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CLASS OF
2008
COMMENCEMENT



Friday, the Sixteenth of May

Two Thousand Eight

Nob Hill Masonic Center

San Francisco

Two O'Clock PM

PROGRAM

GREETING	Dean Frederic White <i>Golden Gate University School of Law</i>
WELCOME	Dr. Dan Angel, President <i>Golden Gate University</i>
STUDENT BAR ASSOCIATION CONGRATULATIONS	GGU SBA President 2007-08: Andrew David Grossman
STUDENT FAREWELLS	<i>Graduate Law Programs Class of 2008:</i> Hon. Ruth S. Astle <i>JD Class of 2008: William Kenneth Wesley</i>
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JUSTICE JESSE W. CARTER AWARD	David B. Oppenheimer <i>Faculty Scholarship</i> <i>Associate Dean and Professor of Law</i>
ALLAN BROTSKY PRO BONO AWARD	Allan Brotsky <i>Dedication to Pro Bono</i> <i>Professor of Law Emeritus</i>
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PAUL S. JORDAN ACHIEVEMENT AWARD	Kara Brodfuehrer <i>Service and Contribution</i> Ken D. Duong Robert Michael Flynn
CONFERRING OF DEGREES	Dean Frederic White Hoarding of Scientiae Juridicae Doctor (SJD) Candidates Master of Laws (LLM) in International Legal Studies Master of Laws (LLM) in Environmental Law Master of Laws (LLM) in Intellectual Property Law Master of Laws (LLM) in Taxation Master of Laws (LLM) in United States Legal Studies Doctor of Jurisprudence (JD)
CLOSING REMARKS	Dean Frederic White

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- ‡ Honors
- ✱ Jesse Carter Society
- ⌘ Honors Lawyering Program
- ✚ JD/MBA
- ◆ JD/PhD
- Y Public Interest Law Scholars Program

- *Golden Gate University
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|----|---------------------------|----|---------------------|
| B | Business Law | Li | Litigation |
| C | Criminal Law | P | Public Interest Law |
| E | Environmental Law | RE | Real Estate Law |
| I | International Law | T | Tax Law |
| IP | Intellectual Property Law | | |

Golden Gate University School of Law and the Class of 2008 wish to recognize the 2008 Graduation Committee for its hard work, enthusiasm, and dedication in helping coordinate Commencement and other graduation events. The 2008 Graduation Committee members are Shannon Chaney, George Duesdieker, Ed Harris, and Stacey Yawney.

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