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Amy Eskin (JD 86) and Mitchell Shapson (JD 86, LLM 03) live, work and raise their two children in San Francisco. Eskin is a national leader in medical device and pharmaceutical litigation and an accomplished trial lawyer. After a successful practice as a personal injury lawyer and with the benefit of his LLM earned at GGU, Shapson went on to work on energy policy for the State of California, including expanding renewables.

This year, Amy, along with Professor Marci Seville, represented Golden Gate Law at the National Association of Women Judges Conference in D.C. This Law School Landmark Sponsorship was made possible by Amy's firm Hersh & Hersh.

"Realizing our dream of becoming attorneys would not have been possible without the flexibility offered by Golden Gate. We put ourselves through law school and we were especially grateful for Golden Gate's outreach and assistance to working students. Both of us sought to do public interest work to create a more just, equal and sustainable world. Golden Gate's diverse and progressive faculty, clinical programs, internships and advocacy workshops prepared us to think like lawyers while being empathic human beings. We are happy to support our law school so that it can continue to promote the ideals that we share."

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🔺 Mario Arturo Jauregui, Jr., Trevor Nguyen, and Katrin Anna Rücker at Commencement

▲ The Poverty Law Conference in March

#### **BUILDING ALLIANCES ON BEHALF OF THE POOR:** GGU LAW HOSTS POVERTY LAW CONFERENCE

The School of Law and the Society of American Law Teachers co-sponsored a major interdisciplinary conference to share information about the best way to meet the needs of society's most vulnerable populations-and to prepare future lawyers to serve them.

#### THE MYTH OF OUR "POST-RACIAL SOCIETY"

Excerpts from John Payton's keynote address to the Poverty Law Conference. Carolina Academic Press is publishing a collection of essays that will include the full text of Payton's speech and chapters written and edited by GGU Law professors.

#### "WHAT'S PAST IS PROLOGUE" ... SOWING THE SEEDS OF JUSTICE

Over 200 attended a special screening of Abby Ginzberg's new documentary, Cruz Reynoso: Sowing the Seeds of Justice, and a passionate panel discussion, moderated by Dean Ramey, featured former Justice Cruz Reynoso, former Justice Joseph Grodin, James Brosnahan, and José Padilla discussing the importance of judicial independence.

#### DIVERSITY IN THE LEGAL PROFESSION: ELUSIVE STILL

Dean Drucilla Stender Ramey addressed the guests at the Queen's Bench Annual Judges' Dinner on notable improvements and still-sobering statistics about the full participation of women and minorities in the legal profession.

#### **REUNION 2010**

Professor Roger Bernhardt provided the keynote address, facilitating celebration and reminiscences.

#### **COMMENCEMENT 2010**

Renowned trial lawyer and Morrison & Foerster LLP senior partner James J. Brosnahan delivered a stirring address at Louise M. Davies Symphony Hall on May 18.

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### THE SCHOOL OF LAW WELCOMES FOUR NEW FULL-TIME FACULTY



Dean Ramey moderates a distinguished panel after a screening of Cruz Reynoso: Sowing the Seeds of Justice in April, sponsored by the School of Law's 2010 Jesse Carter Distinguished Lecture Program

ne year ago, it was my great honor to take office as the new Dean of Golden Gate University School of Law. This spring, as I handed out the diplomas to our distinguished 2010 graduates in majestic Davies Hall, I reveled in both the spirit of the day and the enormous accomplishments and moving stories of our students, faculty, and alumni. Regardless of which areas of practice these graduates choose, I know they will join their fellow alumni in richly contributing to their respective fields and to our profession, and in carrying with them the special gifts of Golden Gate Law.

This has been an extraordinarily action-packed year for the Law School, from the appointment of four new tenure-track faculty members and the decision to infuse intensive skills training into the first-year curriculum, to the establishment of an International Women Judges Graduate Fellowship Program, the hosting of an extraordinary series of cutting-edge conferences and other events featuring national leaders of the bench and bar, and the first steps to launch our new Litigation Center. Our students' trial advocacy teams scored a number of terrific wins over formidable opposition, and we were ranked third in the nation for percentage of eligible students participating in externship programs, fifth in the country in public interest job placements, and among the 30 most diverse ABA-accredited law schools.

Emblematic of the many stand-out events last year was our Fall 2009 inauguration of the Golden Gate School of Law Chief Justice Ronald M. George Distinguished Lectureship, created to shine a public spotlight on the important work of our nation's state courts. Our 2010 Lecture, to be held October 12, promises to be a worthy successor, and features an outstanding group of Chief Justices from across the country. After an introduction by Chief Justice George, Justice Dana Fabe, two-time Chief Justice of Alaska and President of the National Association of Women Judges, will deliver a welcoming address. Both jurists will then participate on a panel moderated by California Court of Appeal Justice Joan Dempsey Klein, co-founder of both NAWJ and California Women Lawyers. The panel will also include Utah Chief Justice Christine Durham, who is President of the Conference of Chief Justices; Washington Chief Justice Barbara Madsen; the Hon. Leah Sears, who recently stepped down as Georgia's first (and at that time the nation's only) African-American woman Chief Justice; and Tennessee Chief Justice Janice Holder.

In this edition, you will find stories about the stellar events held last spring at the Law School, including a screening of Cruz Reynoso: Sowing the Seeds of Justice with a unique panel discussion on judicial independence, as well as our cover story, the national Poverty Law Conference, co-sponsored by the Society of American Law Teachers, featuring the Hon. Thelton Henderson and John Payton. Other very successful conferences included our annual Environmental Law Conference, entitled this past year "Farming and Food: How We Grow What We Eat," the Twentieth Anniversary Fulbright Symposium, and two impressive Intellectual Property conferences. Please visit our new IP Law Center site, which includes the IP Law Book Review, at http://gguiplc.com.

As a fitting close to the academic year, this year's Commencement was highlighted by Jim Brosnahan's eloquent address focusing squarely on the moral imperatives of membership in a profession committed to achieving equal justice in a nation of laws. This past year I have stood in awe of the ways in which Golden Gate Law's students, faculty, and staff infuse their quest for equal justice into their pedagogy, their coursework and their work beyond the classroomwhether by countless pro bono hours, clinic victories on behalf of underserved communities, on-campus efforts to help the people of Haiti, or simply and perhaps most eloquently by the ways in which our students support each other's public service work in a law school that is a uniquely supportive community.

Golden Gate Law's profound commitment to ensuring access to justice can be felt well beyond the walls of the University. Beyond strengthening our existing curricula and programs, this year we also established the International Women Judges Graduate Fellowship Program. Partnering with the International Association of Women Judges, we created this Program to advance issues involving international women's rights and the role of women in justice systems around the world. Each year, a woman jurist from a developing country will come to Golden Gate Law to pursue an individualized course of study and earn a graduate law degree. This fall, we welcome our first fellow, Justice Gertrude Torkornoo, from Accra, Ghana.

Last, a word about curriculum and pedagogy. This fall we are launching a vanguard change in our curriculum. In response to recent studies urging curricular reform in law schools, we are adding a new first-year elective option in the spring semester, whereby students will participate in a small group, skillsinfused class in one of an array of substantive areas, such as IP, environmental law, and criminal litigation.

I wish to express my personal gratitude to all of you, our friends and alumni, who support Golden Gate Law in myriad ways. I urge you to visit the School and get to know and re-acquaint yourselves with our faculty, our programs, and our wonderful students. We are already preparing for this spring's alumni reunion, so if you are in a class ending in "1" or "6" I hope you'll join us.

With warm regards, Dean Drucilla Stender Ramey



LAURA CISNEROS has joined the School of Law as an associate professor and will teach Constitutional Law this fall. She was previously assistant professor at Thurgood Marshall School of Law, where her courses included Constitutional Law and Lawyering Process. She served as a judicial extern to the Hon. Helen Berrigan, chief judge for the US District Court Eastern District of Louisiana, before working in private practice. She speaks widely at professional conferences on a variety of judicial and constitutional topics. Her publications include "Standing Doctrine, Judicial Technique, and the Gradual Shift from Rights-Based Constitutionalism to Executive-Centered Constitutionalism" in the Case Western Reserve Law Review (2009) and "Sosa v. Alvarez-Machain—Restricting Access to US Courts under the Federal Tort Claims Act and the Alien Tort Statute: Reversing the Trend" in the Loyola Journal of Public Interest Law (2004). She received the Outstanding Scholarly Paper Award from the Association of American Law Schools in 2009. She holds an LLM from the University of Wisconsin Law School, a JD from Loyola University New Orleans School of Law, and a BA from the University of San Diego.

**BENEDETTA FAEDI DURAMY** has joined the School of Law as an associate professor and will teach Gender, Children and International Law this fall. She has published She is fluent in five languages.

KAREN M. GEBBIA has joined the School of Law as an associate professor and will teach Sales and Secured Transactions this fall.



dozens of book chapters and articles on a variety of topics, particularly regarding domestic violence, and has conducted extensive research on this issue in Haiti. She is the author of "The Double Weakness of Girls: Discrimination and Sexual Violence in Haiti" in the Stanford Journal of International Law (2008), which earned her Stanford's Carl Mason Franklin Prize in International Law. Her article "From Violence Against Women to Women's Violence in Haiti' is scheduled for publication in the Columbia Journal of Gender and Law in 2010 and has already earned her two Stanford awards: The Richard S. Goldsmith Writing Award and the Marjorie Lozoff Graduate Essay Prize. She has been a researcher for the Child Protection Unit, United Nations Stabilization Mission in Haiti and has worked in private practice. She is working toward completion of her JSD from Stanford Law School and holds a JSM from Stanford, an LLM from the London School of Economics and Political Sciences, an MA from the University of Florence, and an LLB from the University of Rome, La Sapienza. She also received a Certificate in International Human Rights Law and Practice from the London School of Economics and Political Sciences.



She was formerly a tenured professor at the University of Hawaii William S. Richardson School of Law. She has taught and presented widely, before such professional organizations as the ABA Section on Business Law, National Business Institute, and Association of American Law Schools, among many others. She specializes in bankruptcy, debtors' and creditors' rights, corporate restructuring, and commercial transactions. Her scores of published works include contributions to Teaching the Law School Curriculum (Steven Friedland & Gerald Hess, eds., 2004), "First Report and Second Report of the Select Advisory Committee on Business Reorganization" in The Business Lawyer (2001, 2004), "Small Business Reorganization and the SABRE Proposals" in the Fordham Journal of Corporate and Financial Law (2002), and "Interpreting the Bankruptcy Code: An Empirical Study of the Supreme Court's Bankruptcy Cases" in the Chapman Law Review (2000). She has also worked in private practice for Winston & Strawn and other firms. Her honors have included the University of Hawaii at Manoa Board of Regents Medal for Excellence in Teaching and the University of Hawaii School of Law's Outstanding Professor of the Year Award. She received her JD cum *laude* from Georgetown Law and her BA magna cum laude from Villanova University.

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WES R. PORTER, formerly an adjunct professor at the School of Law, is now an associate professor and will teach Evidence and assist with the Litigation Program this fall. His professional experience includes serving as a senior trial attorney in the Fraud Section of the US Department of Justice, Criminal Division; as an assistant US attorney in the US Attorney's Office for the District of Hawaii; as an enforcement attorney for the US Securities and Exchange Commission; and as a trial counsel in the US Navy Judge Advocate General Corps (JAG). In 2009, he received the Assistant Attorney General Award for Distinguished Service. His publications include "Repeating Yet Evading Review: Admitting Reliable Expert Testimony in Criminal Cases Still Depends upon Who Is Asking" in the Rutgers Law Record (2009) and Expert Witnesses: Criminal Cases (Thomson-Reuters, 2009). He received his JD magna cum laude from Catholic University's School of Law, where he also taught as an adjunct, and his BA from Saint Anselm College.



**ROBERT CALHOUN IS SELECTED** BY STUDENTS TO RECEIVE THE JOHN A. GORFINKEL AWARD FOR OUTSTANDING PROFESSOR FOR THE 14TH TIME!

Associate Dean for Law Career Services and Alumni Services SUSANNE ARONOWITZ is serving on the NALP (Association for Legal Career Professionals) 2010-11 By-Laws Committee. She spoke on "E-Networking: Putting Your Best E-Footprint Forward" at NALP's Annual Education Conference in April.

Assistant Professor **DEBORAH BEHLES**, a staff attorney with the Environmental Law and Justice Clinic, spoke on a panel, "Slowing Down the Natural Gas Rush in California," at the Public Interest Environmental Law Conference in Eugene, Oregon.

Associate Professor MICHELE BENEDETTO NEITZ organized a major conference co-sponsored with the Society of American Law Teachers (SALT) titled" Vulnerable Populations and Economic Realities: An Interdisciplinary Approach to Law Teaching" held on campus this spring. (For more about the conference, see page 12.) She also moderated a plenary of judges at the University of La Verne College of Law Immigration Symposium in Ontario, California, this spring. She received the School of Law's 2010 Jesse Carter Award for Faculty Scholarship.

Adjunct Professor TONY BERMAN, an IP attorney specializing in copyright and entertainment law, appears in the documentary Copyright Criminals on the creative and commercial value of music sampling, which aired on the PBS series "Independent Lens" in January.

Professor ROGER BERNHARDT recently published several pieces in CEB's Real Property Law Reporter, of which he is the longtime editor. They include one item with Professor Jon Sylvester on the Supreme Court's decision on illusory contracts; one with Adjunct Professor Christine Tour-Sarkissian on tenancy-in-common agreements, and others on a foreclosure case and a bankruptcy book. He moderated a panel of law professors at the State Bar of California Real Property Section retreat at Silverado, and served on a panel at the ABA Real Property Section meeting in Philadelphia. He and Professor Jon Sylvester hosted an MCLE panel at the Law School for alumni who practice real property law.

Adjunct Professor TERESA CAFFESE was named one of the Top Women Litigators for 2010 by the San Francisco Daily Journal. She works in the San Francisco Public Defender's Office.

Professor ROBERT CALHOUN will moderate a panel on the Supreme Court of California's criminal law decisions for the Bar Association of San Francisco in September. He received the School of Law's 2010 John A. Gorfinkel Award for Outstanding Professor. This marks the 14th time students have selected him for the honor.

Professor and Associate Dean for Faculty Scholarship ERIC CHRISTIANSEN was interviewed by the Russian edition of Newsweek for an article about implications of western aid money on Africa and African nations' discrimination against gays and lesbians. He is writing a chapter for The Fifth Amendment: Protection of Fundamental Rights, to be published as the latest volume of the Prometheus Books Bill of Rights Series.

Associate Professor CHESTER CHUANG was a panelist as part of a program held on campus this spring titled "The Patent Office Comes to California," which included presentations by the US Patent Commissioner Robert Stoll and Deputy Undersecretary of Commerce for IP Sharon Barner. His recent article "Assigning the Burden of Proof in Contractual Jury Waiver Challenges: How Valuable Is Your Right to a Jury Trial?" has been reprinted in the forthcoming book Burden of Proof (Icfai University Press).

Professor MORTON COHEN argued a case before the Supreme Court of California involving issues of competence, effective assistance of counsel, and intelligent waiver of constitutional rights by committed persons. He had submitted an amicus brief in the case. He received the School of Law's Allan Brotsky Pro Bono Award at Commencement 2010.

Adjunct Professor LISA DEWBERRY was profiled in the fall 2009 edition of the Bar Association of San Francisco (BASF) San Francisco Attorney magazine. She serves on the BASF's Conflicts Panel.

ANNE DEYSINE, adjunct professor and co-director of the School of Law's Paris study abroad program, made a presentation with Professor Helen Hartnell at the University of Paris Ouest (Nanterre La Défense) in January on "Contemporary Developments in EU Law and Policy."

Assistant Director of Bar Exam Services RODNEY FONG made a presentation, "The Leaky Pipeline," at a diversity pipeline panel at the Pacific Coast Association of Pre-Law Advisors Conference at UCLA this spring. He also spoke on "Bridging the Generational Divide-Communicating with the Four Generations in Our Workplace and Jury Boxes" at the District Conference for the US District Court, Southern District of California. He and Visiting Instructor and Assistant Director of Academic Development Gail Quan co-presented on the topic of "Canary in a Coal Mine: Cultivating Collaborative Relationships That Support Our Students" at the AALS Annual Meeting's First Plenary for the Section on Student Services.

Associate Professor WILLIAM GALLAGHER, co-director of the Intellectual Adjunct Professor and the Hon. MARIA-ELENA JAMES of the US Property Law Center (www.gguiplc.com), hosted a conference held District Court for the Northern District of California was profiled in the on campus in conjunction with the State Bar of California Intellectual February 27 edition of The Western Edition San Francisco. Property Law Section in May. Titled "The Patent Offices Comes to California," the program included presentations by US Patent Associate Professor and Director of the Environmental Law and Justice Commissioner Robert Stoll and Deputy Undersecretary of Commerce Clinic HELEN KANG is the author of "Pursuing Environmental Justice: for IP Sharon Barner. Gallagher serves on the State Bar of California IP Obstacles and Opportunities-Lessons from the Field" in the Washington Law Section Executive Committee.

University Journal of Law and Policy (2009). She spoke on a panel at the IP Law Adjunct Professor MICHAEL A. GLENN published "Article I and Sixth Annual UC Berkeley Law Environmental Justice Symposium in the First Inventor to File: Patent Reform or Doublespeak?" in volume 50 of February, and at a seminar on the Clean Air Act and Global Warming IDEA—The Intellectual Property Law Review (2010). sponsored by the Center for Biological Diversity.

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**PROFESSOR AND** INTELLECTUAL **PROPERTY LAW** CENTER CO-DIRECTOR MARC GREENBERG

GOLDEN GATE UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW Professor and Intellectual Property Law Center co-director MARC GREENBERG published a commentary on Ormsby v First Am. Title Co. in CEB's Real Property Law Reporter. In recent months he gave a talk in Napa on "The State of Copyright" to the annual Spring Seminar of the San Francisco Intellectual Property Law Association, and represented the School of Law at Jurstart, an LLM Recruiting Fair in Muenster, Germany.

Professor HELEN HARTNELL and Adjunct Professor Anne Deysine made a presentation in January at the University of Paris Ouest (Nanterre La Défense) on "Contemporary Developments in EU Law and Policy."

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Professor and Dean Emeritus PETER KEANE moderated two sessions of the Recorder Roundtable MCLE program in recent months that featured distinguished judges at the Commonwealth Club, where he has moderated these panels for several years. In March he moderated the sold-out session "Outstanding Trial Work," and in June he moderated "Outstanding Settlement Work." He gave the keynote address at the National Public Defenders Association Annual Meeting in Las Vegas. He also moderated the morning session of the School of Law's 2010 Fulbright Symposium on International Legal Problems. His numerous recent media interviews have addressed such stories as the BALCO steroids abuse scandals; a case against a former prosecutor; developments on the same-sex marriage cases; and the San Francisco police laboratory scandal for such media outlets as the Los Angeles Times, New York Daily News, KQED's "Forum with Michael Krasny" radio program, and KCBS. He is serving as California Evidence Bar Review Instructor for Kaplan PMBR.

Associate Professor PAUL KIBEL's article "Climate Adaptation Policy at the Continental Level: North America's Natural Resources in North America and Europe" has been published in the Pace Environmental Law Review (2009-10). He served on a panel on Biodiversity and Natural Resources Management at a conference on climate change adaptation at Georgetown University Law Center in March, as well as on a panel on the Canada-US Pacific Salmon Treaty at the School of Law's 2010 Fulbright Symposium on International Legal Problems in April. He also spoke on "Downstream Equities on the Colorado and the Danube: Crossborder Rivers and Climate Change" at the University of Oregon School of Law for the Society of American Law Teachers 2010 Trina Grillo Retreat.



Visiting Professor DIANE KLEIN organized a presentation on campus about the Bishop Estate in Hawaii by Professor Randall Roth of the William S. Richardson School of Law at the University of Hawaii. Klein authored two "Perspective" essays that appeared in the San Francisco Daily Journal's December 31, 2009 and February 18, 2010 editions. She coached the School of Law team to the quarterfinal round at the Sixth Annual Williams Institute Moot Court Competition on Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity Law at UCLA School of Law. In June, she presented on Music Law

to the "Harvardwood" Music Group (for Harvard alumni in the music business) in Hollywood. Also in June she gave a talk called "Protect Yourself! An Introduction to IP Law for Visual and Performing Artists" at the New York Foundation for the Arts in Brooklyn, New York.

Professor MYRON MOSKOVITZ is the author of "The Road to Reason: Arizona v. Gant and the Search Incident to Arrest Doctrine," published in the Mississippi Law Journal. The fifth edition of his Cases and Problems in Criminal Procedure has been published by Lexis. He was interviewed on KTVU in a segment about the BART shooting case. He wrote a series of four "Perspective" essays on "Mysteries of the Writ" that appeared in the San Francisco Daily Journal in February. He presented on "How to Win Appeals" to the Sacramento Bar Association.

Associate Professor and Director of Legal Writing and Research DEBORAH MOSTAGHEL's article "Wrongfully Incarcerated, Randomly Compensated-How to Fund Wrongful-Conviction Compensation Statutes" has been accepted for publication by the Indiana Law Review.

Professor CHRIS OKEKE, director of the LLM and SID International Legal Studies Programs, organized the 2010 Fulbright Symposium on International Legal Problems, which was held on campus in April with the theme "International Law in a Time of Change." More recently, during a visit to Nigeria, he gave four presentations at several universities and to the Annual General Assembly of Obinofia Ndiuno.

Visiting Instructor and Assistant Director of Academic Development GAIL QUAN made a presentation with Assistant Dean Rodney Fong on the topic of "Canary in a Coal Mine: Cultivating Collaborative Relationships that Support Our Students" at the AALS Annual Meeting's First Plenary for the Section on Student Services.

Dean DRUCILLA STENDER RAMEY was selected as one of the San Francisco Bay Area's Most Influential Women in Business for 2010 and featured in a special insert of the April 23 edition of the San Francisco Business Times. She and Professor Marci Seville attended the midyear meeting of the National Association of Women Judges (NAWJ). The School of Law is the NAWJ's first Law School Landmark Sponsor. Her many notable presentations this spring have included speaking at the opening panel at the Northern District of California Judicial Conference on diversity in the legal profession; participating in a panel on women's progress in the legal profession at DLA Piper in San Francisco; and serving on a panel, "Women in Business," held at Paul Hastings in Los Angeles. She will serve as keynote speaker of the 2010 Women's Bar Leader Summit of the National Conference of Women's Bar Associations, to be held on campus in August.

Associate Professor LESLIE ROSE (JD 83, LLM 01) was invited by the Women in Legal Education 2011 AALS Annual Meeting Planning Committee to participate in a panel on teaching gender as a core pedagogical value. Her article "The Supreme Court and Gender-Neutral Language" was recently published in the Duke Journal of Gender Law & Policy and highlighted on the Feminist Law Professors blog.

Visiting Professor MARGARET RUSSELL wrote a "Perspective" essay titled "Sexual Orientation Singled Out for Scrutiny" that appeared in the March 19 edition of the San Francisco Daily Journal.



Professor and Director of Externships SUSAN RUTBERG spoke at the School of Law's annual "Beat the Clock" MCLE event in January on "Best Practices for Supervising Students and New Lawyers" and on "Wrongfully Convicted: The Over-Representation of the Poor" at the School of Law's Poverty Law Conference in March. She also spoke at the annual Externship Conference in Miami on "Developing Educational Outcomes for Externship Programs," and in May she spoke at the AALS 2010 Conference on Clinical Legal Education in Baltimore, on "Outcome Identification, Formative Assessment, and Course Design in Field Placement Clinics."

Associate Dean for Law Student Services NEHA SAMPAT was appointed to the Executive Committee for the AALS Section on Law and Mental Disability.

Professor and Director of the Women's Employment Rights Clinic MARCI SEVILLE attended the mid-year meeting of the National Association of Women Judges (NAWJ) with Dean Drucilla Stender Ramey. Seville spoke on "Practicing and Teaching Cross-Cultural Competence" at the Poverty Law Conference held on campus in March. She also presented at the 2010 Northern California Clinical Conference at UC Hastings. She hosted a visit to the School of Law by a research delegation appointed by Japan's Cabinet Office on the Americans with Disabilities Act.

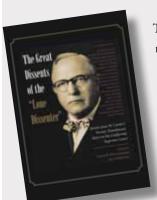
Professor BERNIE SEGAL was featured July 16 in The Recorder in a special report on mentors that featured 10 lessons Shahrad Milanfar (JD 98) gleaned from Segal, including "Never, never, never speak in court while sitting down!" and "Don't lose your humanity while becoming a great lawyer." Milanfar said "Just about everything I do in my practice can be traced to what I learned from Professor Segal. [His] work at GGU Law has been like a pebble being dropped in a large pond; the positive ripples will be felt for many years to come."

Associate Professor HINA SHAH, clinical staff attorney with the Women's Employment Rights Clinic, spoke at the 2010 Northern California Clinical Conference at UC Hastings. Her article "Broadening Low-Wage Workers' Access to Justice: Guaranteeing Unpaid Wages in Targeted Industries" has been accepted for publication in the Hofstra Labor & Employment Law Journal.

#### ASSOCIATE DEAN JON H. SYLVESTER RECEIVES A GIFT FROM DEAN NGUYEN NGOC DIEN AT UNIVERSITY OF ECONOMICS AND LAW IN HO CHI MINH CITY. AT RIGHT IS GGU JD ALUMNUS KEN DUONG.

Associate Dean for Graduate Programs JON SYLVESTER co-authored an article with Professor Roger Bernhardt in CEB's Real Property Law Reporter on a recent California Supreme Court decision regarding illusory contracts. He and Bernhardt co-hosted an MCLE panel on campus for alumni who practice real property law. In January, Professor Sylvester traveled to Vietnam to build institutional relationships and promote the Law School's graduate programs, meeting with officials at Vietnam National University's Faculty of Economics and Law, Ton Duc Thang University, and Open University, all in Ho Chi Minh City. He also met with officers of the local and national bar associations and with principals of the country's largest law firm. In June, he traveled to Beijing to meet with the Deans at the Central University of Finance and Economics, and to the University of International Business and Economics, where he taught as a visitor in 1990. In Shanghai, he visited the East China University of Political Science and Law, and met with principals of the Center for International Business and Commercial Law.

Adjunct Professor CHRISTINE TOUR-SARKISSIAN co-authored an article on tenancy-in-common agreements with Professor Roger Bernhardt for CEB's Real Property Law Reporter.



The School of Law proudly announces the publication of The Great Dissents of the Lone Dissenter: Justice Jesse W. Carter's Twenty Tumultuous Years on the California Supreme Court (Carolina Academic Press, 2010). Edited by former Golden Gate Law Professor David B. Oppenheimer and Professor Emeritus Allan

Brotsky, this new book includes a foreword by

the Hon. Joseph R. Grodin, former justice of the Supreme Court of California; and several chapters on the dissents of the Hon. Jesse Carter (Class of 1913), who served on the Supreme Court of California from 1939 until his death in 1959. Other contributors include Justice Carter and the late Justice William J. Brennan Jr., the late attorney and Carter biographer J. Edward Johnson, Judge William A. Fletcher, former School of Law Dean Frederic White, former School of Law Associate Dean Markita Cooper, alumna Jessica L. Beeler (JD 09), and School of Law faculty members Michele Benedetto Neitz, Helen Chang, Janet Fischer, Marc Greenberg, Janice Kosel, Cliff Rechtschaffen, Susan Rutberg, Marci Seville, Marc Stickgold, Rachel A. Van Cleave, Michael Zamperini, and David Zizmor.

#### Law School Launches International Women Judges Graduate Fellowship Program

n partnership with the International Association of Women Judges, the Law School is proud to announce the International Women Judges Graduate Fellowship Program. We are most pleased to welcome or first Fellow, Justice Gertrude Torkornoo of Ghana, who will pursue her LLM in Intellectual Property this year.

The Law School created this fellowship to advance issues involving international women's rights and the role of women in the justice systems around the world. Each year, a woman jurist from a developing country will come to live in San Francisco, attend Golden Gate University School of Law and complete a nine-month program of individualized coursework to earn a graduate law degree.

Each fellow will choose among LLM programs in Environmental Law, Intellectual Property Law, International Legal Studies, Taxation Law, and



United States Legal Studies. In addition to coursework, fellows will have opportunities to engage and educate the Golden Gate Law School and local legal communities in a series of programs and activities that focus on issues affecting women and women judges in her home nation.

The School of Law is partnering with the International Association of Women Judges for the Program."We know our school, legal community, and Justice Torkornoo will benefit immeasurably from her presence at the school this year," said Jon Sylvester, Professor of Law and Associate Dean for Graduate Programs.

This program was made possible through the generous support of attorneys Elizabeth Cabraser, of Lieff Cabraser Heimann & Bernstein, LLP and Robert Kaufman, former president of the Association of the Bar of the City of New York and a partner at Proskauer Rose LLP.



**OUR LAW CLINIC VICTORY!** Hinkley, CA Residents Prevail—Again—Against Proposed Human Waste Sludge Facility



### Bar Association of San Francisco Past **Presidents' Lunch**

he BASF Past Presidents' Lunch was held February 25 at the Law School. President Dan Angel and Dean Ramey welcomed many of BASF's Past Presidents who spoke with students and professors and learned about the Law School's Externship Programs from Susan Rutberg, Professor and Director of Externship Programs.

The Hon. Steven A. Brick

**BELOW:** Visiting Professor Eleanor Lumsden and GGU Catherine Delcin (JD 10)





The Hon. Lee Baxter, Marie Galanti, Henry Heines Dick Gregory, Dean Ramey



Professor Helen Kang, Director, Environmental Law and Justice Clinic

"This victory proves that a pro bono law school clinic, with the invaluable support of its dedicated students and faculty, can go head-tohead with a large firm and come out victorious ..."

-Lucas Williams (JD 08), a graduate fellow (and former student) at the Clinic who argued the appeals case. former Clinic student, also on the team.

"This victory proves that a pro bono law school clinic, with the invaluable support of its dedicated students and faculty, can go head-to-head with a large firm and come out victorious," said Lucas Williams (JD 08), a graduate fellow (and former student) at the Clinic who argued the appeals case. The lower case was argued by then Clinic student, Alicia Pradas-Monne (JD 08), who now practices in Massachusetts, and numerous students have done valuable work on the case. Students who contributed to the Clinic's appellate victory include Sarah Devine (JD 11), Melosa Granda (JD 11), Chad Pradmore (JD 11), Kent Kirmaci (JD 10), Christina Renner (JD 09), and Golie Patrick

in July.

(JD 10).

\rceil GU's Environmental Law and Justice Clinic successfully defended in appellate court its 2008 y lower court victory on behalf of a rural community. The appellate court affirmed the lower court's decision overturning San Bernardino County's approval of a controversial unenclosed bio-solids facility. The facility proposed to turn into compost 200,000 tons of residue that it would accept annually from the treatment of domestic sewage, which could include anything from the sink, toilet, or sewer. The common current practice is to enclose these operations to prevent damage to air quality. The Clinic and the Center on Race, Poverty, and the Environment were co-counsel, with Caroline Farrell (JD 99), a

Residents, businesses, and cities around the desert town Hinkley, CA-made famous in the film Erin Brockovich, which depicted a landmark environmental contamination case—objected to business plans for the open-air compost facility. The Center for Biological Diversity (CBD) and a group of Hinkley residents (HelpHinkley) won a favorable ruling against the developer when the trial court found the facility's environmental review inadequate.

The developer appealed the ruling, but the court of appeals for the fourth appellate district upheld on May 25, 2010 all aspects of the earlier ruling in favor of the Clinic's clients.

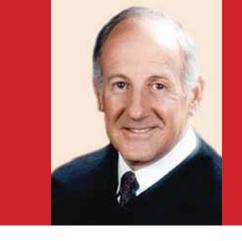
"We are grateful for the hard work by the Clinic and the Center on Race, Poverty, and the Environment," said Norman Diaz of HelpHinkley.org. "Without their work, the community of Hinkley would already be feeling the effects of the proposed sewage dump."

"One thing mars this victory that deserves attention from all of us," said the Clinic's Director Professor Helen Kang. "Despite this victory, the County's plans to allow the project are continuing, and our client is being maligned on the web. Too many environmental advocates are attacked for the dedication they show their communities." While the appeal was pending, the County of San Bernardino prepared a supplemental environmental analysis, and the Planning Commission re-approved the project. The county board of supervisors is expected to hear an appeal of the second approval

#### MAJOR GIFT FROM PATRICK COUGHLIN TO BOLSTER LITIGATION CENTER

e are delighted to share that Patrick Coughlin's (JD 83, LLD 09) generous \$100,000 gift to the Law School will be used for technology, additional coaches, and other resources to augment the Litigation Center, including a more robust schedule of student competitions to build on our litigation team's great success this past year.

With the strong leadership of Bernie Segal, Professor of Law and Director of the Litigation Center, and new Associate Professor Wes Porter, litigation students this year will experience augmented technology and coaching to strengthen their skills and experience in the courtroom.



### SAVE THE DATE **OCTOBER 12, 2010**

**SECOND ANNUAL** 

The Second Annual Golden Gate University School of Law Chief Justice Ronald M. George Distinguished Lecture will be held Tuesday, ↓ October 12, 2010, 5:00-6:30 p.m., reception to follow, at the PG&E Auditorium, 50 Beale Street, San Francisco.

### PROGRAM **OPENING REMARKS**

LECTURE

MODERATOR

**DISCUSSION WITH PANELISTS** 

INTRODUCTION OF DISTINGUISHED LECTURE

Justice Dana Fabe, Supreme Court of Alaska President, National Association of Women Judges Two-Time Chief Justice of Alaska

Justice Joan Dempsey Klein Senior Presiding Justice, California Court of Appeals

Chief Justice Christine Durham, Supreme Court of Utah President, National Conference of Chief Justices Chair, National Center for State Courts

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#### WERC

he Women's Employment Rights Clinic (WERC) raised \$50,000 in donations as of March 2010 to secure the generous matching grant of \$50,000 pledged by alumnus William Audet (JD 84) in late 2009. "The \$100.000 will be used to provide expanded essential services by student clinicians for the workingpoor, including expansion of the clinic's representation of domestic workers," saysMarci Seville, WERC Director and GGU Professor.

In other WERC news. former WERC Associate Director Donna Ryu was selected as a U.S. Magistrate Judge of the U.S. District Court for the Northern

### LAW CAREER SERVICES **CORPORATE COUNSEL** PANEL DISCUSSION

n March 23, 2010 the GGU CAPITAL Group hosted a panel discussion where students learned about the role of attorneys as corporate counsel. About 20 students were fortunate to listen to the experience of three distinguished attorneys: Guy Rounsaville, currently the Director of Diversity at Allen Matkins, formerly General Counsel of Wells Fargo and Visa; GGU alumnus **Spencer Chen**, currently on the Board of Directors for the Association of Corporate Counsel; and Oliver Louie, currently In-House Counsel of Facebook. The group learned about the structure of in-house counsel as compared to general counsel, about the types of issues that arise in these positions, and about the relationships that these attorneys have with other law firms and within their own corporate environments. Afterward, students had the honor of attending a reception to network with these distinguished panelists. The event was such a success that the panelists have continued networking with students for future receptions and presentations.





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### **GOLDEN GATE UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW** CHIEF JUSTICE RONALD M. GEORGE DISTINGUISHED LECTURE

#### Ronald M. George

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Chief Justice Janice Holder, Supreme Court of Tennessee

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### **BUILDING ALLIANCES ON BEHALF OF THE POOR:** SCHOOL OF LAW HOSTS MAJOR POVERTY LAW CONFERENCE



ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR MICHELE BENEDETTO NEITZ



SALT EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR HAZEL WEISER



DR SPEETH AN ACCOMPLISHED MUSICIAN, PERFORMED "SUCH A CRIME" ON THE GUITAR AT FRIDAY'S LUNCHEON

n March 2010, the School of Law and the Society of American Law Teachers (SALT) co-sponsored a major interdisciplinary two-day conference on Poverty Law, with the theme "Vulnerable Populations and Economic Realities: An Interdisciplinary Approach to Law Teaching." Over 100 educators, practitioners, judges, and advocates shared theories and data about the best methods to meet the needs of society's most vulnerable populations and explored ways to prepare future lawyers to serve them. The conference was made possible with the generous support of The Elfenworks Foundation and its President and CEO, Dr. Lauren Mavis Speeth.

Organized by the School of Law's Associate Professor Michele Benedetto Neitz and Hazel Weiser of SALT, the event featured a keynote address by John Payton, President and Director-Counsel of the NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund, who was introduced by Senior Judge Thelton Henderson of the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of California (see following pages).

The professionals attending this conference represented a broad range of specialty areas, including employment law, property law, health law, constitutional law, and criminal law, as well as extensive experience in curricular development and clinical teaching. Panelists included lawyers and professors from law schools throughout California, the East Coast, the South, the Midwest, and the Pacific Northwest, in addition to several international speakers. These experts brought a wealth of scholarly and practical experience to the complex and multifaceted subject of Poverty Law.

DAY 1 featured a welcome by Dean Drucilla Stender Ramey and a plenary panel on "The Criminalization of Poverty" with Professor Paul Butler of The George Washington University Law School and Professor Richard Delgado of Seattle University School of Law. Professor Butler is Associate Dean for Faculty Development and the Carville Dickinson Benson Research Professor of Law and a former federal prosecutor. He is the author of the book Let's Get Free: A Hip-Hop Theory of Justice, and a frequent media commentator whose work has been profiled on 60 Minutes, Nightline, and major news networks. Professor Delgado is one of the leading commentators on race in the United States. A widely published scholar, he is a Pulitzer Prize nominee who is widely credited with helping craft the field of critical race theory.

Subsequent panels included a diverse array of themes related to the law school curriculum, including alternative dispute resolution clinics, teaching legal support for low-wage workers, and emergency planning for the economically disadvantaged. Panelists also discussed ways to introduce social justice into the first-year curriculum, with specific focus on property law, tort law, and the poor. An evening reception hosted by California Newsreel included a preview of Turkey Creek, a film about a Mississippi community in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina.

The conference was made possible through a generous donation from Dr. Lauren Mavis Speeth, President and CEO of The Elfenworks Foundation. A 1992 graduate of Golden Gate University's Business School, Speeth received a doctor of laws at Commencement 2010.

DAY 2 featured the Hon. Thelton Henderson's (LLD 98) introductory remarks and John Payton's keynote address (see following pages). Panels included such topics as health law and poverty, engaging students in advocating for the poor, and law and feminist theory and sexual orientation-based violence. GGU Law Professors Marci Seville and Susan Rutberg organized panels on teaching cross-cultural competence and examining wrongful convictions, respectively. GGU law students participated in Professor Rutberg's wrongful convictions panel.

Panelists and attendees were impressed with the level of dialogue and collaboration at the conference. Carolina Academic Press is publishing a collection of essays written by conference presenters. The forthcoming book will include chapters written and edited by GGU law professors and will incorporate essays from various topical perspectives. These include teaching law students to work with domestic violence victims; the importance of teaching a course on race, gender, class, and mental disability; and other issues related to clinical and doctrinal law teaching in the context of vulnerable populations.



### THE HON. THELTON E. HENDERSON **INTRODUCES JOHN PAYTON**

Not many people I know—or know of—can lay claim to a resume and career as uniquely varied and consistently dazzling as this morning's keynote speaker. I could not be prouder or more delighted to introduce John Payton, my old friend, my comrade-in-arms, and one of our nation's very finest and most courageous civil rights lawyers: a lawyer's lawyer—and one of the true heroes of the current-day civil rights struggle.

Our paths first crossed years ago when a friend told me about a young, brilliant Pomona College senior who was thinking about applying to Stanford Law School, where I was serving as Associate Dean and where I was in the process of setting up their first minority program. I used all my skills to recruit him and woo him ... and he turned me down. He went some place back east-a small town back there . . . Cambridge or something. But, we

became fast friends nonetheless. And we've toiled separately and yet together And just last month, February 22, John argued before the Supreme for decades in pursuit of the shared goal of racial equality. Court in an employment discrimination case on behalf of a class of 6,000 John's legal path began with a clerkship right here in San Francisco with African American applicants who were denied jobs as firefighters in my good friend and my mentor, Judge Cecil Poole, who left the Northern Chicago. While acknowledging that it engaged in discriminatory hiring District of California and went to the Ninth Circuit, and I took Cecil's practices, the City argued that the claims were time-barred. John's position on the Northern District of California. forceful arguments to the contrary I expect will keep the doors open to After clerking for Judge Poole, John joined the prestigious Washington justice for these discrimination victims.

DC firm of Wilmer, Cutler, and Pickering-which is now, of course, Wilmer Hale—as a litigator. He took a brief hiatus to serve as corporation counsel for the District of Columbia, and brought to that office much needed direction and vitality and purpose, from which that office still benefits.

During this time, John accompanied his wonderful wife, attorney Gay McDougall, to South Africa, and was a part of the international team of observers in South Africa's historic 1994 election, which, of course, was won by Nelson Mandela.

Judicial luminary the Hon. Thelton E. Henderson, a former GGU Law School professor before being appointed to the federal bench ("30 years ago this June"), introduced John Payton.

John returned to Wilmer to argue some of our country's most important civil rights cases including, of course, the landmark cases Grutter v. Bollinger and Gratz v. Bollinger, challenging affirmative action admissions practices at the University of Michigan Law School. John successfully defended the University, a victory with enormous, enormous impact on higher educational institutions across the country. And, as Dean Ramey said, as one who was unceremoniously reversed by the Ninth Circuit on my own high-profile affirmative action ruling some years ago, I can fully appreciate-more than most-the extraordinary skill and craft with which John put together his case. I've probably read it more times than you have, John.

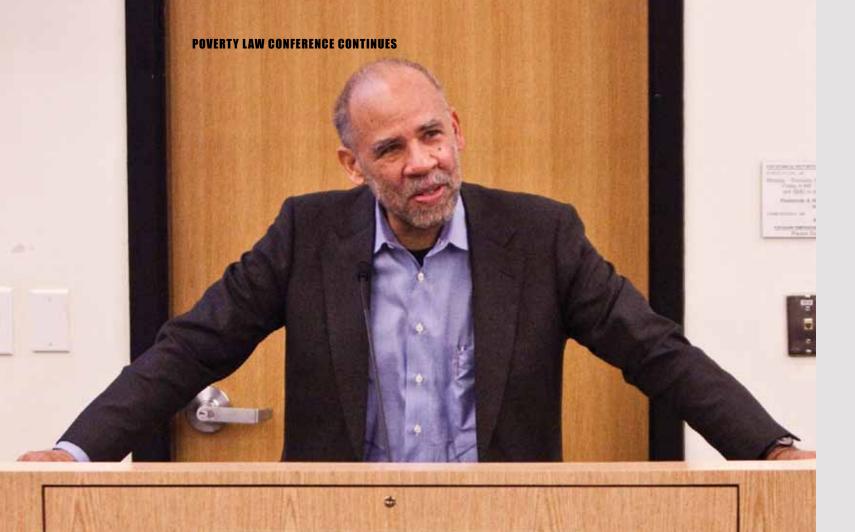
In 2007, John was appointed as Director-Counsel and President of the NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund, joining a line of distinguished, brilliant attorneys dating back to Thurgood Marshall. Under his leadership,

the NAACP Legal Defense Fund led the way in challenging anti-affirmative action ballot initiatives across these United States. Because of John's efforts, opponents of affirmative action-led by California's own Ward Connelly, who used tactics of deception to implement ballot initiatives-were defeated in four out of five states in 2008.

### "John is one of our very finest and most courageous civil rights lawyers: a lawyer's lawyer—one of the true heroes of the current civil rights struggle."

Time just does not permit me to review all of John's accomplishments and triumphs in this introduction, and these are just two examples I've given among the many in which John has made landmark contributions to civil rights. John's extraordinary passion for justice combined with his remarkable legal talent and keen strategic acumen enables him to use the law as a powerful tool in the fight to protect vulnerable populations.

Please join me in warmly welcoming my friend, whom I've long ago forgiven for rejecting my offer, our keynote speaker, John Payton.



## GOLDEN GATE UNIVERSITY

## THE MYTH of our "POST-RACIAL SOCIETY"

#### EXCERPTS FROM JOHN PAYTON'S SPEECH AT THE POVERTY LAW CONFERENCE

Carolina Academic Press is publishing a collection of essays written by conference presenters. The forthcoming book will include chapters written and edited by GGU Law professors.

### year ago in the afterglow of the presidential election and inauguration, we heard the then-strange notion that we had somehow and quite suddenly become a "post-racial society." Remember that? It was just everywhere.

Today feels a long way from January of 2009 and November of 2008. The excitement, the anticipation, the inclusion, the generosity of those moments have been replaced by recession–we need another word that is far more serious than recession–unemployment, distrust, disillusionment, and even fear.

We're a very racially diverse democracy, and we're nowhere near post-racial. That's our reality today, and that's been our reality from our beginning. This conference is about poverty and law and teaching law—very important topics, especially at this time of economic anxiety, and the extraordinary and growing gap between the super-rich and the persistently poor ...

"Lawyers have special responsibilities because of our empowered status. It is more than standing for the rule of law, it's standing for the rule of *just* law. Black and white. Latino, Asian-American, and Native American. Men and women. Straight and gay. Rich and poor. I believe all of us must play a role in transforming our society into the inclusive democracy it must become. Let's get to work."

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... In our society, race has always had a direct relationship to poverty, a direct relationship with alienated poverty. And, in turn, this has meant race has hindered our ability or our willingness to see and address issues of class. Race has distorted our view of the reality of poverty. Ronald Reagan's anecdote about welfare queens relied on that distortion. As did CNN's caption during coverage of Hurricane Katrina that identified some desperate black people seeking food from a destroyed market as "looters." Martin Luther King's merging of the civil rights movement with the focus on poverty was met with the "War on Crime." The face of crime is black men. Every one of those images is false. And the reason they resonate is due to our history of race. Western Europe is now experiencing a new and similar distortion as it becomes more racially and ethnically diverse. Distrust and suspicion of otherness has compromised the underpinning of Europe's social welfare systems.

We have at perhaps all times been more willing to talk about poverty than to talk about race. To put it another way, we talk about poverty sometimes to avoid talking about race ...

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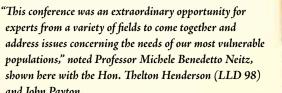
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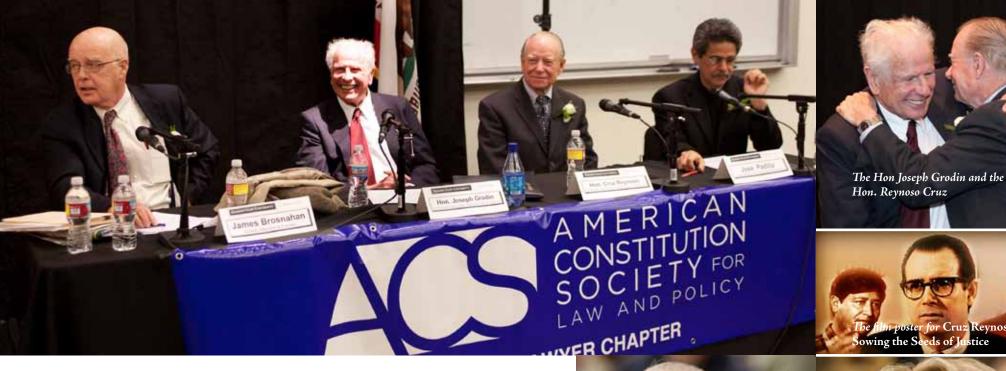
... I think we're at a very important moment. I've spent a lot of time going over the development of rights in connection with race to make this point. Those rights were created. They were created by aggressive lawyers, backed by political action. Today, poor people have programs, but few enforceable rights. Programs matter, but rights give you power, and power makes you a peer.

Lawyers are an empowered profession. There's no other profession that can call on the power of the state to enforce the things that we do. In asserting rights, and in fashioning new rights, we the lawyers can call upon the state to vindicate those rights. That empowers our clients. The Legal Defense Fund empowers black people and many other minority groups. But we also empower poor people. As far as we have come in the matter of race, we still face daunting challenges. Problems of race in education, employment, housing, health care, criminal justice, all require structural change. But problems of poverty in these areas also require structural changes. Access to quality education should not correlate with wealth. Nor should access to justice.

Lawyers have special responsibilities because of our empowered status. It is more than standing for the rule of law, it's standing for the rule of *just* law. Black and white. Latino, Asian-American, and Native American. Men and women. Straight and gay. Rich and poor. I believe all of us must play a role in transforming our society into the inclusive democracy it must become. Let's get to work ...

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## "WHAT'S PAST IS PROLOGUE"... SOWING THE SEEDS OF JUSTICE

By Sheila Chandrasekhai

nder the auspices of the 2010 Justice Jesse Carter Distinguished Lecture Program, and cosponsored by the American Constitution Society and The Bay Area Forum, GGU Law's "What's Past is Prologue," held on campus April 1, drew more than 200 students, lawyers, judges, nonprofit legal advocates, and other legal leaders. The event included a screening of Abby Ginzberg's new documentary Cruz Reynoso: Sowing the Seeds of Justice and a very lively panel discussion.

Abby Ginzberg practiced law for almost a decade before becoming a producer and director of awardwinning documentaries. Her work often focuses on law-oriented social justice issues and has been featured in festivals and broadcast on public television networks nationally and internationally. (Her film Soul of Justice features Justice Thelton Henderson, whose introduction of John Payton appears on page 13.) Ginzberg is "always interested in the intersection of biography and history. Biography that allows you to introduce new generations to history that they have not experienced personally can be quite powerful." One factor influencing her choice of Reynoso as a subject was Ginzberg's personal relationship to the California judicial recall the film explores: "I was involved in the effort to save the justices in 1986, and I have always wanted to take a second look at why the campaign to recall them was so successful."

Before tackling the recall, the film traces Cruz Reynoso's singular journey from his farm-worker family to his serving as the first Latino director of California Rural Legal Assistance (CRLA), to his appointment to the Supreme Court of California, the first Latino justice on that bench. One of the earliest Latino law professors, Reynoso also served on the US Commission on Civil Rights, which issued a significant report on the 2000 Presidential voting debacle that disenfranchised countless Florida voters and, of course, decided the presidency. A recipient in 2000 of the Presidential Medal of Freedom, the nation's highest civilian honor, Reynoso, now 78, continues to teach at UC Davis and remains active in community events central to California and Latino history and politics. He introduced now-Supreme Court Justice Sonia Sotomayor at the UC Berkeley law conference where she made her oft-repeated "wise Latina" remark.



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Mario Arturo Jauregui, (JD 10) Graduate and La Raza President

Justice Reynoso's involvement in the 1986 California Supreme Court judicial recall exemplifies the nexus of biography and history in which Ginzberg specializes: not only was Justice Reynoso's own career affected (as were Chief Justices Rose Bird's and Joseph Grodin's), but the recall had chilling consequences for judicial independence in California.

Tangled strands of business, political, and judicial interests—as well as the random timing of judicial reconfirmation-enabled "the perfect storm" that led to the recall, as Dean Drucilla Stender Ramey notes in the film. Business interests, frustrated by their perception of Chief Justice Rose Bird's anti-business perspective, allied with pro-death penalty "law and order" conservatives frustrated by the Court's decisions overturning death penalty sentences imposed at trial. An increasingly conservative national and state zeitgeist—former California Governor Ronald Reagan had become President, and George Deukmejian was Governor of California—helped this alliance sway an increasingly conservative electorate.

The film described Rose Bird's appointment by Jerry Brown, which came up for re-confirmation by the electorate in 1986. The conservative alliance used Rose Bird's anti-death penalty record to deem her soft on crime, but soon realized they could not only ensure Bird's ouster, but possibly change the direction of the Court for decades to come. If the California electorate could be prevented from rubber-stamping the re-confirmation of three liberal justices, Governor Deukmejian could appoint three conservative judgesand tip the political composition of the court. Conservatives widened the scope of the recall, targeting Brown appointees Cruz Reynoso and Joseph Grodin, as well as Bird. Well funded and well organized, they mounted a highly sophisticated media campaign that played on fears of public safety. Hard-hitting direct mail campaign and television ads ("On Election Day, cast three votes for the death penalty: Vote no on Bird, Reynoso, and Grodin!") aimed to unseat the judges. The electorate recalled Bird, Reynoso, and Grodinthe first such event in California history, since no appellate judge had ever previously failed such a voteenablingconservative gubernatorial appointments to the California Supreme Court.

together to hold the line."

As many of you already know, Cruz Reynoso, his wife, Elaine, and his grandson, Joel Heter, were in a serious car accident in Virginia on June 20th. Joel is home in California with his family, and at press time Cruz Revnoso is recovering in Virginia, and Elaine is still in critical, but stable condition in the ICU.

temporary address in Virginia: Affordable Suites of America c/o Cruz Revnoso 524 Harris Road. Apt. 135

Updates will be posted on http://www.facebook.com/group.php gid=108095392574195&ref=share

As Dean Ramey moderated the fiery, laughter-filled post-film discussion, panelists Reynoso, Grodin, Brosnahan, and Padilla discussed what had been done right-and wrong-during the recall. As Reynoso said, "If I had believed what people believed about me, I would have voted against me!"

Threats to judicial independence continue, in and beyond California. But liberals have learned from the events of almost 25 years ago. Now, says Ginzberg, "the Bar Association and other statewide groups get

For more information about the film, visit www.reynosofilm.org.

Letters and cards may be sent to Justice Revnoso at his

Charlottesville, Virginia 22903





ABOVE: Drucilla Stender Ramey with Sarah King, Queen's Bench First Vice President, at the Sir Francis Drake Hotel in San Francisco on June 15, 2010

am delighted and honored to be speaking before you this evening, on the occasion of this Annual Dinner honoring a remarkable group of distinguished judges. They include, I must note, many extraordinary Golden Gate University School of Law alumni, including of course, past Queen's Bench President and nonpareil Golden Gate University Trustee (and my personal angel) Judge Lee Baxter (JD 74, LLD 08).

Founded in 1921, one year after women attained the right to vote (and partly in response to the inhospitability of the Bar Association of San Francisco, I'm sad to say), Queen's Bench has been not only a local, but a national leader in efforts to advance women in the profession and the judiciary and efforts to enhance equality for all women. When I first moved to San Francisco as a beginning lawyer in 1972, San Francisco Bar Association Queen's Bench was leading the way in nationally groundbreaking work to reform rape laws and humanize the treatment of rape victims; it has similarly lighted the path for women in the intervening years.

Women and minorities have come a long way in the profession, judiciary, and broader society since I entered law school in 1968. That was the first year the door started to truly crack open for women in law-not coincidentally, I would suggest, because it was the first year men could not get graduate deferments for the draft.

Certainly, things have improved since then. Women are up from 3% of the profession in my time to about a third of it today. Women judges, who could have fit in a phone booth 40 years ago, are now at 26% in the state courts and 29% in the federal system; law school attendance reached nearly 50% in the early part of this decade; and, for some time, over 40% of associates at most large firms have been women.

But, upon closer scrutiny, things aren't looking so good for the double X chromosome or for people of color in the legal profession-by far the most racially segregated profession in the nation. While the number of minority matriculants almost doubled nationally in the 10 years before 1997, the year of the passage of California's anti-affirmative action initiative Proposition 209, they have grown a dismal 2.2% in the ensuing 13 years. Some of the finest public universities in the world, in such diverse states as California, Texas, Florida, and now, alas, Michigan, who had together produced thousands of successful minority lawyers, have seen their African American and Latino law school populations fall by two-thirds and half, respectively. The situation is even worse for Native Americans.

As for women, until this past year, the percentage of women entering law school has declined steadily since the 2002-03 entering class, from close to 50% down to the 46th percentile. In addition, the percentage of women partners has risen only glacially, moving up 4 percentage points in 15 years and stalling at 16% of equity partners (and a dismaying 1-2% for women partners of color.)

That the depressing partnership situation is likely to worsen is made clear in the battle being waged now to force the growing group of socalled "two-tiered" partnership firms to distinguish between equity and non-equity partners in their reports to Legal Career Professionals about the gender and racial breakdown of their partnership ranks, statistics that

RIGHT: Drucilla Stender Ramey's "personal angel," Judge Lee Baxter (JD 74, LLD 08)

are enormously influential with young lawyers seeking to choose among firms. At the behest of the National Association of Women Judges and other groups, NALP was persuaded to change its questionnaire this year to require firms to distinguish between equity and nonequity partners in submitting their demographic breakdowns, but then reversed course when several large firms indicated they would withdraw from NALP rather than provide this information.

Putting aside the partnership issue, the most recent National Association of Women Lawyers' study of the "Am LAW 200" shows that the percentage of women at the upper levels in firms has fallen nationally; we constitute only 15% of the seats on governing committees of large firms, 6% of managing partners, and, with the retirement of San Francisco's own Mary Cranston from Pillsbury's helm a couple of years ago, you can now shoot a cannon through a mega-firm managing partners' meeting and not worry about hitting a sister.

Any progress that has been made, of course, owes in large part to early and courageous individual pioneers, who insisted that their firms create policies allowing for at least a modicum of work-life balance, and who then insisted on the application of these policies to those coming up behind them. In San Francisco, chief among these heroes was Cathy Rosen.

#### **BLAMING BIOLOGY. CLAIMING "CHOICE"**

I am troubled by the current and constant drumbeat of the "work-life balance" theme beaten into, and scaring, many young women law students and lawyers at a time when most have little yet to balance. This has coalesced with the increasingly fashionable so-called "personal choice" rhetoric to rationalize the brain drain of women from the higher reaches of the elite firms. In this twenty-first-century version of a 1950s mantra, the reason women are decreasingly found within the elite, powerful, monied equity partnerships is that they "choose" instead to heed the siren call of motherhood.

In San Francisco, chief among these heroes was Cathy Rosen, whose wonderful husband, distinguished Bay Area practitioner, Sandy Rosen, son Yan, daughter Carin, son-in-law Mike, and granddaughter Kendra are here tonight. Her untimely death on May 21 has occasioned an outpouring of love and appreciation from women in her own firm, the former Heller Ehrman, and women and men all across this city.

Indications are this recession has not been. and will not be, kind to women or people of color, especially those in part-time positions, as firms become less accommodating to flexible schedules and to those who are "service partners" in the non-equity partner ranks, which are disproportionately female and minority. The one bright spot in all this (albeit via a study by the Project for Attorney Retention that was produced before the worst of the recession had hit) is that large numbers of part-time women lawyers in several large cities report that they are given good work, fair pay, and a fair shot at advancement within their firms.

The New York Times' Lisa Belkin, in an article some yeas ago, embraced this trend. Titled, "Q: Why Don't More Women Get to the Top? A: They Choose Not To," the article ups the ante by suggesting it is women themselves who have done the movement in, and that Mother Nature made them do it. Belkin's utterly unsubstantiated and potentially lethal thesis is that women have "chosen" to opt out of high-powered career trajectories, not because of profound and continuing patterns of conscious and unconscious sex discrimination, but because of their biologically determined and societally beneficial drive to drop out of work and tune in to children. promotion; and, perhaps most important, the



"Biology is Destiny" has, of course, been the battle cry down through the millennia of those seeking to deny women their basic human rights, not to say, in more recent times, their right to vote, own property, make contracts, practice law, and enjoy equal employment opportunity. Three justices of the Supreme Court notoriously ratified this view in 1872. If Ms. Belkin is right, that now even the best and the brightest women are biologically driven to jump ship at the cusp of

career success, why should men who continue to run our nation's principal economic institutions bother to keep hiring and promoting women?

Moreover, this focus on the "pull of maternity" ignores the "push" side of this equationthe outright sex discrimination and pervasive gender stereotypes that continue to plague our profession. These stereotypes combine with the rigid up-or-out institutional structure that disproportionately harms women: the crushing tyranny of the billable hour; the scarcity of training; the subjective, vulnerableto-bias systems of assignment, evaluation, and



and Queen's Bench Annual Judges'

Dinner attendee, Guy Rounsaville,

Director of Diversity at Allen Matkins

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tendency of the white, outwardly straight, non-disabled males at the top of the firm to seek out, mentor, will their business to, and otherwise advance those with whom they feel most comfortable—younger white males who remind them of themselves when they were young. All these factors together work to marginalize women and people of color (as well as many in the LGBT community and those with disabilities) from the informal networks, mentoring, training, and rainmaking opportunities that are the sine qua non to success.

I'd like to conclude with some words of my mother's with which she often closed speeches, typically paraphrasing John Donne and Genesis."No man or woman is an island, entire of itself; we are, each of us, a piece of the continent, a part of the main; any person's diminishment diminishes me,



for I am involved in personkind. We are, all of us, our brothers' and our sisters' keepers." Thank you.

Dru Ramey quoted her mother in her address and is shown here with daughter Jessica Stender, fitting for a night that honored women's legacies and advancement.

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GU alumni, faculty, and staff celebrated in San Francisco on Saturday, April 24 with GGU Board of Trustees member Mark E. Burton, Jr. (JD 95), keynote

speaker Professor Roger Bernhardt, and Dean Drucilla Stender Ramey. The memorable evening at the Palace Hotel's Gold Ballroom included the classes of 1960, 1965. 1970, 1975, 1980, 1985, 1990, 1995, 2000, and 2005.

Jim Tiemstra (JD 80) celebrated his 15th reunion wearing his 15-year Bankruptcy Association membership pin: he was one of its first members as well as one of the first certified bankruptcy lawyers in the state.

First-generation Korean immigrant Francis Ryu (JD 95) thanked "passionate" teachers like Professor Susan Rutberg, adding "Professor Bernie Segal taught me to push myself harder—to use the courtroom as my own personal theater." Ryu also recalled being a pro-death penalty young Republican who attended a San Quentin execution and to this day "thanks Professor David Oppenheimer for making me realize there is no justification for capital punishment."

- ABOVE: Professor Roger Bernhardt delivered the keynote address.
- MIDDLE: Francis Ryu, Nicole Ko, and Martin O'Shea
- LEFT: Francis Ryu, Professor Bob Calhoun



#### LEFT

CLASS OF 1975, LEFT TO RIGHT: Mary Sternad, Anthony White, Professor Susan Rutberg, Jo Ann Novoson, Ann Murphy, and Glen Moss

- MIDDLE LEFT: David Waggoner (JD 05) and Associate Dean Jon Sylvester
- ▼ MIDDLE RIGHT: The Hon. Loretta (Lori) Giorgi (JD 85) and Professor Bernie Segal
- ▼ BOTTOM LEFT: Edward Garson (JD 80) and Lynn Faris
- BOTTOM RIGHT CLASS OF 1995, LEFT TO RIGHT: Mark Burton, Mark Figueiredo, Martin O'Shea, Francis Ryu, and Steve Davidson

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**David Waggoner (JD 05)** joked, "I may have the distinction of being the only Marxist to receive the Witkin Award for Corporations!"

Teresa Wall-Cyb (JD 05), her dad Michael Wall (JD 70), and her mom (shown at right) shared the event, though sister Julie (Wall) Marquis (JD 00), also an alum, couldn't make it. Though "retired," Michael, a workers' comp specialist who remains very active, "keeps taking pro bono work," according to daughter Teresa. Michael single-handedly and ably represented the class of 70.

John Davids (JD 65) noted how lucky GGU Law was to have the "amazing" Dru Ramey, and marveled that, "the campus is now in one of the City's best neighborhoods." When the YMCA was above the school, "there would be dumbbells and medicine balls bouncing above your head." John was in Roger Bernhardt's first class at GGU, and **Susan Rutberg (JD 75)** was one of Roger's first students as well.

**Barbara Bryant (JD 80)** recalled the traumas of the Milk and Moscone assassinations and Jonestown, and noted that Dean Ramey, her then professor in employment and labor law, "played a major role in steering me in that direction."

Loretta Giorgi (JD 85) noted the mean age for students was 35, mentioned Charlie's Bar, and spoke of the experiences she gained in Trial Advocacy class. "We were ready to go forth as lawyers."

- RIGHT TOP Teresa Wall-Cyb (JD 05) with father Michael Wall (JD 70) and mother Danlean Wall
- RIGHT MIDDLE CLASS OF 2005, LEFT TO RIGHT: David Waggoner, Michele Thompson, Terera Wall-Cyb, Jason Lundberg, Professor Bernie Segal, and Shahram Nassi
- RIGHT BOTTOM CLASS OF 1985, FRONT ROW: David Frangiamore, Bernadette St. John, Susan Flageollet, Ellen Bastier, Diana Weiss, Tova Zeff, the Hon. Mary Ann O'Malley, Christine Tour-Sarkissian, Barbara Carlson BACK ROW: O. D. Burr, Joshua Weinstein, Jeffrey Sinsheimer, Arthur Barbour, the Hon. Loretta Giorgi, Marianne Barrett



Charles J. Hunt (JD 58) is a professor of business law at Pepperdine University in Malibu, Calif. He has been a member of the State Bar of California for 50 years.

Kathryn Ringgold (JD 70) was honored at the Legal Services for Children Pro Bono Award Luncheon in early June.

The Hon. Robert Oliver (JD 73), of Fresno County Superior Court received the California State University, Fresno Foundation's Service Award. He has served CSU Fresno in many capacities and is chairman emeritus of the Fresno State Foundation Board of Governors.

William M. Gwire (JD 74) spoke at a panel titled "Hanging Up Your Own Shingle – Considering Solo Practice in Today's Market" at the Law Career Services Office at the School of Law in February. Gwire, widely considered one of California's top plaintiff's attorneys and selected as a Northern California "Super Lawyer," won \$50 million in punitive damages in Los Angeles Superior Court for a client in a five-year battle against Royal Dutch Shell.

Ruth J. McKnight (JD 77, BA 74) is president of the Far North Division of the National Alliance on Mental Illness and a member of the board of directors of NAMI Idaho.

Becky O'Malley (JD 77) and her husband Mike, who have been highly successful in the computer software industry and have co-owned The Berkeley Daily Planet since 2003, announced they would cease print publication but continue it online.

Marjorie Randolph (JD 77), senior vice president of HR and Administration for Walt Disney Studios, hosted an alumni reception this spring attended by nearly 20 alumni and friends of the School of Law. She has been a generous donor to the School of Law and serves on the Dean's Advisory Board.

Ellen M. Singer (JD 79) has a private practice in Eugene, Oregon and was appointed ombudsperson for LaneCare, the mental health division of the Oregon Health Plan.

Steven A. MacDonald (JD 79, BA 76), author of The San Francisco Rent Board User's Guide, considered a bible for local landords and now in its fourth printing, won a settlement on behalf of tenants who had been wrongfully evicted, and is vowing to obtain more for the immigrant family he has represented.



Superior Court, participated in a panel sponsored on campus in April by the Women's Law Student Association. Titled "Women Judges and the Path that Led Them to the Bench," the panel also featured US District Judge Marilyn Hall Patel, First District Court of Appeal Judge Maria Rivera and Alameda County Superior Court Judge Gail Bereola.

Barbara Bryant (JD 80) has become affiliated with the California Academy of Distinguished Neutrals and was designated an advanced practitioner by the National Association for Conflict Resolution.

Chris Mazzia (JD 80) was profiled in the North Bay Business Journal, covering Sonoma, Marin, and Napa (Calif.) counties. He is senior litigation partner and director at Anderson, Zeigler, Disharoon, Gallagher & Gray.

Robert W. Richardson (JD 80) owns a law firm in Walnut Creek, Calif.

Amy Rodney (JD 80) was spotlighted as a litigation attorney and mediator in the North Bay Business Journal, covering Sonoma, Marin, and Napa (Calif.) counties. She is a mediation attorney and partner at Connor Lawrence & Rodney. She has been listed as a Northern California "Super Lawyer" since 2004; in 2006 and 2007 was listed in Best Lawyers in America; and in 2009 was the president of the Collaborative Council of the Redwood Empire.

Hon. Keith Davis (JD 81), of the San Bernardino Superior Court, was featured in a "Judicial Spotlight" in the August 25 edition of the San Francisco Daily Journal and was elected president of the California Lawyers Association.

Barbara E. Marmor (JD 81) has opened a legal consulting business in Riverside, Calif.

Cynthia McGuinn (JD 81) was selected as one of the Top Women Litigators for 2010 by the San Francisco Daily Journal. She specializes in

catastrophic personal injury cases and is a partner at Rouda, Feder, Tietjen & McGuinn.

Jeffrey G. Hansen (JD 82) is the 2010 president of the Dublin San Ramon Services District Board of Directors.

Patrick J. Coughlin (JD 83, LLD 09) wrote a "Perspective" essay on the SEC under the Obama Administration that was published in the September 21 edition of the San Francisco Daily Journal.

Cecily Dumas (JD 83) has been inducted as a Fellow of the American College of Bankruptcy in Washington, DC. She is a partner at Friedman Dumas & Springwater, specializing in commercial, finance, and corporate reorganizations.

Nancy O'Malley (JD 83), Alameda County District Attorney and the first woman ever to serve as the county's top prosecutor was featured in the January 2 edition of Contra Costa Times, in an article about how her fight with cancer has helped shape her career path.

Barbara Finkle (JD 84) is vice president for real estate for Men's Wearhouse in Fremont, Calif.

Ellen L. Bastier (JD 85) led a team at Reed Smith that helped Vestas Blades America, Inc. obtain a \$51.8 million tax credit from the Department of Energy.



LEFT TO RIGHT: BRADLEY BENNETT (JD 00), JESSICA SALVINI, (JD 00), AND LIZA DEEVER (JD 02)

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Norman M. Howard (JD 85) is retired from the Sonoma County (Calif.) Public Defender's Office and continues to work as a contract attorney in Juvenile Court.

Amy Eskin (JD 86), and Professor Marci Seville attended the regional meeting of the National Association of Women Judges in Washington, DC. Generously sponsored by Hersh and Hersh, the School of Law is the first-ever NAWJ Landmark Sponsor Law School, joining major law firms and corporations that have served as NAWJ Landmark Sponsors. Eskin, an attorney with Hersh and Hersh, serves on the NAWJ Resource Board.

Trudy Nearn (JD 86), of Law Offices of Trudy Nearn is a probate attorney in Sacramento and was featured in Profiles in Law.

Ann C. Moorman (JD 87) was profiled in the San Francisco Daily Journal about her life and work as a criminal defense attorney. She practices in Mendocino County, where she has won several high-profile cases.

Michael J. M. Brook (JD 88) was profiled in the North Bay Business Journal, covering Sonoma, Marin, and Napa (Calif.) counties. He is a partner with Lanahan & Reilly and is a member of the firm's banking group.

Larry F. Estrada (JD 89) is assistant district counsel for the US Army Corps of Engineers in the Los Angeles District.

Karen L. Hartmann (JD 89) has served as in house counsel for the California School Employees Association for 17 years.

Debra M. Bel (JD 91) has expanded her solo family law practice to include juvenile dependency as a result of experiences gained as court-appointed counsel for at-risk minors and parents of children in foster care. She began working in dependency cases by court appointment in 2007 and continues to work tirelessly to help re-unify children with their parents.

David S. Hershey-Webb (JD 92) has released a solo CD, "Welcome to the World."

Kathryn Schlepphorst (JD 92) now heads the family law group at Hoge Fenton Jones & Appel, a leading regional San Jose law firm. She brought several attorneys and staff from her former boutique family law firm with her to join Hoge Fenton.

Simona Farrise (JD 93) received the David Cunningham Corporate Community Service Award from the California Association of Black Lawyers. She is the founder of the Farrise Law

Firm and serves on the School of Law Dean's Advisory Board.

Karren Moore-Jordan (JD 93) owns a law office in El Cerrito, Calif.

Vanji R. Unruh (JD 93) is a senior attorney at the Law Foundation of the Silicon Valley's Legal Advocates for Children & Youth in San Jose.

Director of Investigations at Lazare Potter Leslie Morrison (JD 95) and Staff Attorney Jung Pham (JD 07), both of Disability Rights California, are co-authors of a major report documenting abuses of nursing home residents in California titled "Victimized Twice: Abuse of Nursing Home Residents, No Criminal Accountability for Perpetrators."

Karen Beyke (JD 96) is the codes enforcement section chair of the International Municipal Attorneys Association and serves as state chair, representing all Tennessee city attorneys. Beyke has been working for the University of Tennessee's Municipal Technical Advisory Services, advising Tennessee municipal courts.

Tad Ravazzini (JD 96, LLM 97) is an associate general counsel at Facebook in Palo Alto. He lives in Mill Valley with his wife and three daughters.

Michael R. Ward (JD 96) was selected as one of the Top 75 Intellectual Property Litigators by the San Francisco Daily Journal. He is co-chair of the IP practice and chair of the patent practice at Morrison & Foerster.

Vandana Date (JD 98) is the vice president of intellectual property at Medivation in San Francisco.

Shahrad Milanfar (JD 98) is a partner at Becherer Kannett & Schweitzer in Emeryville, Calif., working as a mediator and litigation attorney.

Kathryn F. Nooney (JD 98) is a foreign service officer at the State Department stationed in Sao Paulo, Brazil.

David Cheng (JD 99) has been named chair of Nixon Peabody's practice in China.

Christopher P. Seefer (JD 99) is assistant director and deputy general counsel for the Financial Crisis Inquiry Commission, which will report to Congress in December 2010 its conclusions on the causes of the global financial crisis.

Dawn M. Knepper (JD 00) is a shareholder at the San Antonio, Texas office of Ogletree, Deakins, Nash, Smoak & Stewart PC. Knepper is boardcertified in labor and employment law by the



Texas Board of Legal Specialization and is licensed in both Texas and California. She is the mother of Lars and Ava.

Alan B. Bayer (JD 01) and Heather E. Borlase (JD 01) spoke at a panel titled "Hanging Up Your Own Shingle – The Nuts and Bolts of Starting a Practice" at the Law Career Services Office at the School of Law in February.

Joseph Chianese (JD 01, LLM 05) is a compliance officer at the Office of Federal Contract Compliance Programs, US Department of Labor.

Patricia A. Rowe (JD 01) has her own law office in Walnut Creek. Calif.

Phil Cameron (JD 03, LLM 04, SJD 07) is executive vice president of the International Forum of Travel and Tourism Advocates.

Warren Cassell (LLM 03), a well-known Caribbean intellectual property and entertainment lawyer, has written a new book, O'Habits: 40 Success Habits of Oprah Winfrey and the One Bad Habit She Needs to Stop. Cassell, who owns Cassell & Lewis Law Offices on Montserrat, argues that Winfrey should work harder to reach male audiences.

Amy H. Halloran (LLM 03) is of counsel at Kronick, Moskovitz, Tiedemann & Girard in Sacramento.

Loulena A. Miles (JD 03) is an attorney for Adams Broadwell Joseph & Cardozo in South San Francisco, Calif.

Rebecca J. Prozan (JD 03), a veteran prosecutor running for Supervisor of District 8 in San Francisco, has received many major endorsements, including one from current Supervisor Bevan Dufty. She spoke at the School of Law's Diversity Graduation Celebration this spring.

Alma Soongi Beck (LLM 04) co-presented a seminar titled "No Estate Tax in 2010? What It Could Mean for You and Your Family" at the Glen Park Library on May 22 in San Francisco. She

made the presentation twice, with fellow attorney Joseph Ferrucci of The Beck Law Group. She wrote an article titled "Til the Emergency Room Do Us Part" that was published in the December 31, 2009 edition of the Bay Area Reporter.

Daniel G. Duke (JD 04) was selected to the 2010 Water Leaders Class sponsored by the Water Education Foundation in California. Duke is general counsel for H.T. Harvey and Associates, a Bay Area-based ecological consulting firm.

Jane K. Penhaligen (LLM 04) owns a law office in Pleasant Hill, Calif.

Arezou H. Piroozi (JD 04) owns the Piroozi Law Group PLLC in Las Vegas.

Amir A. Rang (LLM 04) spoke at a panel titled "Hot Practice Area: Tax Law" sponsored by Law Career Services at the School of Law in November.

Michael Robertson (JD 04), who directed congressional affairs for former Senator Barack Obama's presidential campaign before becoming associate administrator for government-wide policy at the US General Services Administration (GSA), has been named the GSA's chief of staff.

Serena C. Stark (LLM 04) is an associate for Sedgwick Detert Moran & Arnold LLP in San Francisco.

Ramesh Karky (SJD 05) is senior advisor on World Trade Organization and intellectual property for USAID-Tijara Provincial Economic Growth Program, which assists Iraqi ministries on technical issues relating to the WTO accession process.

Dewitt M. Lacy (JD 05) authored an article, "Some Considerations for Sharing Office Space," published in the Spring 2010 edition of San Francisco Attorney magazine. He is running for a seat on the San Francisco Board of Supervisors.

Geoffrey C. Piper (JD 05) is a licensing attorney with Gracenote Inc. in Emeryville, Calif.

David Waggoner (JD 05) was elected as a copresident of the Harvey Milk LGBT Democratic Club in January. Waggoner is a managing attorney at the Alameda County Homeless Action Center and has a solo practice in campaign finance, political law, and civil litigation in San Francisco.



Stefan Winheller (LLM 05) married Irina Winheller on December 19, 2009.

Paul Hogarth (JD 06), a writer for Beyond Chron, authored "Federal Court to Hear DOMA Challenge" in the May 5 edition, about the Boston lawsuit by Gay & Lesbian Advocates & Defenders (GLAD) to challenge the Defense of Marriage Act.

**Gong Hongliu (SJD 06)** will be teaching at the University of International Business and Economics in Beijing. He previously worked as a foreign legal consultant in IP law and the World Trade Organization for Greenberg and Traurig LLP in Washington, DC.

Claire Hulse (JD 06) is an attorney at Jewell & Associates PC. She is on the board of Tax-Aid, a non-profit providing free income tax preparation to low-income families throughout the Bay Area.

Joshua D. Johnson (JD 06) is an associate at Lynch, Gilardi & Grummer in San Francisco.

Ruth K. Kalnitsky (JD 06) spoke at a panel titled "Hanging Up Your Own Shingle – The Nuts and Bolts of Starting a Practice" at the Law Career Services Office at the School of Law in February.

Joseph S. Pearl (JD 06, LLM 08) is an estate planning attorney for Chain Cohn Stiles in Bakersfield, Calif.

Michael Gee (LLM 07) spoke at a panel titled "Hot Practice Area: Tax Law" sponsored by Law Career Services at the School of Law in November.

Richard H. Sinkoff (JD 07) is director of environmental programs and planning at the Port of Oakland in Oakland.

Matthew A. Wood (JD 07) moderated a panel in November at the School of Law titled "Medical Access for Trans People, Economic Marginalization, Sex Work & Criminality," and was the keynote speaker at the School's Public Interest Graduation in April.

Raymond W. Yu (JD 07) is an associate in the litigation department for Paul Hastings in Palo Alto. Calif.

#### Sanaz Alasti (SJD 08)

is the author of Cruel and Unusual Punishment: Comparative Perspective in International Conventions, the United States and Iran (Vandeplas Publishing, 2009). She has written numerous books and

articles on comparative criminal justice and penology and has been a post-doctoral scholar at the School of Law.

Erika A. Copenhaver (JD 08) is an estate planning and international transactional attorney and partner at Marie Galanti & Associates. (Marie

Galanti JD 03 serves on the School of Law Dean's Advisory Board.) Copenhaver is on the board of the Young Women's Christian Association of Sonoma (Calif.) County and the board of the Dengue Relief Foundation.

Carolyn M. Drouin (JD 08) is a new editor of the Native American Law Blog. She is an adjunct professor for the Law Advocates Program at Navajo Technical College in Crownpoint on the Navajo Nation in New Mexico, and managing attorney of DNA-People's Legal Services Inc.

Gary V. Dubrovsky (JD 08) was quoted in an article in the June 2010 BASF Bulletin in an article about the Bar Association of San Francisco's Solo and Small Firms Committee.

Norbert I. Ebisike (SJD 08) wrote an article titled "The Investigative and Evidential Uses of Cheiloscopy (Lip Prints)" for publication in the peer-reviewed journal The Criminal Law Bulletin in December.

Margaret B. Galbraith (JD 08) married Brien Galbraith (JD 08) on May 9, 2009 in Florida.

Matthew B. Reid (JD 08), an administrative law attorney with the US Army JAG Corps in Baghdad, wrote Professor and Director of Externship Programs Susan Rutberg (JD 75) in January that after leaving Iraq he hoped to continue his work in the area of military justice, either in trial defense in Okinawa or in prosecution work in Germany, where he is permanently stationed. "My internship at the San Francisco District Attorney's Office [during law school] has prepared me for either of those positions," he writes, "just as my education at GGU prepared me for my current work."

Rebecca Romero-Vigil (JD 08, LLM 10) owns a law office in San Francisco.

Matthew M. Shafae (JD 08) wrote a Golden Gate University Law Review article cited in a US Supreme Court brief.

Cara M. Kim (JD 09) is a term law clerk in US Bankruptcy Judge Alan Jaroslovsky's (JD 77) Santa Rosa chambers.

Chuan Qin (JD 09) was hired for the Bangkok offices of TDL International Law Firm, APLC, founded by Ken Duong (JD/MBA 09)



Left to right: Catherine Delcin (JD 10) and siblings Ricardo, Nadege, and Jhonnyto Delcin

#### Cynthia Brown (JD 06) Patricia A. Carson (JD 52) Kathleen Moorhead (JD 85) Adjunct Professor Joel Marsh Edward P. Moffat (JD 72) Ian C. Mackey Newman (JD 09) Harry M. Asch LLD

lan C. Mackey Newman (JD 09) was admitted to UC Berkeley to beginning and yet it never hindered his aggressive and optimistic approach study physics when he was 14 and ultimately graduated with a degree to creating a bigger and better life for himself." in Classical Civilization, and then received a Master's in Literature from To donate to a lectureship for gifted and disabled law students in remembrance of Ian C. Mackey Newman: the University of St. Andrews. At GGU he taught over 200 students as a Teaching Assistant for Criminal Law. He also maintained many other GGU Office of Advancement campus and extracurricular interests. In addition to his disability-related Ian Mackey Newman Fund pro bono work, Ian, who had congenital muscular dystrophy and used 536 Mission Street San Francisco, CA 94105 a wheelchair, was an avid member of the Museum of Modern Art, the Please mark memo "Re: Ian" San Francisco Ballet, and the de Young Museum. He received his Juris Doctorate from GGU in Spring of 2009. Adjunct Professor Joel E. Marsh, co-founder of renowned immigration

Ian, who died January 19, was celebrated by professors, classmates, family, and friends at a well-attended campus memorial service on February 1. His mother, Jennifer Mackey, notes on his Facebook memorial page, "Ian faced every day with the knowledge that there are no guarantees for the future. This was his reality from the very





Christopher Yuen (JD 09) is a deputy public defender for Santa Clara County.

Catherine Delcin (JD 10), originally from Haiti, discussed the country's devastating earthquake and her fundraising efforts in a KRXA radio interview. (http://www.thewip.net/talk/2010/02/haiti\_past\_ present\_and\_future.html).

Carrie Wipplinger (JD 10) won the Student Writing Competition of the State Bar of California Public Law Section for her article "Giving' Til It Hurts: Public Entities and the California Constitution's Gift Clause."

#### IN MEMORIAM

law firm Marsh & Perna, died April 4. He taught international and immigration law at GGU Law School for over 30 years, and had worked or taught in over 15 countries. Active in the ACLU, Professor Marsh held degrees from Cornell University; the University of California, Berkeley and the University of California, Hastings College of the Law.

an, Senior Partner at Morrison & Foerster LLP and one of the most respected trial lawyers in the United States, delivered the Golden Gate University School of Law Commencement Address at Louise M. Davies Symphony Hall on May 18, 2010.



honorary doctor of laws, GGU President Dan Angel, and Les Schmidt (MS 81) Chairman of the GGU Board of Trustees

#### **COMMENCEMENT 2010**

resident Dan Angel welcomed an exuberant crowd to the 2010 Commencement held at Davies Hall on May 18, noting that including the 268 graduating that day (174 earning their JD, 82 their LLM, and 12 their SJD), the number of law graduates of GGU was now over 9,000. Lauren Mavis Speeth received an honorary doctor of laws presented by President Angel. Graduates Trevor Nguyen, Victoria Erfesoglou, and Katrin Anna Rücker shared inspiring memories and offered their congratulations to the graduates. Chairman of the Board of Trustees Les Schmidt (MS 81) and Trustee J.P. Harbour (LLM 04) encouraged the new graduates to join Golden Gate Law's thriving alumni community, who shared in the excitement of the occasion.

of law, justice, and fairness.

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JAMES J. BROSNAHAN DELIVERS **2010 COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS:** 

James Brosnahan's 2010 Commencement address touched on business and criminal law, marriage equality, the right to counsel, law in times of war, and the idea of diversity itself-all in service to three themes to which he often returned: law, justice, and fairness. Referring to attorneys practicing in varying contexts as "heroes"-from his elected official daughter, to his late colleagues and friends, Judges Cecil Poole and Earl Johnson to Alberto Mora (who took a stand on the Guantánamo Bay-related "Torture Memo"), Brosnahan urged the Class of 2010 to exercise any future power in government with "reason and understanding," and always to return to the principles

Not all was solemn. Brosnahan immediately won over the audience by likening

them to a jury ("it's good to be candid ... so you can bond") and confessing that each

time he listened to the symphony in Davies Hall he had yearned to give just such a talk. His acknowledgement that he was the only thing standing between the Class of 2010 and their diplomas—and his reassurances that he would not trace 2,500 years of history while making his remarks ("especially since you've already heard so much from your faculty!")-earned laughter and applause, as did his comments on so-called activist judges: "I have not encountered 'activist judges,' and I have looked, because,

Alluding to John F. Kennedy's address at Brosnahan's own 1959 graduation

you to believe me now. The good that you might be able to do-for clients, for your

from Harvard Law School ("it was a long time ago ... all right, a *very* long time ago") and Irish-American roots ("the Brosnahans and the Kennedys were very close ... it was just the Kennedys didn't know it"), Brosnahan said he'd never forgotten Kennedy's remarks. "He told us our time had come, and we believed him-as I want

representing the misunderstood, I would *like* to find an activist judge!"

communities— is unimaginable. . . . Your time has come!"

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Awards for scholarly achievement and service were presented to Class of 2010 students Jonathan Louis Golinger, Ellen A. Jenkins, and Mario Arturo Jauregui, Jr. as well as to Professors Robert Calhoun, Michele Benedetto Neitz, and Morton Cohen. With great admiration and affection, Dean Ramey introduced commencement speaker and nationally renowned litigator James J. Brosnahan, "a true legend of the law," acknowledging both his exceptional acumen as a litigator and his extraordinary service as past president of the Bar Association of San Francisco. "As co-founder of its nationally acclaimed Volunteer Legal Services Program, he has for over 25 years led the Bar's extraordinarily ambitious program to advance racial and ethnic minorities, women, the LGBT community, and people with disabilities in our profession."

After the commencement ceremony, graduates celebrated with their families and friends at a lovely reception. Congratulations to the Golden Gate University School of Law Class of 2010, 268 men and women who have much to look forward to in the years to come.





LEFT TO RIGHT Mario Arturo Jauregui, IR., TREVOR NGUYEN, AND Katrin Anna Rücker at Commencement

**GRADUATES CELEBRATED** WITH FRIENDS AND FAMILY AT DAVIES HALL

LEFT TO RIGHT: Ferheen Siddiqui, Michelle Zetah, Sam Wu

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#### AUGUST 6: ABA ANNUAL MEETING ALUMNI RECEPTION

Time: 5 – 7 pm. Location: Marriott Marquis, 55 4th Street, San Francisco. Contact: Deanna Bruton, dbruton@ ggu.edu, 415-442-7812

#### AUGUST 21: GRIFFIN CONNECT SYMPOSIUM

Join fellow alumni for a symposium to develop meaningful connections for professional success. Participate in seminars full of practical tips to energize your career or your new business. Keynote speaker: Drucilla Stender Ramey. Designed for and open to all recent GGU graduates. Free. Time: 9:30 am – 12:30 pm. Location: Golden Gate University, 536 Mission Street, San Francisco. Contact: Pollie Robbins, alumni@ggu.edu, 415-442-7824

#### AUGUST 26: GGU PALO ALTO ALUMNI NETWORKING MIXER

Time: 6 – 8 pm. Location: Bistro 412 Lounge, 412 Emerson Street, Palo Alto. Contact: Deanna Bruton, dbruton@ggu.edu, 415-442-7812

### SEPTEMBER 4: VOLUNTEER FOR GLIDE'S FREE MEALS PROGRAM

Time: 11:30 – 2 pm. Location: Glide Foundation, 330 Ellis Street, San Francisco, CA 94102. Contact: Deanna Bruton, dbruton@ggu.edu, 415-442-7812

#### SEPTEMBER 20 – NOVEMBER 27: ANNUAL GGU PHONE-A-THON

Contact: Lenore McDonald, lmcdonald@ggu.edu, 415-442-7829

#### **SEPTEMBER 24: CALIFORNIA STATE BAR** ANNUAL MEETING ALUMNI RECEPTION

Time: 5 – 7 pm. Location: Monterey Marriott, 350 Calle Principal, Monterey. Contact: Deanna Bruton, dbruton@ ggu.edu, 415-442-7812

#### SEPTEMBER 29: CRIMINAL JUSTICE SECTION OF BASF, PANEL DISCUSSION

Discussion on "Recent Criminal Decisions from the Supreme Court" moderated by GGU Law Professor Robert Calhoun. Time: 12 – 1 pm. Location: BASF Conference Center, 301 Battery Street, 3rd Floor, San Francisco. Contact: Register at www.sfbar.org

#### OCTOBER 12: SECOND ANNUAL CHIEF JUSTICE RONALD M. GEORGE DISTINGUISHED LECTURE

Join past and present female Chief Justices from around the US for the address by Dana Fabe, Chief Justice of the Alaska Supreme Court, and a panel discussion afterward introduced by Ronald M. George (see p 10). Time: 5 pm. Location: PG&E Auditorium, 77 Beale Street, San Francisco. Contact: Lisa Lomba, llomba@ggu.edu, 415-442-6608

#### NOVEMBER 3: GGU ANNUAL ALUMNI AWARDS LUNCHEON

Join us for a very special luncheon honoring Professor Robert Calhoun and others. Time: 11:30 am – 1:30 pm. Location: The Palace Hotel, 2 New Montgomery Street, San Francisco. Contact: Pollie Robbins, alumni@ggu.edu, 415-442-7824

#### NOVEMBER 5: 9TH ANNUAL CONFERENCE ON IP LAW AND POLICY

Featuring Prof. Dan Burk (UC Irvine School of Law) and Prof. Madhavi Sunder (UC Davis School of Law) and Bay Area IP laywers. MCLE available (see p 20). Time: 9 am – 5 pm. Location: Golden Gate University, 536 Mission Street, San Francisco. Contacts: Professors Marc Greenberg, mgreenberg@ggu.edu, William Gallagher, wgallagher@ggu.edu

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#### DECEMBER 2: GGU BRIDGE SOCIETY LUNCHEON

Annual program for those who have included GGU in their estate plans. Contact: Pollie Robbins, probbins@ggu.edu, 415-442-7824

#### **DECEMBER 3: SWEARING-IN CEREMONY**

Time: 12 – 1 pm. Location: PG&E Auditorium, 77 Beale Street, San Francisco. Contact: Deanna Bruton, dbruton@ ggu.edu, 415-442-7812





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