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LL.M. (Tax) Degree Program Opens

A Master of Laws program in Taxation is now being offered by Golden Gate University School of Law. It is the only course of its kind presently available in the state of California. This new program, now in its first term, was approved in June by the American Bar Association, which at the same time renewed the accreditation of the law school's J.D. programs.

The LL.M. (Tax) program is open only to attorneys. Modelled primarily on the highly successful NYU program, it is designed to provide attorneys with a thorough working knowledge of federal and state tax law through an intensive curriculum of graduate legal studies. And the word intensive is not used unadvisedly. According to the program's director, William E. Taggart, Jr., the course is "extremely rigorous, substantially more intensive than law school."

Then why go through it? "Because it is the entree to a job market which would otherwise be closed," reports Taggart. "Our program is highly recommended to any attorney wishing to enter tax practice."

Only fulltime students have been admitted for the fall term, though in the future part-time students will be enrolled as well, and classes will accordingly be scheduled in day and evening shifts. The program is operating on a tri-semester basis, with new students admitted at the beginning of every term. Generally, classes will be limited to enrollments of 24 students to allow for close interaction with the faculty and for open discussion in a seminar setting.

Degree candidates are required to complete a total of 30 semester units within a five year period. Each seminar carries three units of academic credit. The maximum course load which a student will be permitted to carry is five courses per semester. However, since it is anticipated that from six to eight hours of preparation will be required for each class meeting, even full-time students will be encouraged to take at least three semesters to complete the program.

At present, about 20% of the enrolled students are graduates of GGU law school. "But it is expected," predicts Dean Taggart, "that there will eventually be a high percentage of out-of-state students" especially since there is no other program like this anywhere west of Denver. About a third of the students are women.

Taggart, an associate dean of the school of law, has been teaching for eight years at GGU's graduate school of tax, a program open to attorneys and non-attorneys alike. He received his J.D. from Hastings School of Law in 1967, and his LL.M. tax degree from New York University in 1969.

Alumni in tax practice should be happy to know that our school will now be generating some extremely qualified practitioners available to work with them. Anyone with tax-related positions needing to be filled either now or in the future should contact the Law Placement Office.



Associate Dean of the Law School William E. Taggart, Jr., director of the advanced tax law program.

Introducing: Women's Law Forum

The Golden Gate University Law Review is pleased to announce that each year one issue will be devoted exclusively to legal issues relating to women. Beginning with the inaugural issue, scheduled for publication in early 1979, the Women's Law Forum will serve as a medium for timely, in-depth discussion of current and evolving legal issues affecting women.

The purpose of the Women's Law Forum is to provide a tool for feminist education and organizing, as well as a feminist perspective on the practice of law. Thus, our subscribers include not only law libraries, attorneys, judges and law students, but also women's studies and political science departments of colleges, universities, and high schools.

The Women's Law Forum is the only publication of its kind receiving full funding from the associated school. Because of this support, the Women's Law Forum is in a special position to voice a feminist approach to the discussion and analysis of the status of women under American law.



A Message from the Dean...

Exciting year for a growing school

New people, new activities and new directions are the hallmarks of the law school this year.

One new face in the administrative staff will be familiar to many of you. Marjorie Holmes, a 1977 graduate of the law school, became the Dean of Student Affairs in July. In addition to her regular administrative duties, she will continue to be in charge of the Advanced Legal Education Program (ALEP) and oversee the judicial extern program. In addition, Wally Walker, who last year served as the Registrar's assistant, became the law school's Registrar this past summer, and Laura Greenfield recently joined the law school as Placement Director. Another new face will soon appear since we expect to expand the administrative staff in the next few months to include a Dean of Academic Affairs.

The faculty, like the administration, has also seen several changes this year. Professors Goetzl and Minkus are both visiting at east coast law schools. Professor Goetzl is spending the entire 1978-79 academic year at the University of Memphis Law School and Professor Minkus who taught at Syracuse Law School last spring will complete the fall term there before returning to Golden Gate for the spring. In their stead, Thelton Henderson and Dan O'Connell, whose biographies appear elsewhere in this issue of the Alumni Forum, joined the faculty as visiting professors for 1978-79. In addition two permanent members were added to the faculty which brings the fulltime faculty to 24.

Though the size of the faculty and administrative staff have increased, the size of the student body has changed very little over the past few years. There are now approximately 750 students in the law school, roughly two-thirds of them are fulltime students and one third are parttime. To maintain this size student body, the law school has been and will continue to admit approximately 270-300 first year students each fall.

Approximately 2500 applications were received for the 1978-79 academic year, a 16% increase in applications over the previous year. We attribute this increase to both the growing reputation of the law school and effective and expanded nationwide recruiting efforts. The statistical quality of the entering class remains approximately that of the last few years with the median LSAT and GPA being near 600 and 3.2 respectively. The number of women in the first year class is approximately 40%; the number of minority students is 43 or about 15% which is up significantly from last year.

This year's alumni lunch, which was held at the Stanford Court in San Francisco during the week of the State Bar Convention was a big success with almost one hundred people in attendance. Several other alumni events are being planned for the year including a wine and cheese party in the Spring. In addition, a new alumni directory will be issued soon; a new feature of this year's directory will be the inclusion of graduates' areas of legal specialty.



Dean of the Law School Judith Grant McKelvey

The Law School's once-every-seven-year American Bar Association reinspection was successfully concluded last April. At the same time the law school received the ABA's acquiescence for its LL.M. (Tax) proposal. It is expected that the latter will add a new dimension to the law school and will fill a great need in the area of graduate legal education not only in San Francisco but on the west coast. William Taggart, previously associated with the Graduate School of Taxation at Golden Gate University, has become an Associate Dean and Professor in the Law School and will be in charge of administering the new tax program. He will be assisted by Peter Chernik who has joined the school as a visiting Professor of Tax for the 1978-79 academic year. The first LL.M. class, which consists of approximately 20 fulltime students, was admitted in October.

A major event of the year will be the law school's move into the new building. It is expected that beginning with the Spring semester, classes will be held in the new facility. It will take a few months longer to complete the faculty and staff moves but we expect to be completely settled in within the next few months.

In addition to the dedication ceremonies which will be held upon completion of the building two major law school events are scheduled to be held in the new 600 seat auditorium in the Spring. The first is a land use conference which will be held in March and is being planned by Visiting Professor Dan O'Connell. The other is a conference on alternative dispute resolution which will be held in May.

All in all, the law school is enjoying a period of rapid growth and significant innovation. We are developing some very exciting programs of interest to alumni, and I hope you will all keep in touch with the developments.

Judith Grant McKelvey

New Associate Dean takes active role

Marjorie Holmes, who has taken over this year as Associate Dean of the law school, is another person who knows how to keep busy. A graduate of the class of 1977, she last year directed the Advanced Legal Education Program (ALEP). This year she is still administering that program, as well as coordinating a number of others.



Marje Holmes

One project in which Marge is deeply involved is the law school's growing Judicial Externship program. Many students have already been placed with the California Supreme Court, the Supreme Court of Alaska, and with various Superior Court judges around the Bay Area. The program is now expanding into the appellate court level, and Marge would love to hear from any alumni with contacts to discuss.

Marge has served as the co-chairperson of the fourth Annual Western Regional Conference on Women and the Law; and she was the 1977-78 Executive Director of the statewide California Women Lawyers. She presently sits as a member of both the Clinic and Academic Standards Committees of the law school, as well as chairperson of the Scheduling Committee.

Marge works closely with students as counsellor, facilitator, and ombudswoman, all rolled into one. "It's a lot of fun," she laughs, even in the midst of a hectic semester. Its a long way from her original goal of being a litigator, although she leaves the eventual possibility open. And what does she enjoy most about her job? "Spending time with students." The rapport, we might add, appears mutual.

ALEP: Saturday Seminars still packing 'em in

The popular Saturday Seminars, offered by the law school's Advanced Legal Education Program in conjunction with the Barristers Club of San Francisco, are going strong. In the past year and a half, about 20 seminars have been held, covering a wide range of legal topics, and they have all been well and enthusiastically attended, with an average of 80-100 persons present per session. Every effort has been made to keep the cost as low as possible. The fee is only \$5 for members of the bar and GGU law students.

Diana Richmond ('73), of the firm of Richmond & Rosen, is the vice president of the Barristers Club and chairperson of the Saturday Seminar Committee. She works closely with Marge Holmes, associate dean of the law school, in guiding the program. Marge is also aided in her efforts by Oakland attorney Bill Taylor ('78).

Alumni notes

- Robert F. Lee ('69) was elected President of the San Mateo County Trial Lawyers Association.
- Ruth Miller ('70), with the Foster City firm of Davidson, Paoli & Miller, has been elected chair of the executive committee of the Family Law Section of the State Bar. She was president of Queen's Bench in 1976.
- Craig P. Adryan ('73) has been elected Vice President, Contract Administration, in Wells Fargo Leasing Corporation's San Francisco headquarters.
- Timothy A. Stewart ('73) of Agana was elected Treasurer of the Territory of Guam Bar Association.
- Joseph J. Kubancik ('74) has joined the law firm of St. Clair, Zappettini, McFetridge, and Griffin as an Associate.
- Bradford D. Pappalardo ('74) and David M. Thompson ('74) have opened a law partnership in San Francisco.
- Mel Grimes, Jr. ('75) is a sole practitioner in Pacific Grove, California.
- Nancy Gunn ('75) and Suzanne Marychild ('75) are partners in the Santa Rosa law firm of Gunn, Marychild & Nugent. The all-women firm handles both civil and criminal matters.
- Damian B. Smyth ('75) recently opened a San Francisco law office and is teaching in the Legal Writing and Research Program at Hastings College of the Law.
- Leonard Bernstein ('76) has been appointed to the Santa Clara County Grand Jury. He is serving on the Procedures Committee and the Environment Committee, and is Chairperson of the Criminal Justice Committee. Bernstein, who was an electronic engineer before he attended law school, is now associated with a New York customs law firm, along with his general practice.
- Don Branner ('76) is now a sole practitioner in family law practice in Salinas.
- Richard Harmon ('76) has joined the law offices of Harris Zimmerman in Oakland.
- Gina Rieger ('76) has been named the new attorney at the Contra Costa Legal Services Foundation office in Pittsburg.
- John Houston Scott ('76) is a partner in the newly formed law corporation, Cole and Scott, in San Francisco.
- Calvin B. Hamrick ('77) is an Assistant District Attorney in Gastonia, North Carolina.
- Margaret E. Kaplan ('77) has joined a corporate law firm in Los Angeles, where she specializes in real estate and estate planning law.
- Marsha Meyers ('77) and Jonathan H. Siegel ('77) have joined the firm of Siegel, Meyers, Taub, Siegel & Friedman in Oakland.
- Eugene E. White ('77) has opened his law offices in Sacramento.
- Rene Feinstein ('78) clerk to the Nevada Supreme Court, has been elected Treasurer of the newly formed Nevada Women Lawyers Association.
- James L. Sims ('78) is in practice at 703 Market Street in San Francisco.

The first program this fall was a continuation of last June's highly praised presentation on basic real estate transactions by Roy Eisenhardt of Farella, Braun & Martell.

That was followed by a panel discussion of appellate practice led by John Molinari, retired justice of the Court of Appeal, First District; Robert Seligson, appellate practitioner; and Renee Rubin, judicial staff attorney, Court of Appeal, First District.

The next program focused on federal and state consumer regulations. The speakers were Professor Eric Wright from the University of Santa Clara; Bill Arbitman, regional counsel for the Federal Trade Commission; and John Porter and Harold Sodergren, attorneys with the FTC.

November's seminar concerns issues of family law and comparative procedures in various Bay Area counties. On December 2, Judge Ira Brown will return to discuss law and motion practice in San Francisco, with a panel of experienced attorneys.

Administrative assistant to the Barristers Club Colleen Hoy (who is a GGU law student at night) reports that questionnaires returned in the past indicate that Saturday Seminars are "cheaper, more understandable, and more practical" than CEB programs.

Faculty Appointments

Rosezella Elica Canty-Letsom, Assistant Professor, is teaching Wills, Trusts, and Future Interests. She previously served as instructor at Boston University, and as general counsel for an educational television series, and has held various positions with federal, state and county agencies. She received her LL.M. degree from Harvard Law School in 1977.

Thelton Henderson, Visiting Associate Professor, taught Professional Responsibility this term. Before that, he was assistant dean and an instructor at Stanford Law School for eight years and is currently a partner in the San Francisco law firm of Rosen, Remcho & Henderson. In the past, Mr. Henderson served as directing attorney of the East Bayshore Legal Services office in East Palo Alto, associate in an Oakland law practice, and as an attorney assigned to civil rights cases in the South by the U.S. Department of Justice.

In Memoriam

- Frank A. Morrow ('32), attorney in Sacramento.
- Sumner Merchant Graham ('33), secretary of Encinal Terminals, cabinet maker, leatherworker, and civic activist for more than 40 years with the Alameda Chamber of Commerce.
- Russell Hexberg ('53), an attorney and C.P.A. with offices in San Francisco.
- George A. Warren ('61), attorney in North Weymouth, Massachusetts.
- William D. Hubbard ('69), former deputy Solano County public defender and attorney with the Vacaville firm of Brewer, Hubbard & Unger.

Get Involved

News from our graduates concerning developments in their careers is always welcome. The **Alumni Forum** is also open to considering letters, guest editorials, and articles from our readers for publication. We can even cope with criticism.

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Growth Management Conference Set for March

by Priscilla Camp

The recent spate of media reports concerning urban growth reflects the fact that land use, about which many lawyers know very little, is a hot item in politics and litigation. So much so, that GGU Law School is celebrating completion of the new building, and expressing its commitment to urban legal issues, by hosting a National Land Use Conference on Growth Management, chaired by Visiting Professor Daniel W. O'Connell, in March 1979.

Surely you recall trudging through future interests and the Rule Against Perpetuities in first year Property class, to be rewarded finally with a few topics having something to do with modern everyday life. For example, there were cases about landlords and tenants. Then, zoning and "taking," appeared under the general heading of public control of land use. Remember the brick yard, the houses falling into coal mine shafts, the Village of Euclid?

Since the Property casebook still being used in first year classes was published in 1966, your further exposure to land use issues depended upon the initiative of your instructor in photocopying new cases, but if you graduated within the past five years you were probably introduced to such tangled municipalities as Village of Belle Terre, Petaluma, Ramapo and Valtierra. Since 1975, Roger Bernhardt has taught a separate course on Land Use and this spring, Dan O'Connell will offer a Seminar in Growth Management.

what is growth management?

Consider some of the goals of growth management as described in a recent National Science Foundation Report:

1. PRESERVE: rural/small town character, ambience, atmosphere; natural scenic areas; agricultural lands; established neighborhoods; historic sites; recreational and open spaces.
2. AVOID: overcrowding of schools, land, trafficways; overtaxing of services and facilities; economic burdens of constructing new facilities while others remain under-utilized.
3. ENCOURAGE: revitalization and rehabilitation of central business districts; full use of existing facilities before building new ones; provision of housing for all income levels in newly developing areas; proximity between place of employment and residence; attractive housing; economic growth, without damage to environment.
4. PREVENT: pollution; improper sewage disposal; poor drainage; erosion; noise.
5. PROTECT: water, water sources, watersheds, wetlands, navigable water and public rights therein, natural streams in scenic settings; ecological balance; tax base; sound financial structure for school system.

The report mentions over thirty cities, counties and townships which have developed growth management plans, and described some in interesting detail, including San Diego's plan which calls for development in unserved areas only after existing services are being used to capacity, and prohibits new development until adequate public facilities are provided. It further seeks to create new opportunities in areas bypassed by market forces, through governmental incentives and bonuses. Montgomery County, Maryland's plan seeks to control development in flood plains and other unsafe areas; Eugene-Springfield, Oregon has, as one of its goals, provision of health and emergency care centers conveniently located throughout the region; and Lexington, Kentucky plans to reduce the cost of urban land by including in its land use more than enough land to house its projected population of 200,000.

For any growth management plan to accomplish such goals, great care must be taken in its design and implementation. It must not conflict with state, regional and federal requirements, and it must not operate in a discriminatory fashion. Obviously, plans designed to attract selected residents only and prevent the entrance of newcomers have been vigorously attacked in the courts. Inclusionary growth management programs directly incorporate

provisions to satisfy constitutional standards such as due process, equal protection, taking, regional welfare, asserted right to travel, and emerging environmental protection challenges.

a working conference

The National Land Use Conference on Growth Management will teach registrants how to design, implement, critique and defend local growth management programs, taking its focus from the National Science Foundation Report's definition of growth management: "The conscious public decision to restrain, accommodate or induce development in any geographic setting — center city, suburb, depressed region, energy impacted region — and at any governmental level: state, regional or local."

The Conference faculty is composed entirely of national leaders in the field. The program will open on Wednesday, March 14, 1979 with definition, history and examples of growth management, including goals, federal requirements and state programs.

Those attending the Conference will be working and learning from 9 a.m. through dinner every day; the \$250 registration fee covers three dinner programs and three fully-packed days with up-to-date information from the people who know the field best. To be held on an annual basis by GGU, the Conference will thrust the School of Law into the forefront of urban issues today.

Registrations are now being accepted and may be secured by writing National Land Use Conference on Growth Management, School of Law, Golden Gate University, 536 Mission Street, San Francisco, 94105. Early reservations and registration are encouraged.

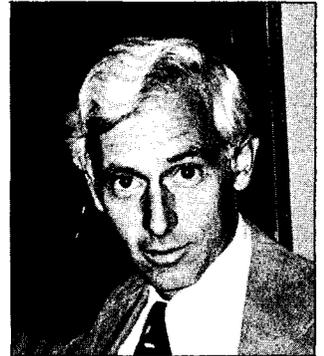
Dan O'Connell: in his zone of interest

Dan O'Connell is currently a Visiting Associate Professor of Law at Golden Gate University. His teaching assignments include courses on Land Use Regulation, Local Government, and Environmental Law, three areas in which he has demonstrated both practical knowledge and academic excellence.

Dan has a law practice in West Palm Beach, Florida, and has done extensive work on land use and growth management in that state. He was a Loeb Fellow in Advanced Environmental Studies at the Harvard Graduate School of Design, and recently was the John Gage Fellow in Urban Affairs at the University of Missouri-Kansas City School of Law, where he also received his LL.M. in Urban Affairs.

One of Dan's major projects for this year has been organizing the National Land Use Conference. Additionally, he is serving as a consultant to the law school about the possible addition of an LL.M. program in Urban Affairs at some future date.

Dan's boundless energy and down-home humor often catch students and colleagues off guard. "I really love it out here" he was heard to remark in class. "Everywhere I look on the map I see all the big cases that I teach about in my course. I can't wait to visit Petaluma, and Livermore, and down the block from my house now is the site of another great zoning case. But I'm kind of hesitant to cross into Marin County, with all those peacock feathers and hot tubs." He stopped for a moment, then with his unique boyish grin added "Then again, I've never been in a hot tub. And when in California..."



Dan O'Connell

Barbara Rhine: Working hard for workers

Barbara Rhine, who teaches labor law and worker's compensation/safety law, has been very active this term on a number of community projects accentuating women's rights in the workplace. She has been advising incipient as well as established organizations, such as Union Wage and the California Homemakers Association.

In addition, Barbara is on the steering committee for the tenth annual conference of Women in the Law, which will meet in San Antonio next March. Her other activities include serving on the ACLU Lawyers Committee, the SFNLA board of directors, and the National Lawyers Guild; writing a legal article, soon to be published; and advising women union members during a recent strike.

Dru Ramey: Activist in academe

After seven years in a varied practice, Drucilla Ramey has turned her skills and energy toward teaching — without abandoning her involvement in a wide array of social issues. In addition to leading courses in sex discrimination, tort, and employment law, Dru still finds time to litigate important cases and to fight in other ways for worthy causes.

As chairperson for the ACLU of Northern California — the first woman to hold that post in the 52-year history of that organization — Dru is very active in women's rights issues. She is also working to get the ACLU more involved in a broad range of social issues, from gay rights to affirmative action disputes.

As to her teaching philosophy, Dru tries to "interject as much realism into my courses as possible. I want the students to develop a firm sense for the procedural underpinnings."

After graduating Yale Law School in 1971, Dru did a stint of solo practice, then joined the Mexican-American Legal Defense & Education Fund (MALDEF), where she litigated a number of employment discrimination class action suits. She also handled "equal education" cases, and has served as general counsel to a labor union.

What made Dru Ramey want to teach at Golden Gate? "Unlike many other law schools, ours is very loose and open. The faculty here is very friendly. And most important, they take students seriously."



Dru Ramey

More upcoming events

In addition to the Alternative Dispute Resolution Conference and the Growth Management Conference, the Spring semester promises a crowded calendar of other events of interest to alumni.

A Trial Clinic, to be co-sponsored by the San Francisco Bar Association, will be offered evenings and Saturdays, presently scheduled to run from February 27 through April 7, 1979.

An Admiralty Workshop is also tentatively scheduled for April.

And of course be on the lookout for the Spring ALEP schedule. There will be a full lineup of Saturday events.

A note about the new placement director...

After five years of recruiting attorneys for San Francisco law firms, Laura Greenfield, Golden Gate Law School's new Placement Director, finds herself "on the other side of that desk." She is excited by the prospect of helping students secure positions in the highly competitive legal job market, and feels her experience at Orrick, Herrington, Rowley & Sutcliffe and at Landels, Ripley & Diamond, will assist her in giving students valuable advice on how to maximize their employment opportunities.



Laura Greenfield

Although most students will be seeking purely legal jobs, Laura feels there are many other areas where a legal background is useful, and she hopes to develop more resources for students interested in these other careers. Initially she is investigating alternative careers such as real estate and insurance, and hopes to get input from alumni on other possible rewarding careers that may be open to our graduates.

"Golden Gate is getting more well-known, both through its alumni and its clinic and externship programs. The quality of work of past and present students is making the Placement Director's job more rewarding and at the same time more challenging."

...and a note *from* the placement director

As graduates know, the Law Placement Office is one of the most important resources on the campus. The programs we are developing this year are designed to maximize these resources for students, graduates and the legal community.

Many of you have already responded to the letters we sent to graduates in the Bay Area as part of our continuing student-alumni program which matches practitioners with students according to their professional interests. The students are able to learn how to prepare for specialization and what such practice entails through informal meetings with our graduates.

We are presently updating the Golden Gate Law School Graduate Directory, and in that context our graduates will soon be receiving a questionnaire from the Placement Office. The last Directory was published in 1976 and contained only a partial list of graduates, categorized alphabetically, geographically and by class year. This year we intend to list all graduates, unless otherwise requested, and in addition to the previously mentioned sections, we will create a Specialties Section, based on responses to our questionnaire, which will be helpful for lawyer referrals.

Coming up this winter, we will be hosting luncheon-reunions throughout the Bay Area. The luncheon held in conjunction with the State Bar Meeting in September was a great success. The local luncheons will be held at restaurants in Marin, Alameda, San Francisco and Contra Costa counties. When you receive the invitation, all the luncheon dates will be listed, so feel free to choose the most convenient time and place in which to join us.

I would like to thank those of you who call the Placement Office with job listings for part-time law clerks and for attorney positions. I know that you all remember how difficult it is for students to find employment during the school year and after graduation. Your assistance and support are invaluable.

I am looking forward to meeting many more of you during the year. Feel free to call me with any suggestions for placement activities. I will be organizing some panel discussions for the Spring Semester and I welcome your participation.

Laura Greenfield

Student news

Law Clinics Healthy Despite Lack of Funds

The popular "clinic" programs are expanding at Golden Gate, and changes in substance will also be evident in the near future. The trend will be towards more supervision, more faculty involvement, and more class time to complement the field experience.

"We've got about 80 students in the general clinic program, and the real-life training they receive is very valuable" says Professor Marc Stickgold, Clinics Coordinator. "What I would like to see would be more in-house clinics as well, with full-time faculty supervision on an on-going basis. The only problem is that these types of things are very expensive. We've begun the grants-writing effort, but we need more experience in this to get the support we want for additional, and better, clinics."

At the present time, in addition to the general clinics, students have an opportunity to work with Professor Mort Cohen in the Constitutional Law clinic, and many students also do full-time externships, both judicial and general. A new approach to this type of experience at Golden Gate begins in the spring, with a full-time clinic at the U.S. Attorney's Office, taught by Golden Gate alum Mark Webb.

"The Con Law clinic is the closest thing we have to an in-house clinic," explains Professor Cohen. "We've had about eight cases during the past three years, and currently are working on cases involving the rights of mental patients, the rights of prisoners, and the rights of developmentally disabled people. We've also presented an amicus brief on a prison case before the U.S. Supreme Court. But we could be doing even more things with the proper financial support."

Admissions Inquiries Continue to Soar

"If the number of catalogue requests we are receiving is any indication of the applications we will receive next semester, then this will be a banner year for Golden Gate Law School." Janis Boster, Director of Admissions, explains that "last year we received about 150 catalogue requests per day, which was a large increase over the previous year. This year we are averaging 250-300 requests per day, which is absolutely amazing!"

Boster added that while most law schools in the country have been averaging a 15% decrease in applications during the last few years, Golden Gate has witnessed a 20% increase during the same period. She feels that one of the keys this year has been the additional time and energy put into recruitment. Both she and Professor Thelton Henderson have spent over five weeks on the campaign trail, with Associate Dean Marge Holmes lending several days of assistance as well.

Between recruiting trips Janis took time to explain how we achieve a diversified class. "We look to academic indicators such as transcripts and LSAT scores, and we hope to ascertain writing ability to some extent by requiring the personal statement. But we also consider factors such as work experience and maturity, probably more so than other schools in the Bay Area. Additionally we want more geographic distribution, and hope to achieve parity of men and women in the near future. And we are also concentrating more on minority recruitment."



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