Law: Essays in Honor of Professor Dr. Christian Nwachukwu Okeke* (Vandephas Publishing: 2009) includes 27 essays by law school deans and professors, national

and international judges, and lawyers in government and private practice on a wide range of international and comparative law topics. The book is edited by Justice Centus Nweze of the Nigeria Court of Appeal, and the foreword is written by His Excellency Judge Abdul G. Koroma, two-term judge of the International Court of Justice at The Hague. Okeke organized the 19th Annual Fulbright Symposium, where he received a commendation from US Senator Dianne Feinstein (below).

At the 2009 Fulbright Symposium in April, a representative from US Senator Dianne Feinstein's office presented Associate Professor Chris Okeke with a commendation signed by the senator that reads, in part:

"It is my pleasure to have this opportunity to commend you for your efforts in organizing the 19th Annual Fulbright Symposium on International Legal Problems Your dedication to the academic pursuit of excellence and personal achievement is evident from your long history of educational projects, publications, and research endeavors. We are fortunate to have an accomplished individual like you in our community. You are a role model to students and an inspiration to future generations. On behalf of the State of California, I applaud your many accomplishments and your service to the community."

Professor **ALAN RAMO** has returned to full-time teaching and directing the Law School's environmental law programs after serving as interim dean for the past year. He was interviewed and quoted in a February 2 article in the *Recorder* about law school admissions trends.

Associate Professor **LESLIE ROSE**, director of Advanced Legal Writing Programs, attended the Rocky Mountain Legal Writing Conference in February, where she presented her work in progress, "The Supreme Court and Gender-Neutral Language: Setting the Standard or Lagging Behind?"

Professor and Associate Dean **RACHEL VAN CLEAVE** published an article titled "Renaissance Redux? Chastity and Punishment in Italian Rape Law" in the fall 2008 *Ohio State Journal of Criminal Law*, a peer-reviewed journal. An article she wrote on the California Constitution was cited in some of the briefs submitted to the California Supreme Court in the case to overturn Proposition 8.

Adjunct Professor **CARRIELYN DONIGAN GUYPON** has published an article titled "The Best Tool for the Job: The US Campaign to Freeze Assets of Proliferators and Their Supporters," in the *Virginia Journal of International Law* (2009) that has been widely covered online, including on the blog *Opinio Juris*.

Adjunct Professor **ROBERT MORRILL**, an advisory board member of the Law School's Intellectual Property Law Center, was profiled in an article titled "Pioneering Patent Litigator Lightens His Load" in the March 27 *LegalPad* blog published by CalLaw.

Adjunct Professor **TIMOTHY ALAN SIMON** of the California Public Utilities Commission was profiled in a May 29 article titled "Timothy Alan Simon: CPUC Commissioner and Advocate for Small, Disadvantaged Business" for the online site Small Business Exchange.

Associate Dean for Law Career Services and Alumni Relations **SUSANNE ARONOWITZ** is widely quoted in an article, "Redefining a Career in Law," in the summer 2009 issue of *San Francisco Attorney* magazine. She was invited to speak on "Polishing Your Professional Persona" at a panel discussion on campus in July sponsored by the Democratic Women's Forum of San Francisco.

Collections Development/Government Documents Librarian **JANET FISCHER** is secretary/treasurer of the Government Documents Special Interest Section of the American Association of Law Libraries for 2009–11.

COURTNEY FITZGIBBONS of Law Career Services has been promoted to director for employer relations and private sector programs. She is the 2009 president of the Bay Area Legal Recruitment Association (BALRA).

JOHN PLUEBELL, assistant director of international student services, is a Trainer Corps Member of the Association of International Educators. He has worked to strengthen the Trainer Corps program and helped produce a website for the association's regional conference. The association gave him a Certificate of Recognition for his contributions.

GABRIELA DE LA VEGA, director of financial aid, was quoted in the Feb. 17 *Recorder* in an article about loan options for bar takers.

Environmental Law & Justice Clinic Receives Award from US EPA

The US Environmental Protection Agency's Pacific Southwest Region (Region 9) awarded the 2009 Environmental Award to the Environmental Law & Justice Clinic (ELJC).

"The Environmental Law & Justice Clinic at Golden Gate University School of Law is an inspiring model of collaborative work with community partners," the EPA noted in a press release. "The clinic combines social justice advocacy, direct service in legal and technical areas, and student education to address environmental problems in low-income communities, communities of color, and those facing language-access barriers [and] has participated in important legal advocacy for underserved communities in areas such as greenhouse gas regulation, renewable energy projects, and the disproportionate and cumulative impacts of air pollution." The clinic was one of 40 recipients selected from more than 200 nominees of this year's awards, which were presented at the EPA Region 9 offices in San Francisco in April.

The clinic had many other reasons to celebrate this spring. Working on behalf of Bayview Hunters Point Community Advocates, the clinic convinced the San Francisco Planning Department to set aside its decision to exempt a 10-million gallon biodiesel facility from environmental review. The plant will be the city's first biodiesel facility. The clinic argued that the decision to exempt the plant from environmental review should not have been made without notice to residents and community organizations in San Francisco's Bayview Hunters Point neighborhood, which is already negatively impacted by environmental toxins.

Under the leadership of Visiting Assistant Professor Deborah Behles, the clinic convinced the Planning Department to evaluate the project to assure that the potential environmental impacts are disclosed and mitigated as required under the California Environmental Quality Act. Student clinicians Seth Mansergh, Stephanie Rexing, Cheryl Tang, Ethan Wimert, Caroline Koch, and Ken Blackwood worked on the case, helping with the investigation, drafting the complaint, and filing the brief that convinced the city to set aside its decision. "This was a multifaceted, difficult case, and we came up against great odds in what we were claiming," notes student clinician Rexing. "But ultimately we were able to bring about an outcome that we feel will be best for the surrounding community and the city as a whole."

"I am so proud of our staff—particularly Deborah Behles—and our students," says Associate Professor Helen Kang, director of the Environmental Law & Justice Clinic. "They investigated and brought the San Francisco Planning Department to the realization that it had made a grave error in approving the biodiesel plant at Pier 92 without looking at what it would do to the neighborhood. Many biodiesel plants have had industrial accidents with highly flammable methanol, and the cities hosting them have routinely reviewed them under environmental review laws. Notably, when the city approved this plant, it did it so quietly that clients wouldn't have



PHOTO BY DAVID SCHMIDT

▲ FROM LEFT, EPA Acting Deputy Regional Administrator Jane Diamond, Interim Dean Alan Ramo, Visiting Assistant Professor Deborah Behles, Environmental Law and Justice Clinic Director Helen Kang with the 2009 Environmental Award, and EPA Acting Regional Administrator Laura Yoshii at the US EPA Region 9 headquarters.

known about it, but for Professor Behles and our students. The city called to tell us that it would initiate environmental review two days after Professor Behles and the students filed the brief."

The clinic received two new grants to support its mission in 2009. The San Francisco Foundation granted \$25,000 to support the clinic in providing legal and environmental science consulting services to Bay Area groups working to reduce pollution in low-income communities (see page 19). In addition, the Richard and Rhoda Goldman Fund has awarded the clinic \$20,000 to support its efforts this year. The clinic also has a multi-year grant from The California Wellness Foundation.

Bay Area Environmental Health Collaborative Receives Grant

The Bay Area Environmental Health Collaborative (BAEHC), a local environmental partnership of five environmental health coalitions representing more than 20 organizations that works to reduce air pollution in heavily impacted communities throughout the San Francisco Bay Area, has received a \$450,000 grant from The Kresge Foundation for 2009-11. The School of Law's Environmental Law & Justice Clinic is a member of the collaborative and houses the collaborative's staff. The clinic's staff scientist provides technical support and policy analysis to the BAEHC, and some of the grant monies will help support the clinic's work with the collaborative.



▲ In the inaugural lecture of the Intellectual Property Law Center, Google's Senior Copyright Counsel William Patry drew a huge audience for his entertaining and provocative presentation on the ever-changing world of copyright law and his perspectives as an industry insider.

Intellectual Property Law Center Brings Noted Speakers to Campus

The Golden Gate Intellectual Property Law Center brought many high-profile IP Law programs and guest lecturers on campus in 2009. In March, the Intellectual Property Law Center sponsored a standing-room-only presentation by William F. Patry, senior copyright counsel at Google, Inc.

In April, the IP Law Center and Townsend and Townsend and Crew LLP hosted the 7th Annual Conference on Recent Developments in IP Law. Speakers from several major law firms, as well as Electronic Arts and CafePress, discussed trends and hot topics in patent, trademark law, and fair use; branding on the Internet; issues in video gaming; and more.

And in May, the center hosted a visiting delegation of foreign judges and prosecutors from over 12 nations in connection with the US Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) US Study Tour on IP rights and enforcement. GGU Law faculty members spoke to this group about trade secret law and rights of publicity in the United States. GGU Law was one of only four law schools in the country selected to host this delegation. This is the third year in a row that the USPTO has selected GGU Law as a site for this distinguished international delegation, which was led by alumnus **Peter Fowler (JD 84)** of the USPTO.



▲ ABOVE, Associate Professor and IP Center Co-Director William Gallagher introduces Andrew Bridges, a partner at Winston & Strawn LLP, at the conference.

▼ BELOW, Justin Beck, a partner at Beck, Ross, Bismonte & Finley LLP gives an update on patent law; also shown is fellow panelist Robert Morrill, a partner at Sidley Austin LLP.



Superior Court Judge Meets With International Students

In December, international students in the Law School's Ambassador Group were invited to meet with San Francisco Superior Court Judge Kevin McCarthy, who gave them an overview of the US criminal justice system. Representing eight countries, the students are enrolled in the Law School's LLM in Taxation, US Legal Studies, and Environmental Law programs and the LLM and SJD in International Law programs.



▲ FROM LEFT are Anne Deysine, codirector of the Paris program, GGU President Dr. Dan Angel, and Nathalie Tillole (JD 91), a staff attorney with the French Senate, at the Luxembourg Palace, where the French Senate is located.

Alumna Hosts Special Program at French Senate in Paris

This summer marked the fourth year of the Law School's Summer Comparative Law Program in Paris, held in partnership with the University of Paris X (Nanterre). All classes are team-taught by a professor from Nanterre and a professor from the US on the Nanterre campus, with guest lectures by French lawyers, public officials, and judges. Students visit at least two of the three French Supreme Courts, the European Commission in Brussels, and major international law firms.

This summer included a special evening reception and dinner at the French Senate, attended by nearly 30 GGU Law alumni, faculty, and students, as well as GGU President Dr. Dan Angel. The event was organized by alumna **Nathalie Tillole (JD 91)**, a staff attorney with the French Senate. Other alumni who attended the dinner included **Carol Mawn (JD 07)**, who had participated in the Paris summer program in its first year.

"The summer program offered me a very important introduction to the world of international law," Mawn says. "Thanks to Professor [and Paris program co-director] Anne Deysine, I returned to Paris following my second year of law school for a summer internship with the Conseil d'Etat, the French Supreme Court for Administrative Law." After graduation and passing the California bar exam, Mawn completed a Masters Program in International Commercial Law with a focus on international arbitration at the University of Paris X and received an internship with one of the top international firms in Paris specializing in international arbitration. "The work was very demanding, but I quickly realized that GGU and Paris X had thoroughly prepared me to hit the ground running," she says.

Pauline Abadie (LLM 03), who received her LLM in Environmental Law and is now a PhD candidate and assistant law professor in France, also attended the Paris program as a GGU student. "I am particularly grateful to GGU for having initiated in me what have become my two greatest passions: researching and teaching," she says. "I discovered the pleasure of research work while writing an LLM paper on environmental justice, which I later had the chance to transform into a published article in the prestigious *Golden Gate University Environmental Law Journal*." Back in her native country, Abadie continues to work on environmental justice issues and remain associated with the Law School's Paris summer program. Also present at the dinner was **Elisabeth De Carvalho (LLM 08)**, who received her LLM in US Legal Studies and is preparing for the French bar exam.



▲ Former Baxter Fellow Catherine Wollard (JD 08) presents a plaque to Judge Lee Baxter (JD 74, LLD 08) at a special dinner in her honor for the Baxter Fellowship in Litigation.

Law School Hosts Dinner Celebrating Baxter Fellowship in Litigation Program

Students, faculty, and alumni gathered at a San Francisco restaurant in December to celebrate the Baxter Fellowship in Litigation and honor its original benefactor, Law School alumna and University Trustee **Lee Baxter (JD 74, LLD 08)**, retired judge of the San Francisco Superior Court. The program began in the 1980s when Judge Baxter presented a generous gift to enhance the Law School's litigation program.

Baxter Fellows are recent graduates of the Law School who spend a semester conducting graduate-level work, by teaching in the Mock Trial and Trial Advocacy classes, mentoring students, coaching mock trial competition teams, and conducting independent research. Fellows also obtain invaluable networking opportunities at several one-on-one dinners held throughout the semester with distinguished trial lawyers in the San Francisco Bay Area.

At the December dinner, former Fellows shared with Judge Baxter how the Fellowship had helped them in their careers at a variety of government agencies and private firms, including the San Francisco Public Defender's Office and private civil litigation firms. "What makes this Fellowship different from many others is you get to give back to the litigation program where you as a student got your training," says former Baxter Fellow **Catherine Wollard (JD 08)**, who works for the San Bernardino County (Calif.) Public Defender's Office.



▲ FROM LEFT are students Elijah Keyes, Jim Betinol, Tracilyn Tasch, and Michelle Bethge in Portland for the Jessup Competition.

Law Student Competitions Roundup

Golden Gate participated in several mock trial and moot court competitions this winter and spring. They include the Jessup Moot Court Competition in Portland, Oregon; the State Bar of California Environmental Negotiations Competition held at GGU (the Law School tied for 9th place with Pepperdine); the Roger J. Traynor California Appellate Moot Court Competition in San Francisco, with student Jon Golinger receiving an award for Individual Achievement in Oral Argument; the American Association for Justice Competition in Santa Monica, with GGU receiving the Silver Medal for second place, and student Samuel Luzadas chosen as best advocate in the overall competition; the National Mock Trial Competition, Western Regional Division in San Francisco, where GGU made the semifinals round; and the Law School's own Appellate Advocacy Competition.



▲ Attorney Suzan Canli, left, and Holly Fujie, president of the State Bar of California, were some of the panelists at a careers panel sponsored by the Women's Law Association.



▲ Law Review Editors Attend National Conference

At the 2009 National Conference of Law Reviews in Baton Rouge, La., in March *Golden Gate University Law Review* members met CNN Legal Commentator Jeffrey Toobin. From left are *Law Review* Editor-In-Chief Jon Golinger (JD 10), Jeffrey Toobin, Susan Dautel (JD 10), 2009-10 editor-in-chief of the *Golden Gate University Environmental Law Journal*, and Seth Mansergh (JD 10), 2009-10 *Law Review* lead articles editor.



Golden Gate Law Well Represented At Civil Rights Luncheon

More than a dozen Golden Gate Law School students, faculty and staff attended the 22nd Annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Luncheon sponsored by the Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights of the San Francisco Bay Area in February. Honorees included noted immigration lawyer and GGU alumnus **Marc Van Der Hout** (JD 77), who received the Robert G. Sproul, Jr. Award for his pro bono work. Renowned personal injury attorney **William Audet** (JD 84), of Audet & Partners LLP generously sponsored a table for the Law School. At the table above were, from left, students (not all visible) Damien Jovel, Rachael Welden-Smith, Ariel Ungerleider, Carlo Velardi, Ed Harris, Jody Santiago, Assistant Director for Public Interest Programs Elana Kostant, Karina Alvarez, Katie Kolan, and Zachary Hedling.



Law School Hosts On-Campus Programs Addressing Historic Proposition 8 Decisions

Students at the Law School enjoyed rare opportunities to witness the historic developments this spring concerning Proposition 8, which banned same-sex marriage in California, and attempts to overturn the ballot measure.

In February, prior to oral arguments at the California Supreme Court, the attorneys who argued the case rehearsed their arguments on campus before professors and real judges as part of the Moot Court for Practicing Lawyers. The auditorium was standing-room-only as San Francisco Deputy City Attorney Therese Stewart made her case to overturn the proposition (along with attorney Ray Marshall) to the judges' panel, which included former California Supreme Court Justice Joseph Grodin, attorneys Jerry Falk and Jon Eisenberg, and GGU Law Professor and Associate Dean Rachel Van Cleave. On March 5, students watched a simulcast of the Supreme Court hearing in a Law School classroom; that afternoon, professors Eric Christiansen and Rachel Van Cleave led a teach-in on campus on the significance and implications of the morning's hearing.

ABOVE, San Francisco Deputy City Attorney Therese Stewart argues her case in the Moot Court. BELOW, professors Eric Christiansen and Rachel Van Cleave lead a teach-in on the Supreme Court's hearing on Proposition 8.



▲ Faculty Thank Interim Dean Alan Ramo

In May, the Law School faculty gathered to thank Alan Ramo for his year of service as interim dean. University President Dr. Dan Angel presented Ramo with a plaque of appreciation, and Professor and Associate Dean Kimberly Stanley gave him a humorous sendoff.



Noted Alumni Cynthia McGuinn and Lawrence Kern Discuss Courtroom Professionalism with Students

Hon. Robert D. McGuiness of the Alameda County Superior Court; noted personal injury attorney **Cynthia McGuinn** (JD 81), then with the Veen Firm (she has since become a name partner at Rouda, Feder, Tietjen & McGuinn); and **Lawrence E. Kern** (JD 69), founding partner of Kern, Noda, Devine & Segal, spoke to students at a panel sponsored by the American Board of Trial Advocates titled "Civility Matters!" The program addressed professionalism in the courtroom and included a professionally produced video on courtroom dos and don'ts. Judge McGuiness praised the Golden Gate graduates he's worked with and noted, "Golden Gate does a great job of training lawyers."

▼ In January, Professor and Externships Program Director Susan Rutberg (JD 75) spoke at an Extern Supervisor Appreciation Reception held at UC Hastings College of the Law.





▲ ABOVE FROM LEFT, attendees at the Women's International Conference included Ekeoma Igboegwu, Charleen Weah-Weah, Tigist Gebreamelak, Andree Livingston (GGU MBA 09) and Annette Bizzell.

"Women Go On!"

In February, the Sompong Sucharitkul Center for Advanced International Legal Studies hosted a historic conference, "Women as Instruments of Change for the Bridging of Gaps in Peace, Security, and Development Strategies in Africa." The event was convened by the Law School, Nigerian Ministry of Justice, and Agency for African Families in Distress. Speakers included several African nation First Ladies; representatives of attorneys general, ministers of justice, a human rights commissioner, and drug law enforcement agency director; directors general of two Nigerian law schools; and other prominent officials. Topics included violence against women, the role of mental health services in addressing victims of violence and war, and the launching of the Women Mobilization Campaign "Women Go On!"

▼ BELOW FROM LEFT, at the Women's Conference Luncheon are Her Excellency Dr. Esohe Enobahhane-Mark, wife of Nigerian Senate President Dr. David Mark; Her Excellency Mrs. Obioma Liyel Imoke, First Lady of the Cross River State of Nigeria, representing Her Excellency Hajia Turai Yar'Adua, First Lady of the Federal Republic of Nigeria and President, African First Ladies Peace Mission; Mrs. Tina Okeke; and Mrs. Vivienne Eze, Hon. Commissioner for Gender Affairs, Enugu State, representing Her Excellency Mrs. Chibuzor Clara Chime, First Lady of Enugu State, Nigeria.



▲ At the Fulbright Symposium are, from left, Professor Emeritus Sompong Sucharitkul, Interim Dean Alan Ramo, Professor Chris Okeke, and GGU President Dr. Dan Angel.

Fulbright Symposium Brings Dignitaries from Many Nations

Sompong Sucharitkul, distinguished professor emeritus of international and comparative law and dean of faculty at Rangsit University in Bangkok, returned to campus in April to present the keynote address at the 19th Annual Fulbright Symposium. The symposium, with the theme "International Law as Law," included presentations by five visiting Fulbright scholars and consuls general from Egypt, Israel, Peru, Columbia, Bulgaria, Poland, Malta, and the Philippines and was attended by 70 international law students and faculty. At the symposium, Associate Professor Chris Okeke, director of the LLM and SJD International Legal Studies Programs and of the Sompong Sucharitkul Center for Advanced International Legal Studies and organizer of the Fulbright Symposium, received a commendation from US Senator Dianne Feinstein (see page 6).

▼ FROM LEFT, Wilfredo Santos, Philippines Deputy Consul General, with Peruvian Ambassador Nicolas Rongcagliolo at the Fulbright Symposium.



A POSITION OF STRENGTH

With Drucilla Stender Ramey as Dean, the School of Law Stands Poised to Gain Prominence and Further Its Mission

By Jill Goetz

If the barrage of congratulatory calls and emails the School of Law received from judges, attorneys, and bar association directors nationwide upon learning that Drucilla Stender Ramey had been appointed its next dean is any indication, Golden Gate is on a fast track for achieving greater prominence as an institution and greater professional opportunities for its students and alumni.

To say Ramey is known to the San Francisco legal community is an understatement. She was executive director and general counsel of the Bar Association of San Francisco (BASF) for 17 years before moving to New York City in 2002 with her husband, attorney Marvin Stender, to be closer to her daughter and parents—and “for the sheer adventure.”

At her BASF send-off party at the Fairmont Hotel, the 1,000-plus guests included US District Court Judge Thelton Henderson, former California Supreme Court Justice Joseph Grodin, Morrison & Foerster Senior Partner James Brosnahan, and then-Mayor Willie Brown. In the special edition of BASF’s *San Francisco Attorney* magazine dedicated to “Dru,” Editor-in-Chief James Hargarten wrote that when BASF hired her, it “could not have dared imagine the extent of Dru’s future accomplishments. What [it] did know was that Dru was a woman who would make a difference and take the Bar Association of San Francisco to a new level.”

Now, many believe she will do the same for Golden Gate University School of Law—an institution Ramey believes is “poised for greatness.”

“Absolutely Nothing We Cannot Do”

Immediately before coming to Golden Gate, Ramey was executive director of the National Association of Women Judges (NAWJ). There, as at BASF, she dramatically enhanced the organization’s prominence, membership, public service programs, and financial resources. But the lure of San Francisco never faded. When she learned of a deanship opening at Golden Gate, where she had been a tenured member of the faculty before leading BASF, she saw it as an ideal opportunity to apply her leadership and networking skills to take the Law School—whose goal of broadening access to legal education is so closely aligned with her own—to greater heights.

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DEAN DRUCILLA STENDER RAMEY

“Dru Ramey has been one of the great contributors to the legal community in Northern California and throughout the country for years. She will take what has already been accomplished at Golden Gate Law School and elevate it to a new level that will benefit the students, faculty, and alumni.”

— James J. Brosnahan, Senior Partner,
Morrison & Foerster



Ramey at the Bay Area Legal Recruitment Association's "Diverse Paths" program at GGU in July.

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"I am thrilled to be returning to Golden Gate University School of Law, an institution whose students, faculty administration, and staff are deeply committed, as I am, to educational excellence, public service, and a fair, accessible system of justice," Ramey says.

Ramey, who received her BA from Harvard University and her JD from Yale Law School, inherited her passion for justice and equality from her parents, she says. Her father, a lawyer and executive director of the Joint Congressional Committee on Atomic Energy and later an Atomic Energy Commissioner appointed by presidents Kennedy and Johnson, had grown up in the segregated South and often spoke out against discrimination. Her mother was a medical school professor of physiology and biophysics at the University of Chicago and Georgetown University.

"He was a Southern Baptist from Kentucky; she was an impoverished Jewish woman from New York," Ramey says. "When they met in a New York City boardinghouse while attending Columbia University, they were quite the odd couple." Ramey credits her mother, a national feminist speaker and founder of the Association for Women in Science (whose 2006 memorial service included tributes from US Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg and Gloria Steinem), for instilling in her the conviction that "as women there is absolutely nothing we cannot do."

At Yale, Ramey was involved with the civil rights and women's movements and pursued her goal of becoming a civil rights lawyer, working for Ralph Nader, East Harlem Legal Aid, the ACLU, and other organizations. She was offered a job at the Washington, DC, Public Defender's Office upon graduating. "I was all set to move to Washington," she recalls. "But I had one of those epiphanies: I needed to bolt from my family and strike out on my own."

West to San Francisco

Ramey chose the San Francisco Bay Area. "There was a public interest law firm in the Bay Area known to hire women, Treuhaft, Walker & Burnstein," she says. "Hillary Rodham, a friend and classmate of mine from Yale, had worked there the previous summer. On a tip from Hillary, I got a job as an associate."

To better apply her litigation skills on behalf of underserved members of the community, Ramey subsequently joined the Mexican American Legal Defense and Educational Fund as staff counsel, handling trial and appellate impact litigation focusing on school desegregation and employment discrimination. "It was there," she says, "that I really witnessed first-hand how minorities and people without financial resources were being denied access to legal services."

Increasing access to the justice system became her mission, both in litigation and later as a professor at Golden Gate, before taking the helm of the Bar Association of San Francisco. At BASF she implemented and augmented a number of groundbreaking programs that remain influential to this day. They include the Voluntary Legal Services Program, still the Bay Area's largest provider of pro bono legal services. Under her leadership, the BASF also launched its Minority Goals and Timetables Program, which set goals to increase minority hiring and retention in the San Francisco legal community and reached its 25% minority associates goal, though Ramey readily admits the results fell short of—and continue to elude—the goal set for minority representation among partners.

Ramey is widely credited with transforming BASF into one of the country's most powerful and diverse bar associations, due in no small part to her fund-raising acumen. She oversaw a fivefold increase in BASF's budget and staff and created a \$4 million foundation. She also co-founded, with then-Wells Fargo General Counsel Guy Rounsaville, Jr., the California Minority Counsel Program, the first and largest statewide collaboration among corporations, minority and majority law firms, and bar associations to expand opportunities for minority lawyers.

It is for efforts like these that *San Francisco Chronicle* reporter Harriet Chiang has written that Ramey is "one of San Francisco's most tireless advocates in promoting diversity at law firms." The scores of honors for her advocacy have included the American Bar Association Margaret Brent Women Lawyers of Achievement Award, National Bar Association Wiley Branton Award, American Jewish Committee Judge Learned Hand Award, and California Women Lawyers Fay Stender Award.



Ramey with then-First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton at the White House. Clinton, a friend and former classmate at Yale, helped Ramey get her first job out of law school.

Raising the Bar in Tough Times

Ramey's fund-raising and networking skills should greatly benefit GGU law students in their quest for employment during and after graduation. Her connections run deep, not only in government, public interest, and judicial organizations, but with prestigious corporate law firms nationwide. At NAWJ she enlisted substantial financial and other resources from over 30 national law firms in a new Landmark Sponsor Program and launched a series of major regional conferences. Such experience puts her in a strong position to advocate for the Law School and to encourage employers throughout the legal and business communities to hire GGU's students and graduates.

"I believe that increasing employment opportunities for students and alumni is one of the most important ways to build upon this school's reputation and legacy," Ramey says. "Golden Gate has always been characterized by 'nontraditional' students, working people who attended law school at night or might otherwise have been denied a legal education. I know many alumni are grateful for the opportunities GGU gave them, and I hope to tap into that allegiance and partner with them in raising funds for scholarships and other initiatives to ensure we remain widely accessible, even during these tough economic times."

She continues, "It will take all of us working together to find new ways to attract and retain the best and most diverse students and help them secure prestigious internships, judicial clerkships, and positions at well-regarded corporate and public interest firms and governmental and corporate law offices. Not only will this enhance our students' and graduates' career prospects, it will enhance the visibility and reputation of the Law School as a whole."

"I consider **Dru's academic, executive, and fund-raising credentials** to be **EXCEPTIONAL**, as well as her commitment to the improvement of access to justice. I believe Golden Gate University, as well as the entire San Francisco legal community, is most fortunate to have her back in California."

— Hon. Ronald M. George, Chief Justice, Supreme Court of California



Ramey recently served as MC at the 30th anniversary dinner of the Immigrant Legal Resource Center, where she is shown with the center's founder, Bill Hing.

Photo courtesy of the ILRC

New Directions

Under Ramey's leadership, the School of Law is initiating several new programs. On October 20 it will present the inaugural Chief Justice Ronald M. George Distinguished Lecture, featuring an on-campus address by California Supreme Court Chief Justice Ronald George. The Law School is also starting a new Poverty Law Conference, to take place in the spring, and has plans for a new Poverty Law Center to enhance scholarship in this area. Ramey also hopes to capitalize on the Law School's pioneering history by spearheading a new Center on Diversity that would address continuing barriers to equal access in the legal profession and judiciary. She is also exploring the possibility of a new joint MBA-LLM program to draw on the strengths of all the schools in the university.

Ramey says she is excited and honored to be building upon the Law School's success and taking it in new directions. "When I met with GGU law students this spring, I was so impressed with their excellent questions," she says. "They were clearly excited by the school's programs, such as the Honors Lawyering Program, Law and Leadership Program, Environmental Law and Justice Clinic, Pro Bono Tax Clinic, and Intellectual Property Law Center. They were genuinely engaged in the life of the Law School and committed to doing whatever they could to increase its caché."

She adds, "When I was at the National Association of Women Judges, I was amazed how often I would run into alumnae from this Law School. We need to find more of our people, across the country and the globe, and re-engage them with this institution."

CAREER RESOURCES FOR ALUMNI:

GGU's Law Career Services has launched several initiatives to guide alumni in enhancing their professional profiles.

LCSonline: Provides access to all the job listings and materials available from the Law Career Services job database. To obtain a user name and password, email lawcareer@ggu.edu.

Onward + Upward: Available to recent graduates, this e-newsletter offers strategies for effective networking, job leads, and announcements about free or low-cost networking activities. To sign up for the e-newsletter, email lawcareer@ggu.edu.

Blog: The LCS blog at www.ggulcs.blogspot.com provides regularly updated information about the legal economy, offers tips for professional development, and links to a variety of bar and professional organizations.

Career Counseling: LCS offers individual counseling sessions for alumni in person, by phone or email. To make an appointment with a counselor, please call 415-442-6625.

Networking Opportunities: Each year LCS hosts a number of student and attorney mixers, as well as an annual Meet the Bar Associations event, to facilitate alumni access to professional organizations.

GGU's AlumniConnect: GGU has recently developed an online alumni database at www.ggu.edu/alumni. Register now to take advantage of this great networking tool!

"IN LIGHT OF THE ECONOMY . . ."

It is impossible to have a conversation today and escape the phrase "in light of the economy." The current status of the market has everyone reconsidering the impact of the economy on the legal sector and how students, recent graduates, and experienced attorneys should re-orient their approach to finding stable and meaningful work.

In a stronger market, candidates spent the majority of their time perusing job listings and crafting the perfect documents in response to an opening. While this process was not always the most effective way to cultivate a professional opportunity, in many cases, it got the job done.

In today's market, this reactive approach simply will not work. As the volume of applications expands, it is harder for candidates to catch an employer's eye. Indeed, most employers are simply unprepared to handle the sheer volume of applications they receive, and many have stopped posting their opportunities on job listing boards altogether. Instead, they are relying on their relationships to lead them to candidates. Why hire a stranger when you can hire someone who comes recommended by a trusted colleague or is an attorney whose reputation for excellence is known to you by her work in your professional community?

Fortunately, GGU law students and alumni are well-positioned to be proactive and succeed in this job search climate. GGU Law Career Services (LCS) prepares job seekers to be focused, creative and entrepreneurial in their efforts. LCS continually monitors all the latest industry and market changes to provide the most effective and efficient resources for GGU students and alumni. LCS helps students and alumni tailor their job search to ensure that their efforts are rewarded with a fulfilling and suitable position.

"Working with the GGU LCS Office

made my job hunt a lot **less stressful**. I received **individualized assistance** from staff members who remembered what I was looking for and were able to keep me in mind **when opportunities came up that were well-matched to my interests**. I was given focused attention, instead of feeling like **just another face in the crowd of job seekers.**"

— Devon King (JD 07), Benefits Advisor,
US Department of Labor



JOHANNA LABRANCH

ALUMNI IN ACTION

As she approached her graduation date, Johanna LaBranch (JD 09) was concerned about the impact of the economy on her job prospects. She knew she wanted to be a public defender, but with state agencies cutting their budgets, she was concerned about how to direct her job search. Professor Susan Rutberg (JD 75) suggested that LaBranch contact a few alumni in the field, including Ed Sidawi (JD 04),

who worked with the alternate public defender in Santa Cruz.

When LaBranch contacted Sidawi to seek an informational meeting, he suggested she come down and shadow him for the day. That first meeting led to an unpaid internship in Sidawi's office during LaBranch's spring break. She impressed Sidawi's team so much that they decided to hire her as a graduate law clerk in the fall while she awaits her bar results. What began as a casual request for information led to the creation of a job opportunity.

TO OUR ALUMNI

Students and alumni have found that one of the most productive strategies for their job search has been cultivating connections with other GGU graduates through informational interviews. Informational interviews can help job seekers gain knowledge about particular practice areas, tips on how to develop their skill set, and advice on how to present themselves effectively. The time commitment is minimal.

To help members of the GGU community find each other, we are launching a Career Network to identify alumni who are willing to share their time and advice with other members of the GGU community. By making yourself available, either by speaking on campus or by meeting with a student one-on-one, you can have a substantial impact on the professional development of another member of the GGU community.

Simply log on to GGU AlumniConnect (www.ggu.edu/alumni), register for the alumni directory, and indicate in your profile how you are willing to make yourself available.

Just as you received valuable guidance and encouragement when you were embarking on your legal career, please consider "paying it forward," by sharing your advice with another member of the Golden Gate Law community. Later this year, we will be seeking your participation in the Career Network. In light of the economy, our graduates need each other more than ever.

HOW TO GET INVOLVED WITH LCS:

Listing Jobs on LCSONline: If you have an opening for an intern or attorney position, please contact lawcareer@ggu.edu, or go to the Employer Access section of the GGU website (www.ggu.edu/law/career).

GGU AlumniConnect: Register, or update your profile if you've already signed up, so that students and other alumni know how to contact you.

Mock Interview Program: If you have any interest in helping students prepare for interviews, please email lawcareer@ggu.edu to volunteer.

Come to Campus: GGU would love to have you participate in panels, mixers, brown bag lunches, and other events throughout the school year. Please contact LCS for more information.

PILF Auction: Every March GGU's Public Interest Law Foundation hosts an auction to raise money for students pursuing public interest summer jobs. LCS would love to see you there! If you want to donate any items or funds, please contact Elana Konstant at ekonstant@ggu.edu.

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DESIGNED *for Achievement*

Renovated Law Library Receives High Marks



Since the School of Law opened its renovated and expanded Law Library in the main building in fall 2008, students have been flocking to it—and passers-by have been complimenting this highly visible and attractive new space facing Mission Street.

The Law Library now can be entered through the main floor of the University building at 536 Mission Street and includes three floors to better accommodate students and other visitors, faculty, and staff. The library features bright, modern lighting; a doubling of seating capacity to over 400 seats, including a large and open reading room with more than 100 seats; enhanced access to print and electronic materials and information; significantly expanded shelving capacity; and attractive new furniture and carpeting in many areas.

“Our students love the new library and the comfortable, airy and inviting space it provides for them,” says Law Library Director and Associate Dean Michael Daw. “In addition to the large modern reading room on the first floor, they are also taking advantage of our seven group study rooms and two computer labs.”

The Law Library renovation was made possible in large part through generous donations of alumni and friends of the Law School and University and was celebrated this spring at the University’s celebration of the successful completion of the *Centennial Campaign for GGU*.

“The newly opened Law Library has been the most visible of the many exciting developments here at Golden Gate University Law School,” says Library Assistant Director **Mohamed Nasralla (JD 87, LLM 03)**. “The Law Library, as well as our students, are grateful to our dedicated community of alumni and friends for their generous gifts that made the library expansion possible. This expansion would not have been

accomplished without their engaged support. To our alumni and friends who have not seen the new library yet, we invite you to come by and check your library out.”

While access is generally restricted to Golden Gate Law students with a GGU ID card, as a federal depository library, it is also open to members of the public to review government documents. Golden Gate Law alumni enjoy special discounts on membership fees. For more information about access and services, visit www.ggu.edu/lawlibrary.





GGU Caps Success of *The Centennial Campaign for GGU* With Unveiling of the Centennial Wall

In March, the University celebrated the successful completion of *The Centennial Campaign for GGU* with a celebration and unveiling of the new Centennial Wall in the lobby of the University's main building at 536 Mission Street. The Centennial Wall lists all of those individuals, foundations, and corporations who have made contribution of more than \$100,000 since the university's founding through the end of the campaign on Dec. 31, 2008. In the end, \$38 million was raised—\$3 million over the university's original goal!

More than 200 members of the GGU community and friends came to celebrate and tour the enhanced facilities they helped make possible, including the renovated Law Library (see opposite page) and new University Student Services Center on Jessie Street. Attendees included **GGU Trustee Mark Burton Jr. (JD 95)**, shown above addressing the crowd at the unveiling; and, in bottom photos, from left, **Kathryn E. Ringgold (JD 70)** viewing the Centennial Wall; **GGU Trustee Hon. Lee D. Baxter (JD 74, LLD 08)**, unveiling the sign for the new Dan and Irene Riley Conference Room in the Student Services Building; and, from left, the As You Sow Foundation's Larry Fahn, Holly Harbour, and **Karalyn Buchner (JD 08)** with Interim Dean Alan Ramo.

SAN FRANCISCO FOUNDATION AWARDS GRANT TO ENVIRONMENTAL LAW & JUSTICE CLINIC

The success of *The Centennial Campaign for GGU* was made possible in part by the generous contributions of corporations and foundations. The San Francisco Foundation, established in 1948 and today one of the nation's leading community foundations, has been a contributor to the Environmental Law & Justice Clinic in recent years. It awarded \$25,000 to support the clinic's work in 2009 providing free legal and environmental science consulting services to Bay Area groups working to reduce pollution in low-income communities.





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▲ ABOVE are attendees from the Class of 1979 with some of their former professors. Front row, from left, are Michael Ryan, Gary Silber, Professor Myron Moskovitz, Janet Mangini, David Cooper, and Michael McGuire. In second row are Shelley Gordon, Ruth Ratzlaff, David Rubinoff, Ronald Schwartz, Hon. Stephen S. Siegel, Ellen Singer, Steven Baker, and George Murphy. In back are Professor Robert Calhoun, Stuart McKenzie, Steven MacDonald, Michael Fenger, Jamie Elmer, and Wayne Snow.

► FROM LEFT are Richard A. Dannells and Harold Messner from the Class of 1964.





◀ **FAR LEFT** are Hon. Stephen S. Siegel (JD 79), a Santa Cruz (Calif.) County commissioner, and Professor Bernard Segal. The pair worked together on the infamous Jeffrey MacDonald murder trial when Professor Segal was MacDonald's attorney. "I came to Reunion because of Bernie," Siegel says.

IMMEDIATE LEFT are Michael Schindler and Carolyn Julian-Macias from the Class of 1989.

MIDDLE LEFT are Sharon Lubarsky, Alex Lubarsky (JD 94), and James McCormick (JD 94).

LOWER LEFT, Professor Bernie Segal updates the crowd on the Law School's litigation program.



▲ **ABOVE**, Class of 1984 alumnae Thomasina Woida, Hon. Carol King, Ann Casper, Laurie Hansen, and Joan Edelsohn.

At the School of Law 2009 Reunion at San Francisco's historic Palace Hotel in April, alumni and guests mingled with faculty, deans, and trustees to reminisce and celebrate a historic year for the Law School and University. Reunion 2009 celebrated the classes of 2004, 1999, 1994, 1989, 1984, 1979 (the class with the most attendees), 1974, 1969, and alums from earlier classes, such as **Richard A. Dannels** and **Harold Messner** of the Class of 1964. Traveling long distances were **Laurie Hanson** (JD 84) of Minneapolis, **Roxanne Eddins** (JD 84) of Fort Collins, Colo., **Ellen Singer** (JD 79) of Eugene, Ore., and **Richard Kestenbaum** (JD 84) of Westport, Conn.

Attendees included several current and former members of the bench, including Hon. **Stephen S. Siegel** (JD 79), commissioner with the Santa Cruz County (Calif.) Superior Court; Hon. **Carol King** (JD 84), Executive Office for Immigration Review; Administrative Law Judge **Ruth Astle** (JD 74, SJD 08); and retired San Francisco Superior Court Judge and GGU Trustee **Lee D. Baxter** (JD 74, LLD 08). Practitioners included leading attorneys in the fields of entertainment and IP law; tax law; and family law, among other areas.

For some alumni, Reunion 2009 marked the first time they'd seen former classmates in 20 years, such as **Michael Schindler** (JD 89), vice president of tax planning and strategy with Kimco Realty Corporation in New York, and **Carolyn Julian-Macias** (JD 89) of Phoenix. Their reunion was touched with sadness over the late **Craig Singer** (JD 89), a Fresno County (Calif.) deputy public defender who died in November 2008. Alumni in attendance included **James McCormick** (JD 94) and **Tracy McCormick** (JD 94), who had recently celebrated their fifth wedding anniversary.

▼ **BELOW**, The Class of 1999. Front row, from left: John Judge, Liz Cohee, Elizabeth Little, Marion Peleo, Lisa Klapal, and Jesshill Love. Back row: Stephen Bachmann, Thomas Quinn, Vladislav Viltman, Lisa Rickenbacher, Suzanne Fischer, and Lisa Espada.





HER MOST REWARDING WORK

MORGAN CHRISTEN (JD 86) REFLECTS ON HER APPOINTMENT TO THE ALASKA SUPREME COURT

By Jill Goetz

When Hon. Morgan Christen (JD 86) was appointed justice to the Alaska Supreme Court in March 2009, she became only the second woman to serve on the state's highest court. The appointment follows a distinguished career in private practice and public service in Alaska, which the Washington State native has proudly called home for nearly 25 years. She credits GGU School of Law's faculty and alumni for support and inspiration, particularly former Professor and Dean Judith McKelvey, former Professor (and now-Dean) Drucilla Ramey, and GGU alumna Hon. Elaine M. Andrews (JD 76), retired presiding judge of the Alaska Superior Court.

While attending law school, Christen, who was president of the Student Bar Association, obtained an internship with the Anchorage Municipal Prosecutor's Office through GGU's clinical program. "I was in court every day and tried my first jury trials," she says. "GGU has a wonderful clinical program, and I remain grateful to the Law School for giving me the opportunity to gain academic credit for invaluable courtroom experience."

The internship led to a trial court clerkship, also in Anchorage. Christen then joined the Anchorage office of Preston Gates & Ellis LLP, where she stayed for over 14 years. She became partner after five years and specialized in complex litigation. Her diverse practice included representing the state of Alaska in the Exxon Valdez oil spill litigation and defending physicians at a major academic hospital against federal False Claims Act charges. Her skills earned her an AV Rating from Martindale-Hubbell.

Christen was appointed as judge to the Alaska Superior Court in 2001 and as presiding judge in 2005 of the Third Judicial District, which handles nearly 70% of the state's caseload. "I never wanted to be a full-time administrator, so I kept a reduced caseload while I was presiding judge," she says. "It made for a very busy life, but I loved it." As presiding judge, one of her responsibilities was overseeing construction projects—which included floating a new courthouse 800 miles to the island city of Unalaska on the Aleutian Chain.

That is but one of many illustrations Christen provides of the unusual nature of serving on the Alaska bench. She notes that

Alaska judges are not elected. A panel of three lawyers and three members of the public nominate applicants, after interviewing them and polling the bar and public on their qualifications. Final appointments are made by the governor. "We are very proud of our merit selection system," she says.

The Alaska Supreme Court serves as the ultimate court of appeals for the state. The chief justice and four associate justices hear oral arguments in Anchorage and meet, less frequently, in Fairbanks and Juneau. "We have very specific rules about how we discuss cases," Christen says. "Because the justices live in different cities, we do not discuss cases unless we are all together. Between law conferences, we exchange drafts and communicate using our printers, never by phone or email. I know one of my colleagues is 'talking' to me about a case when I hear the printer turn on."

WATCHING THE WHALES GO BY

One of the greatest—and, for Christen, one of the most rewarding—distinctions of working in Alaska lies in its spectacular setting.

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CORRECTION: 2008 NORTHERN CALIFORNIA "SUPER LAWYERS"

The list of 2008 Northern California Super Lawyers in the fall/winter 2008 issue of *Golden Gate Lawyer* inadvertently omitted the names of several alumni. Also selected by their peers were **Duncan Barr (JD 70)**, **Jeremy Blank (JD 94)**, **Thomas Borst (JD 88)**, **Patrick Coughlin (JD 83, LLD 09)**, **Cecily Dumas (JD 83)**, **Ronald Foreman (JD 74)**, **Barry Gorelick (JD 85)**, **Joan Herrington (JD 95)**, **Antoinette Mills (JD 82)**, **Thomas Norton (JD 86)**, **Lee Pearce (JD 75)**, **Jonathan Siegel (JD 77)**, **Alan Silver (JD 77)**, **Lynne Stephenson (JD 80)**, and **Andrew Wiegel (JD 77)**. We sincerely regret the omissions. — *Editor*



JP Harbour (LLM Tax 04), owner of Law Office of JP Harbour in San Francisco, is president of the Golden Gate University Alumni Association for 2009-10. Prior to opening his firm, which represents individuals and businesses at various stages of

business enterprise—including formation and incorporation; tax planning; negotiation and drafting of contracts; and restructuring and growing businesses—he was of counsel at the Atashi Rang Law firm (owned by former classmate **Amir Atashi Rang LLM 04**); a real estate broker at Keller Williams Realty; and an associate at Nixon Peabody LLP.

Harbour was instrumental in organizing a local chapter of the Young Tax Lawyers Association and continues to help host their meetings at GGU. He has been a member of the GGU Alumni Association Board since 2005 and served as its 2006-08 vice president.

"My experiences at GGU as a focused student and active alumnus have been tremendously valuable to my career, both academically and personally," Harbour says. "Without a doubt, many of the people I've met through the GGU community continue to play an instrumental role in the development of my professional career, and these relationships have proved to be just as valuable, if not more so, than the substantive lessons learned in the classroom—which were, of course, excellent! I encourage all students and alumni not to let your GGU experience end with your degree." JP Harbour may be reached at legalharbour@gmail.com.

John M. Filippi (JD 43) and Elna, his wife of 68 years, are living in a retirement complex in Modesto, Calif.

Lynn S. Carman (JD 59) won a decision in September 2008 that allows Medicaid recipients to sue to enforce the Medicaid Act under the supremacy clause.

Alan Yengoyan (JD 69) is the deputy district attorney for the Consumer Protection Division of the Fresno County (Calif.) District Attorney's Office.

Hon. Ruth Astle (JD 74, SJD 08) received a Senior Fulbright Grant to teach in Ukraine this fall. She made a presentation at the 2009 Annual Fulbright Symposium on International Legal Problems at the Law School in April.

Hon. Lee D. Baxter (JD 74, LLD 08) presided over the Swearing-In Ceremony for bar passers at the School of Law's Swearing-In Ceremony in December 2008. The Law School held a dinner in her honor for the Baxter Fellows Program in Litigation (see page 9).

Margaret Gannon (JD 75), an attorney in Oakland, Calif., participated in the Law School's "Meet the Bar Associations" program this spring for the second consecutive year. She was the first woman editor-in-chief of *Golden Gate University Law Review*.

David M. Vogelstein (JD 75) coaches a team of students at Tamalpais High School in Mill

Valley, Calif. The team won the California Mock Trial tournament in March 2009.

Hon. Sandra M. Snyder (JD 76) has been reappointed a US magistrate judge for California's Eastern District.

Hon. Alan Jaroslovsky (JD 77), US Bankruptcy judge, US Bankruptcy Court, Northern District of California, presided over the School of Law's Swearing-In Ceremony for bar passers in June 2009. His longtime law clerk is **Barbara H. Bard (JD 85)**. Also presiding at the Swearing-In Ceremony was San Francisco Superior Court Judge **Loretta Giorgi (JD 85)** (See photo below.)

Lucy B. Robins (JD 77) is the director of clinical research contracts in the Office of Research and Development at the University of Maryland in Baltimore.

Marc Van Der Hout (JD 77) received the Robert G. Sproul, Jr. Award for his pro bono work from the Lawyer's Committee for Civil Rights of the San Francisco Bay Area at its annual luncheon held in February.

Charles "Chip" Conradi (JD 78, MBA 81), vice president and treasurer of the Clorox Company and a GGU trustee, spoke to students at the Law School's Dean's Breakfast earlier this year.

Gary Goldstein (JD 78) has been appointed to the external board of advisors for SafeGuard Guaranty Corporation.

David E. Roberson (JD 78) serves on the board of directors of International Game Technology.



Marc Van Der Hout (right) receives Sproul Award from Robert Rubin of the Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights.



LEFT: In June, judges and alumni Loretta Giorgi (JD 85) and Alan Jaroslovsky (JD 77), front row at right, presided over the Swearing-In Ceremony for bar passers, onstage, of the California bar exam.

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Karen L. Hawkins (JD 79, MBA 81) is director of the Office of Professional Responsibility in the Internal Revenue Service. "Karen Hawkins brings a wealth of experience and insight to this job," noted IRS Commissioner Doug Shulman in making the announcement. Hawkins led the tax law firm of Taggart & Hawkins for 25 years with William E. Taggart, Jr. (founder of GGU's LLM in Taxation Program) and was chair-elect of the American Bar Association Section of Taxation before accepting the appointment with the IRS. She participated in this spring's "Meet the Bar Associations" event for GGU Law students as a then-representative of the ABA Taxation Section. For more about Hawkins' illustrious career, see the profile of her in the fall/winter 2008 edition of *Golden Gate Lawyer*.

Barbara M. Beery (JD 79, LLM 85) is the director of planned giving for Children's Hospital Foundation in Oakland.

Hon. Carol C. Yaggy (JD 79), San Francisco Superior Court judge, was profiled in the Nov. 26, 2008 edition of the *San Francisco Daily Journal*.

Joan Blades (JD 80), cofounder of MoveOn.org and MomsRising.org, shared her experiences on campus with students in February.

Wendell "Dell" Hutchinson (JD 80, LLM 82) made a presentation at Golden Gate University sponsored by GGU's School of Taxation, where he is a visiting professor.

Michael C. Osborne (JD 80) is special counsel at Archer Norris in Walnut Creek, Calif. He

is a trial lawyer specializing in commercial litigation and product liability.

Kathleen Quenneville (JD 80) is the principal counsel for governance and compliance in the University of California Office of the President in Oakland. She was formerly general counsel and assistant secretary of Mechanics Bank.



MICHAEL C. OSBORNE



NANCY D. DE ITA

Hon. Keith D. Davis (JD 81), San Bernardino County (Calif.) Superior Court judge, has been elected vice president of the California Judges Association for 2009-10.

Nancy D. De Ita (JD 81), of De Ita & Lowe in San Mateo, Calif. has been appointed president of the San Mateo County Bar Association. She participated in the Law School's "Meet the Bar Associations" program.

Linda L. Hurst (LLM 81) is a judge for the San Luis Obispo (Calif.) County Superior Court.

Cynthia McGuinn (JD 81), a leading San Francisco attorney who was with the Veen Firm for 20 years, has become a name partner at another major personal injury law firm in San Francisco, now called Rouda, Feder, Tietjen & McGuinn. Her move received widespread coverage in the legal press. She spoke to students at GGU this spring on a panel sponsored by the American Board of Trial Advocates titled "Civility Matters!" on professionalism in the courtroom.

Thomas P. Ross (JD 82), a tennis agent to some of the world's top tennis pros, was featured on FoxSports.com earlier this year. He is senior vice president of Octagon, one of the two largest sports management firms in the world, whose clients have included Olympiad Michael Phelps.

Donna L. Lipinski (JD 83) opened the Blue Ridge Immigration Law Center, PLLC in Warrenton, Va.

Nancy E. O'Malley (JD 83) has been named to the Domestic Violence Advisory Council by Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger. She is president-elect of California Women Lawyers and serves on the Criminal Law Advisory Committee and the California District Attorneys Association Board. She was featured in an article in the May 22 issue of the *San Jose Mercury News*.

William Audet (JD 84) sponsored a table for the Law School at the 22nd Annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Luncheon sponsored by the Lawyer's Committee for Civil Rights of the San Francisco Bay Area in February.

Dan Dell'Osso (JD 84), a product liability attorney with The Brandi Law Firm, won a major case against Ford Motors resulting in an \$18 million settlement for his client. He is a past chair of the American Association for Justice Product Liability Section and serves on the board of the San Francisco Trial Lawyers Association.

Matthew P. Guasco (JD 84) was named a 2009 Southern California "Super Lawyer."

Nora Privitera (JD 84), director of the Provider Fraud Project, was in private practice for over 12 years before joining the Immigrant Legal Resource Center as a part-time attorney in 2000. She published two winning opinions concerning asylum and due process issues in the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals.

Richard Shikman (JD 84) was quoted on KTVU and in the *San Francisco Chronicle* earlier this year regarding his defense of a city network engineer jailed on charges of tampering with San Francisco's primary computer network system.

Lora Jo Foo (JD 85), a passionate advocate for worker's rights, has published a book titled *Earth Passages: Journeys Through Childhood*, based on her experiences growing up in San Francisco's Chinatown. She read passages from the book at a party held in March at the San Francisco home of Professor Marci Seville, director of the Law School's Women's Employment Rights Clinic. Her book was favorably reviewed by *International Examiner*, the Journal of the Northwest Asian Pacific American Communities.



LORA JO FOO

Hon. Loretta Giorgi (JD 85), San Francisco Superior Court judge, presided over the School of Law's Swearing-In Ceremony for bar passers in June 2009.

Amy Eskin (JD 86), an attorney with Hersh and Hersh, spoke to students at the Law School's Dean's Breakfast earlier this year.

John E. O'Grady (JD 86, LLM 93) is a member of the Trusts and Estates Section and the Taxation Section of the State Bar of California.

Michael Rounds (JD 87) is founding partner of Watson Rounds in Nevada, where he specializes in intellectual property law and is an adjunct professor at the University of Nevada, Reno. He won a patent infringement case in which a jury awarded more than \$11 million for JCM Global. He formerly worked at Townsend and Townsend and Crew. Rounds grew up in the Philippines, where his father was a manager for Del Monte Corporation.

Cheryl Frank (JD 88) held her first book signing for *The Dead Lawyer Conspiracy* under the pen name of Jane T. Robe at Barnes & Noble at Fisherman's Wharf in San Francisco in January.

Charles C. Nice (JD 89), chief of police in Dublin, Calif., was profiled in the Feb. 18 *Contra Costa Times*.

Nathalie Tillole (JD 91), an attorney with the French Senate in Paris, hosted an evening program at the Senate for students participating in the Law School's Paris study abroad program (see page 9).

Paul B. Stickland (JD 92) received the Nancy Bailey Leadership in Lesbian and Gay Issues Human Rights Award from the California Teachers Association.

James Treppa (JD 92), an attorney with Bledsoe, Cathcart, Diestel, Pederson & Treppa LLP, spoke to students at the Law School's Dean's Breakfast earlier this year.



Brian Buddell (JD 93) has been named partner at Brydon Hugo & Parker in San Francisco.



San Francisco City Attorney Dennis Herrera and GGU Annual Giving Director Lenore McDonald at the San Francisco Bicycle Coalition's "Bike to Work Day" press conference, held at City Hall on May 14.

Simona A. Farrise (JD 93) and The Farrise Law Firm have won a jury verdict of \$9.2 million against Union Carbide for a client dying of mesothelioma.

Eric Ferraro (JD 94), an attorney at Bullivant Houser Bailey PC, spoke to students at the Law School's Dean's Breakfast earlier this year.

Jackie H. Xu (JD 94) is general counsel for Conviva Inc. in Pittsburg, Calif.

Mark Burton (JD 95) of Hersh & Hersh spoke to students at the Law School's Dean's Breakfast earlier this year and attended the University's Centennial Campaign Completion Celebration.

Thea Beatie Eliot (LLM 95) owns the Law Office of Thea Beatie Eliot in Larkspur, Calif.

Lowell Haky (JD 95) is a vice president and associate general counsel for Charles Schwab & Co. Inc. in San Francisco.

Kleigh Hathaway (JD 95), of the San Francisco Public Defender's Office, obtained a mistrial defending a mentally ill client who was shot by police officers. She discussed Proposition 8 on National Public Radio in March.

Chana Rungrojtanakal (LLM 95, SJD 05) organized the First University Social Responsibility International Conference in January in Bangkok.

Julie D. Soo (JD 96) is a senior staff counsel for the California Department of Insurance and the Asian Pacific Islander Caucus chair for the California Democratic Party.

Petra Tang (JD 96) is a partner at Berry, Appleman & Leiden in San Francisco, where she focuses on immigrant business visa issues and advises companies in complex immigration practice and policy issues.

Gary Van Housen (JD 96), in-house counsel at Genentech, spoke to students at the Law School's Dean's Breakfast earlier this year.

Phillip K. Wang (JD 96), formerly partner at Gordon Rees LLP, is now partner at Duane Morris LLP in San Francisco, where he focuses on creditor's rights, real estate law, and bankruptcy law. He is a former senior staff attorney for the US Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit and is chair of the Legislative Action Committee for the National Association of Industrial and Office Properties.

Anthony Calero (JD 97) is a partner at Lombardi, Loper & Conant LLP in Oakland.

Jeffrey J. Greene (JD 97), an attorney at DLA Piper, coauthored an article on China's proposed energy law that was published in the March 2009 edition of *Asian Counsel*.

Batya Swenson (JD 97) of Hanson Bridgett LLP spoke to students at the Law School's Dean's Breakfast earlier this year.

Mauricio S. Beugelmans (JD 98) has co-founded Cole-Frieman & Beugelmans, LLP, a San Francisco- and New York-based law firm serving broker-dealers, investment advisers, hedge funds, private equity firms, and individuals in financial services litigation and advisory matters. He previously served as an executive director in Morgan Stanley & Co. Inc.'s Legal and Compliance Division.

Kevin Davis (JD 98) and **Gonzalo del Castillo (JD 01)** have opened a Spanish tapas restaurant, LaLola, in San Francisco, after living in Madrid for seven months to prepare for the venture. The restaurant was favorably covered in a May 31 article in the *San Francisco Chronicle*. Formerly attorneys at the same law firm, del Castillo, who attended the California Culinary Academy, continues to work as an attorney part-time and Davis is a real estate broker.

Sheila Flanagan (JD 98) was featured in an article in the December 2008 issue of *ABA Journal* magazine.

Barbara A. Murphy (LLM 98) is a partner at Farella Braun + Martel LLP in San Francisco.

New Family Law Alumni Group

School of Law professors Helen Chang and Christine Tour-Sarkissian are starting a new GGU Family Law Alumni Group that will host informal MCLE and other programs on campus for alumni practicing in the field. For more information, contact Professor Helen Chang at hchang@ggu.edu.

Karleen F. Murphy (JD 98) is a partner at Brydon Hugo & Parker in San Francisco.

Kristy Topham (JD 98) of the US District Court spoke to students at the Law School's Dean's Breakfast earlier this year.

Ralph W. Kasarda (JD 99) is an attorney at the National Litigation Center for Pacific Legal Foundation in Sacramento.

Kari E. Kelly (JD 99) is the legal counsel and corporate secretary for 5280 Solutions Inc. in Highlands Ranch, Colo.

Yano L. Rubinstein (JD 99) is a partner at Hinshaw & Culbertson LLP in San Francisco, where he leads the firm's California intellectual property law practice. He previously was founder and principal of Rubinstein Law Group, PC.

Jacqueline Calhoun Sabec (JD 99) is a partner at Oliver and Sabec PC in San Francisco.

Bradley D. Fell (JD 00) is an associate at Lombardi, Loper & Conant LLP in Oakland.

Matthew D. Goedert (LLM 00) is an associate for Sedgwick Detert Moran & Arnold LLP, in San Francisco.

Alan B. Bayer (JD 01) is the current chair of the Solo and Small Firm Practice Committee of the Bar Association of San Francisco. He authored an article "Starting Your Own Firm—Is It Right for You?" in the summer 2009 edition of *San Francisco Attorney* magazine, and he and his wife and firm partner, **Heather Borlase (JD 01)** of Bayer & Borlase, appear on the magazine's cover.

Gonzalo del Castillo (JD 01)— see **Kevin Davis (JD 98)**.

Peter E. Schurig (JD 01) is an associate in the antitrust and trade-regulation department at McGuireWoods in Richmond, Va.

Mike Chappell (JD 02) has been named director of the new Environmental Law Clinic at Gonzaga University School of Law.

Sewnet Degu (LLM 02) and **Kumlachew Manderso (LLM 07)** are the first students from Ethiopia to obtain LLMs in US Legal Studies

from the School of Law while working full-time. Manderso was a professor at the University of Ethiopia Law School, and Degu was his student there. Manderso works at the Alameda County Superior Court in Oakland; Degu works at Robert Half International.

Juna Kim (JD 03) is a board member of the California Young Women Lawyers Association. She spoke to students at the Law School's "Meet the Bar Associations" program earlier this year.

Asaka Makino (LLM 03, SJD 07) works at United Nations University-Institute of Advanced Studies in Yokohama, Japan.

Rebecca Prozan (JD 03) has been named a member of the Democratic Change Commission to recommend changes to the 2012 US Presidential Nominating Process.

Sabrina D. Sanders (JD 03) is an associate in the Oxnard, Calif. office of Wasserman, Comden & Casselman LLP. As a student she was a clinician with the Law School's Women's Employment Rights Clinic (WERC). In a recent note to the clinic director, she wrote, "Being a part of WERC was such a highlight of my time at GGU and instilled an ambition in me to continue working for employees' rights, specifically the rights of underrepresented and marginalized groups of workers." She adds, "I've found a law firm that is dedicated to the type of work that I've wanted to do since being a part of WERC. The clinic helped me realize what type of lawyer I wanted and needed to become."

Heather N. Tanner (JD 03) is an attorney at the Chernay/Peterson Law Office in San Francisco.

Chandra I. Nelson-Robak (JD 04) owns a mediation law office in Walnut Creek, Calif.

Sara Pasquinelli (JD 04), of Fitzgerald, Abbott & Beardsley LLP, spoke to students at the Law School's Dean's Breakfast earlier this year.

Gael Bize-Bizellot (LLM 05) and **Ingrid Bize-Bizellot (LLM 05)**, the first identical twins to receive LLMs in US Legal Studies from the Law School, have each passed the California and New York bar exams.

Jessica Barber Gonzalez (JD 05) participated in a panel on judicial clerkships sponsored by the American Constitution Society for Law and Policy in San Francisco in June. She is a judicial staff attorney at the California Supreme Court. She spoke to Golden Gate Law students at a Dean's Breakfast held earlier this year.

Heather Kendrick (LLM 05) is an attorney at Lippenberger, Thompson, Welch, Soroko & Gilbert LLP in Corte Madera, Calif. Kendrick is a member of the East Bay Estate Planning Council.

Marie-Lorraine Mallare (JD 05, LLM 07) is enrolled in the Law School's SJD in International Legal Studies Program and is the host of a digital TV segment titled "AsianAm Magazine" for AsianWeek.com. in San Francisco.

Iram Khan Ansari (LLM 06) gave birth to a daughter just weeks after successfully completing the California and New York bar exams.

Kwanyee Eva Auyeung (JD 06), with the Asian Law Caucus, spoke to students at the Dean's Breakfast earlier this year.

Margaux Aviguetero (JD 06), of the Asian Pacific Bar Association of Silicon Valley, spoke to students at the Law School's "Meet the Bar Associations" program earlier this year.

Fiona Cox (JD 06) has a law practice in Washington State focusing on nonprofits, estates, and taxes.

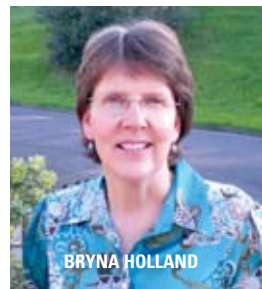
Whit Griffinger (JD 06) is an attorney at the East Bay Children's Law Offices, a nonprofit organization that represents foster youth aging out of the system.

Jeanette Haggas (JD 06) is an attorney at Minami Tamaki LLP in San Francisco.

Paul Hogarth (JD 06) is a tenant's rights attorney in San Francisco and a member of the Berkeley Rent Stabilization Board, whose many published columns in the San Francisco alternative online weekly *Beyond Chron* include an essay on Proposition 13 that was published in June. His essay on Proposition 8 was published in the May 26 edition of the *Huffington Post*.

Bryna Holland (JD 06) won a verdict in her first jury trial of not guilty on both counts for a client accused of hit-and-run vandalism.

Sandra M. Le (JD 06) is an associate at R.E. Bushnell & Law Firm in Washington, DC.



BRYNA HOLLAND

Peter W. Hoefs (JD 07) is an associate for Nixon Peabody LLP in San Francisco.

Carolyn Lee (JD 07, LLM 08), an associate with Benjamin, Weill & Mazer, APC, in San Francisco, has been elected to the GGU Alumni Board of Directors, and looks forward to promoting alumni interests within the University and in the Bay Area. She is also a member of the Board of Directors of the League of Women Voters—San Francisco, where she is active in the league's election integrity, campaign finance reform, and advocacy initiatives. She attended the Law School's Swearing-In Ceremony in June 2009 to celebrate recent alumni bar passers.

Jason Luros (JD 07) and **Mary Hudson (JD 08)** have established a law firm in Napa, Calif., focusing on real estate planning, business law, and IP law. Luros is co-chair of the ABA Science and Technology Subcommittee on Blogs and User-Generated Content on the Internet and was quoted in an article on cyberlaw in the Feb. 2009 issue of the *ABA Student Lawyer*.

Elisabeth H. Mahl (JD 07) is an associate at Foley & Mansfield's toxic tort and mass litigation practice in San Francisco.

Andje Morovich Medina (JD 07) of Lewis Brisbois Bisgaard & Smith LLP spoke to students at the Law School's Dean's Breakfast earlier this year.

Mary E. Pryce (LLM 07) is an attorney for Barulich Dugoni Law Group Inc. in San Mateo, Calif.

Beth Seals (JD 07), an associate at Squire, Sanders & Dempsey LLP, spoke to students at the Law School's Dean's Breakfast earlier this year.

Acadia Senese (JD 07), who as a student in the Law School's Honors Lawyering Program (HLP)

apprenticed with the US Attorney's Office in San Francisco, is now the office's law clerk coordinator.

Kimberly A. Wong (JD 07) received an Outstanding Volunteer in Public Services certificate from the Volunteer Legal Services Program in March. She works at Bemis & Associates.

Matthew A. Wood (JD 07) is a staff attorney at the Transgender Law Center in San Francisco. He was interviewed for an article about nonprofit organizations in the difficult economy for an article in the Feb. 20 *San Francisco Daily Journal*.

Anna Benvenue (JD 08), who works at the Executive Office for Immigration Review, spoke to students at the Law School's Dean's Breakfast earlier this year.

Margaret M. Brouder (JD 08) is a law clerk for Justice Richard B. Sanders of the Washington Supreme Court in Olympia, Wash.

Michael Flynn (JD 08), an attorney with Talamantes Villegas Carrera, was quoted in the March 26 edition of the online publication *Mission Loc@l* regarding his work representing undocumented workers detained in federal immigration raids in San Francisco's Mission District. He is chair of the anti-racism committee of the San Francisco National Lawyers Guild and was profiled in *NLG SF News* earlier this year. He was an active member of the GGU NLG chapter.

Michael R. Fostakowsky (JD 08) is a litigation associate at Alessi & Bayard in Diamond Bar, Calif.

Manish Goyal (JD 08) is a fiscal and policy analyst for the San Francisco Mayor's Office.

Andrew Grossman (JD 08) is an attorney at the Flahive Law Corporation near Sacramento. The firm helps clients with debt resolution, including bankruptcy, loan modifications, and tax settlement offers.

Heidi K. Hengel (JD 08) is executive director of Women Defenders in Berkeley and an attorney at the Law Office of Jeremy Blank in San Francisco. She participated in the Law School's "Meet the Bar Associations" program earlier this year.

Stephen A. Hoshida (JD 08) is the manager of the National Loan Auditors' Legal Portal.

Mary Hudson (JD 08) serves as the president of Napa County Women Lawyers, and is also on the Board of Governors of California Women Lawyers. See also **Jason Luros (JD 07)**.

Henry F. Lewis (JD 08) owns a law office in Oakland.

Anne-Lise Monsen (LLM 08) is a legal practitioner for contracts at the Agency for Public Management and eGovernment in Norway.

Matthew M. Shafae (JD 08) opened a law practice in Belmont, Calif.

Erin L. Walker (JD 08) is an associate at Laughlin Falbo Levy & Moresi LLP in Oakland.

Steffanie Bevington (JD 09) received a 2009 Rosenthal Bar Exam Scholarship from the California Bar Foundation. She plans a career defending human rights and has interned at the UN International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia.

Johanna LaBranch (JD 09) serves on the board of Women Defenders. She spoke to students at the Law School's "Meet the Bar Associations" program earlier this year.

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IN MEMORIAM



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cases, and served as a private mediator and on federal court ADR panels. At his funeral, former

Harris Zimmerman (JD 51), a noted patent and trademark attorney and mediator in Oakland, died in May at the age of 89. He prosecuted thousands of patent and trademark cases, served as trial counsel and expert witness for litigants and the courts, acted as special master for federal

classmate **Leo B. Helzel (JD 51)** said in his eulogy that in law school, Zimmerman "was not only the top student in the class, but the best liked." He added, "Harris was regarded as one of the finest patent lawyers in the state."

Thomas Crary (JD 71), a prominent San Francisco attorney who twice tried unsuccessfully to beat Willie Brown for a California State Assembly seat, died of lung cancer at the age of 64. A San Francisco district attorney for 10 years, he later went into private practice, working on civil and criminal trials and doing appeals work.

Tiffany Rystrom (JD 77), chair of the California Public Employment Relations Board, died of ovarian cancer at the age of 66. She was appointed to the five-person board in August 2007 and appointed chair in February of this year by Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger. "She raised the bar on quality, integrity, and consistency with the law for every decision. I was proud to have her serve in my Administration," the governor said in a statement. "Tiffany Rystrom was a gifted attorney of the utmost integrity," noted Associate Justice Joyce Kennard of the California Supreme Court.

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As board chair, Rystrom instituted many changes to increase efficiency and issued several important published decisions. Before entering the legal field, Rystrom worked in advertising and marketing and became the first woman hired in the marketing department of the Clorox Corporation in Oakland. She was a judicial clerk at the Calif. Court of Appeal, First District, and served in the Marin County District Attorney's and California Attorney General's offices.

Monroe A. Seifer (MBA 78, JD 79) died in April of cancer at the age of 59. He was a founding and principal partner with Seifer, Murken, Despina, James, & Teichman, ALC in San Francisco and specialized in all aspects of personal income taxation. He was a former Internal Revenue Service agent and represented clients before the United States Tax Court. He was a member of the taxation sections of both the State Bar of California and American Bar Association. His daughter, Jessica Seifer, will be entering her third year of law school at Golden Gate this fall. The Monroe A. Seifer Memorial Fund has been established at the School of Law in his memory.

Jeffrey Rosen (JD 85) a prominent attorney in the San Francisco firm of Sheppard, Rosen, Uziel and Sussman, died in March 2009 of cancer at the age of 50. During his 24 years in law practice, he was a skilled and respected litigator in the fields of landlord-tenant, real estate, business, and construction law. He successfully handled business, contract, and tort claims for both plaintiffs and defendants. His article "Property Rights of Unmarried Cohabitants - From Marvin to Equity," was published in 14 *Golden Gate University Law Review* 745 (1984). After graduation, he was a research attorney for the presiding judge of the San Francisco Superior Court. Two of his published appellate cases are *Hellman v. Anderson* (August 1991) 233 Cal App 3d 840, and *Miller v. Provost* (July 1994) 26 Cal App 4th 1703. Former classmate **Susan L. Holland (JD 85)** helped organized a public memorial service in April for her late friend and colleague.

Former Adjunct Professor John Lockley, noted tax attorney and arbitrator and president of the San Francisco Lawyers Club who taught in the School of Law after retiring, died in March at the age of 96.

Luke Cole, a leader in the environmental justice movement, who coauthored the inaugural edition of the *GGU Environmental Law Journal* and participated in the Law School's 2008 Environmental Law Symposium, died in a car accident while on sabbatical in Uganda. Cole was co-founder of the Center on Race, Poverty & the Environment.

IN MEMORIAM

Harris Zimmerman (JD 51)
Henry F. O'Connell (JD 55)
Alan Simon (BBA 50, JD 59)
Lawrence G. Blunt (JD 60)
Richard L. Marshall (JD 68)
Thomas S. Crary (JD 71)
Quentin D. McBride (JD 72)

Louise S. Cavanaugh (JD 75)
Tiffany J. Rystrom (JD 77)
Monroe A. Seifer (MBA 78, JD 79)
Nina Dong Honbo (JD 79)
Maurice M. Averter (JD 82)
Ruth A. Cole-Chu (JD 83)
Ralph J. Grant (JD 85)

Jeffrey S. Rosen (JD 85)
Heidi A. Strassburger (LLM 92)
Craig Singer (JD 98)
Michael Porcella (JD 05)
Sharmila Pandharipande (JD 08)
Adjunct Professor John Lockley
Environmental Attorney Luke Cole



Alan Simon (BBA 50, JD 59), died in January in San Mateo, Calif., at the age of 82. An attorney for nearly 50 years specializing in mediation and arbitration, he received the 2007 Lifetime Achievement Award from the San Francisco Trial Lawyers Association and had served on the association's board of directors for 15 years. He also served as Judge Pro Tem in the San Francisco Superior and Municipal Courts and as an arbitrator for the San Francisco, San Mateo, Santa Clara, and Contra Costa County Superior Courts. He received Golden Gate University's 2008 Judith G. McKelvey Award for Outstanding Achievement by an Alumnus. He was actively engaged with the Law School and University, helping out with and planning to attend the spring 2009 Law Reunion and a member of the Bridge Society. "Al was a proud graduate of Golden Gate University and the Law School," say Marilyn, his wife of 53 years.

HER MOST REWARDING WORK

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"My former firm had a tradition of going out to Lake Louise on what the Farmer's Almanac predicted would be the coldest weekend of the year. That can mean temperatures of 30 below zero." She thought they were kidding; they weren't. But she found that she loved cross-country skiing, snow machining, and the northern lights. "That was it for me," Christen says. "I have been working on trying to see the rest of Alaska ever since." She enjoys fishing and smoking salmon and says that for people who love the outdoors, Alaska is a wonderful place to practice law or be a judge.

Along with the spectacular scenery and outdoor opportunities, Christen relishes parenting (she and her husband, attorney Jim Torgerson, have two daughters) and her work with a variety of community organizations. She serves on the board of directors of the Rasmuson Foundation and Alaska Community Foundation and has received many awards for her community and charitable work.

Christen has simple advice for recent graduates of Golden Gate Law School: "You do not have to sacrifice quality of life to pursue your career goals." She notes, "Leaving private practice to join the bench can be a trade-off. For many people, it means significantly less control over your calendar, and it can mean less income. But I would make the decision again in a heartbeat. This is easily the most rewarding work I've ever done, next to parenting."

And there is no place on Earth she would rather do it.

"As I say this, I'm looking out my window, watching Beluga whales go by. I feel so fortunate that I have such a fascinating job, in a place I love so much."



Morgan Christen is one of several Golden Gate alumni now or formerly serving on the Alaska bench. They include, from left, Retired Superior Court Presiding Judge Elaine M. Andrews (JD 76), Christen, and Anchorage District Court Magistrate Colleen Ray (JD 80); District Court Judge John Lohff (JD 73) is not pictured.

Fiancés Andrew Moody (JD 09), Outstanding IP Student awardee, and Alexis Wilber (JD 09), National Association of Women Lawyers Outstanding Student awardee, at the Awards Ceremony.



Associate Professor Hina Shah with Andrea Cianfrani (JD 09), Outstanding Labor and Employment Student awardee.



Professor Bernard Segal with Corinne Gaxiola (JD 09).



Julie Mercer (09) jumps for joy.



Members of the graduating class prior to Commencement processional.



Lauren Laundis (JD 09) with her daughter.

Music to Their Ears: Commencement 2009

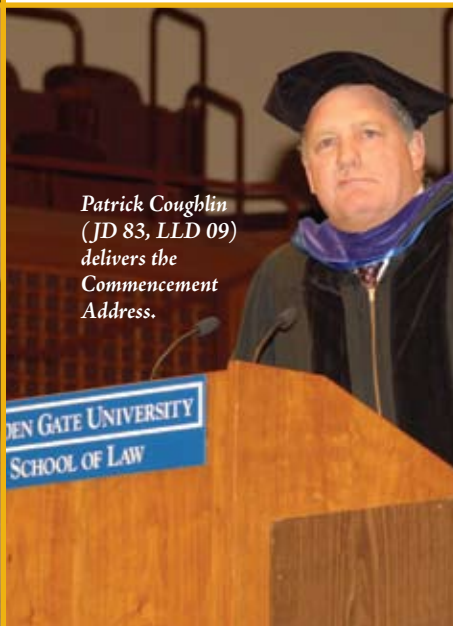
It was only fitting that Golden Gate Law's 2009 Commencement Ceremony should be held at the Louise M. Davies Symphony Hall in San Francisco, where praises were sung for the nearly 250 graduates of the JD, LLM, and SJD programs and for their friends, family, and faculty members who helped make the big day possible.

Renowned litigator and alumnus **Patrick J. Coughlin (JD 83, LLD 09)**, chief trial counsel for Coughlin, Stoia, Geller, Rudman & Robbins LLP, described his humble beginnings, his commitment to fighting fraud and injustice in the corporate sector, and his gratitude to GGU, which presented him with an Honorary Doctor of Laws. Faculty honorees included Associate Professor Michele Benedetto, recipient of the John A. Gorfinkel Award for Outstanding Professor, and Professor Eric Christiansen, for Faculty Scholarship. Presiding over the celebration was Interim Dean Alan Ramo, and welcoming the newly minted alumni was GGU Alumni Association President **Michael L. Williams (MBA 91)**.

On Commencement Eve, the Law School hosted a special Awards Ceremony and Honors Lawyering Program (HLP) Reception to celebrate student achievement and the HLP Class of 2009. Honorees included alumna **Holly Bressett (JD 07)** for Outstanding Alumni Volunteer of the Year, and Law Students for Reproductive Justice, National Office, and the US Securities and Exchange Commission, for Outstanding Employers of the Year.



The Honors Lawyering Program Class of 2009.



Patrick Coughlin (JD 83, LLD 09) delivers the Commencement Address.



Interim Dean Alan Ramo presents the Gorfinkel Award for Outstanding Professor to Michele Benedetto.

UPCOMING EVENTS

AUGUST 18: LLM IN TAXATION OPEN HOUSE & YOUNG TAX LAWYERS OPEN HOUSE. Tuesday, August 18, GGU School of Law, 536 Mission Street, San Francisco, SBA Lounge, 5–6:30 pm. Contact Tiptira Rammaniya, trammaniya@ggu.edu.

AUGUST 20: GGU LOS ANGELES NETWORKING MIXER. Takami Sushi, 811 Wilshire Blvd., Los Angeles, 6–8 pm. Contact Deanna Bruton, 415-442-7812, alumni@ggu.edu.

SEPTEMBER 10–NOVEMBER 11: ANNUAL GGU PHONE-A-THON. Speak with our student callers and make your annual gift to GGU School of Law. Contact Lenore McDonald, 415-442-7829, alumni@ggu.edu.

SEPTEMBER 13: RALLY FOR RYAN 5K WALK/RUN. Fund-raiser event in San Francisco's Golden Gate Park organized by former GGU Law classmates for Ryan Sanders (JD 06), who is battling cancer. For more information visit www.rallyforryan.dojiggy.com.

SEPTEMBER 23: GGU SAN FRANCISCO ALUMNI NETWORKING MIXER. Perry's Embarcadero, San Francisco, 6–8 pm. Contact Deanna Bruton, 415-442-7812, alumni@ggu.edu.

OCTOBER 16: EIGHTH ANNUAL CONFERENCE ON RECENT DEVELOPMENTS IN IP LAW. GGU School of Law, 536 Mission Street, San Francisco, 9 am–5 pm. Speakers include Hon.

James Ware, US District Court, Lynne Beresford, US Trademark Commissioner, and noted local IP attorneys. MCLE available. Contact Kevin Wood, 415-369-5293, kwood@ggu.edu.

OCTOBER 20: INAUGURAL SCHOOL OF LAW CHIEF JUSTICE RONALD M. GEORGE ANNUAL DISTINGUISHED LECTURE. Address by California Supreme Court Chief Justice Ronald M. George. GGU School of Law, 536 Mission Street, Room 2201, 5–6 pm. For more information, contact Mateo Jenkins, mjenkins@ggu.edu.

OCTOBER 22: GGU ALUMNI AWARDS LUNCHEON. The Palace Hotel, 2 New Montgomery Street, San Francisco, 11:30 am–1:30 pm. Contact Pollie Robbins, 415-442-7824, probbins@ggu.edu.

NOVEMBER 13: "FARMING & FOOD: HOW WE GROW WHAT WE EAT," ANNUAL ENVIRONMENTAL LAW SYMPOSIUM. Scheduled topics include genetically modified organisms, regulation of crop runoff under the Clean Water Act, urban food gardens, and more. GGU School of Law, 536 Mission Street, San Francisco, 9 am–6 pm. MCLE available. Contact Paul Kibel, 415-442-6685, pkibel@ggu.edu.

DECEMBER 4: SWEARING-IN CEREMONY. PG&E Building Auditorium, 77 Beale Street, San Francisco, noon–1 pm, reception to follow. Contact Pollie Robbins, 415-442-7824, probbins@ggu.edu.

DECEMBER 9: GGU BRIDGE SOCIETY LUNCHEON. Annual program for those who have included GGU in their estate plans. Contact Elizabeth Brady, 415-442-7813, ebrady@ggu.edu.

JANUARY 23, 2010: "BEAT THE CLOCK" MCLE AND NETWORKING PROGRAM. 8:30 am–5:10 pm, GGU School of Law, 536 Mission Street, San Francisco. Contact Mateo Jenkins at 415-442-6541, mjenkins@ggu.edu.

MARCH 19 & 20, 2010: POVERTY LAW CONFERENCE, "VULNERABLE POPULATIONS & ECONOMIC REALITIES: AN INTERDISCIPLINARY APPROACH TO LAW TEACHING."

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