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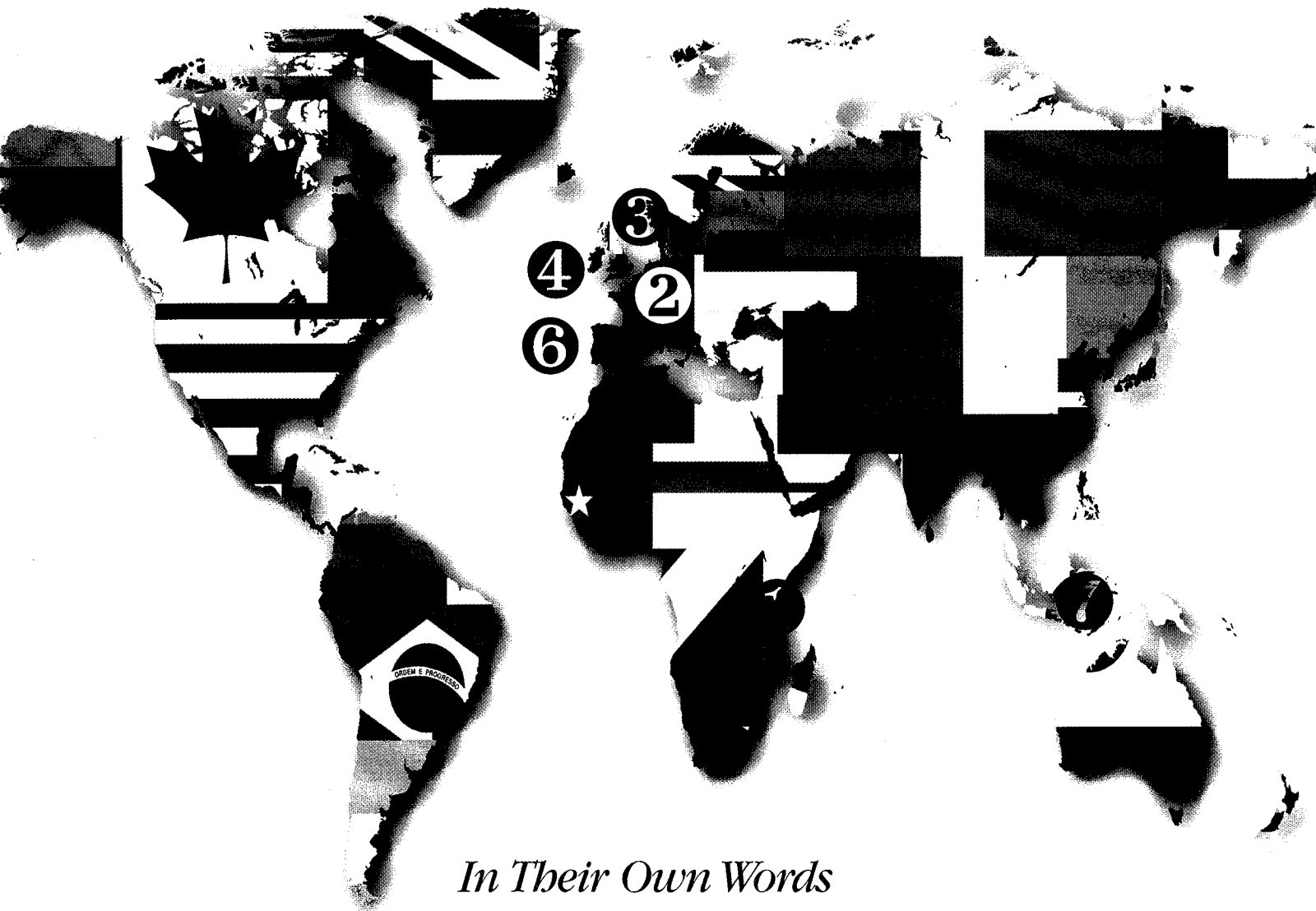
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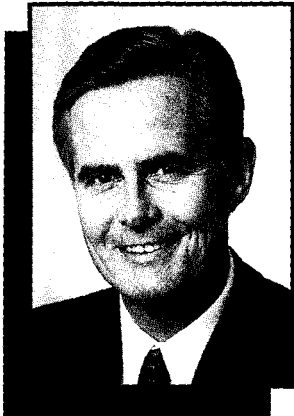
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D E A N ' S M E S S A G E



This is my third dean's message to you as part of *Class Action*, so I feel like something of an old-timer. I know I am speaking to many old friends and a great number of new ones I made during my first year on the job. I am happy to tell you that I am still as enthusiastic about being dean as I was when I started. Golden Gate is a wonderful school, as you well know.

As reported in the Annual Report (bound into the center of this issue), 1999 was a year of unprecedented fundraising success. The Law School was the beneficiary of \$582,779—more than any amount raised before in the school's history. In addition, we are off to a fantastic start in the new millennium with Lee Baxter's (74) recent gift of \$323,000 to fully endow the Baxter Fellow in Trial Advocacy. This is the largest single gift from an individual donor ever received by the Law School. Thank you all for your continuing generosity! Your gifts are being put to very good use to ensure that we provide the best in legal education.

Also in this issue, you will find a number of interesting accounts of what is going on at the school as well as what our alumni are up to. I've written an article, "Law School Update" (beginning on page 2), which outlines some notable Law School programs and upcoming plans. "In Their Own Words" (page 6) offers a snapshot of the enormous variety of activities and accomplishments of GGU Law School alumni who work outside the U.S.

On the back cover and on page 15, you'll find photographs from the retirement luncheon held recently for our beloved former dean, Judy McKelvey. It was a wonderful, heartwarming event, and the pictures capture only a part of it.

Finally, I would be remiss if I did not express my undying gratitude to Jon Sylvester, who has served as my associate dean for academic affairs, since I first swam into this pond as a mere guppy. Jon has been my right and left hands during this beginning period. I could not have gotten through it without him. Jon is now returning to full-time teaching here at Golden Gate. I will miss him enormously, but my loss is the students' gain.

Happily, Professor David Oppenheimer, one of the hardest-working and most creative people I have ever known, has accepted the appointment as Jon's successor as associate dean for academic affairs. So with David's coming in, we can all feel confident that a steady hand will remain at the wheel.

Most of all, please accept my deepest thanks to all of you who have helped the school and me during the past year.

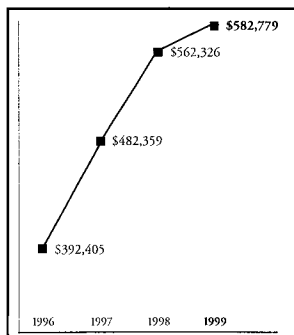
Sincerely,

Dean Peter G. Keane

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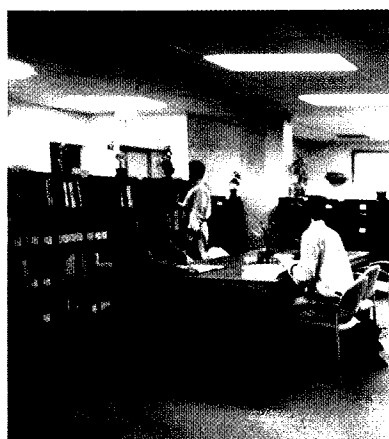
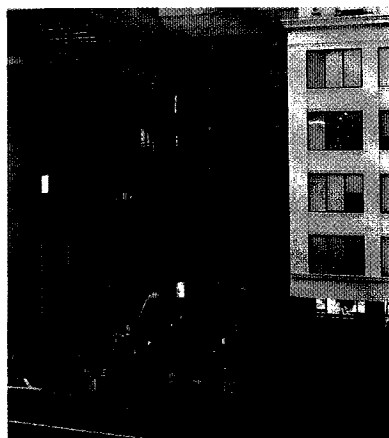
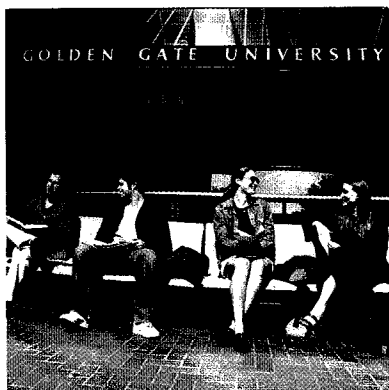
News and events at the Law School



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LAW SCHOOL UPDATE

BY PETER G. KEANE



I have been dean at Golden Gate University School of Law for almost a year and a half now and am finishing up my first full academic year. It seems like a good time to reflect on some of our strengths and share information about the Law School with you, the graduates, who have helped make the institution so strong and well respected.

International Influence

My old boss, San Francisco Public Defender Jeff Brown, was trolling around China this past year. One of his stops was Shanghai, where he hobnobbed with various Chinese officials, judges, and lawyers. He went to the impressive office of a prominent law firm that overlooked the skyline of Shanghai, and was received by the senior attorney of the firm. As he sat in a chair before his host's desk, Jeff's eyes wandered to a framed certificate hanging prominently on the wall just behind the lawyer's head. In the past, Jeff would have expected the obligatory portrait of Mao Tse-tung, but to his amazement, this high-powered representative of the new Chinese legal establishment was proudly displaying a Certificate in International Law from Golden Gate University School of Law! The Chinese lawyer beamed as Jeff inspected the certificate and saw that it bore the distinct, impossible-to-duplicate signature of my illustrious predecessor, Dean Anthony Pagano. For the skeptics among you who think I am making this up, I invite you to call Jeff at the San Francisco Public Defender's Office and have him confirm this story.

This little vignette illustrates a rapidly developing and exciting aspect of Golden Gate University School of Law. We have become a global law school. Our international status is strikingly evident in our vibrant, dynamic LL.M. and S.J.D. programs in

International Legal Studies as well as our LL.M. program in U.S. Legal Studies, all of which attract a large student body from abroad.

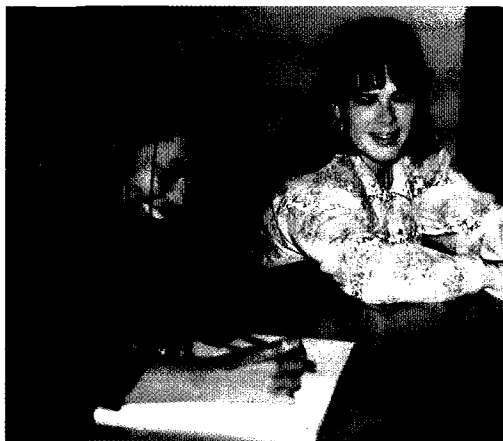
The Law School throbs with cosmopolitan energy from these students who are lawyers from other countries. They come from everywhere—Asia, Europe, Africa, Latin America, and the Middle East.

The international programs are under the guidance of Professor Sompong Sucharitkul, our director of international legal studies, who is ably assisted by Professors Helen Hartnell and Chris Okeke, as well as a talented core of adjunct professors. They have put together a rich, stimulating set of offerings for these students.



In addition, former Dean Tony Pagano, along with Adjunct Professor Chris Pagano, created and now run the LL.M. program in U.S. Legal Studies, which attracts foreign lawyers who want to learn about the American legal system.

The international students blend in well here, and they significantly enhance both the intellectual and cultural atmosphere of the Law School. There is a wonderful interchange and cross-pollination of the foreign and the domestic students in many J.D. courses, which are popular with the foreign students. In my Evidence class last fall, I had about a dozen students from various countries, including Germany, France, China, and Saudi Arabia. They were excellent, engaged students who went after the material with an enthusiasm that sparked terrific class discussions on many occasions.



GGU Law School is perfectly positioned to take on this role as a global law center.

San Francisco is a hub for much of the rapidly developing communication and electronic technology coming from Silicon Valley situated just to the south of us, as well as for the bubbling creativity of Multi-

media Gulch, which surrounds us. The city dominates Pacific Rim trade and commerce and is the launching pad for just about everything that is happening in biotechnology, e-commerce, and Web-based activities.

The timeliness of these phenomena for the Law School could not be more appropriate, since law and business are rapidly becoming internationalized. More and more, American lawyers must be able to act and think globally when representing clients. In addition, foreign lawyers are the shepherds of commercial developments in their own countries, so they are eager to have contact with and learn about the United States legal system. Add to all of this the personal seductiveness for international students of living in a physically beautiful, culturally exciting city, and it is easy to see how attractive GGU is to them.



recent achievement is outlined on page 14.) The Environmental Law and Justice Clinic and the nationally recognized J.D. and LL.M. environmental law courses continue to distinguish GGU Law School as a leader in the field of environmental protection.

The Unique IPAC Program

One distinguishing feature of the Law School is the successful IPAC Program. IPAC (Integrated Professional Apprenticeship Curriculum) is an honors program in which students spend two semesters working

Public Interest Law

Golden Gate continues to carry out its historic tradition of being a center for the development of public interest lawyers. The January/February issue of *National Jurist* (a magazine for law students) lists Golden Gate as thirteenth—the best of western law schools—in public interest law. The Women's Employment Rights Clinic continues to win impressive victories in employment rights as it trains students for future public interest work. (The clinic's most

full-time as apprentices in law firms and agencies. During the summers, these students enroll in law courses held in a simulated law firm environment.

This program represents the Law School's tradition of practical legal education at its best. Students not only learn the law, they also learn how to be lawyers, how to practice law, and how to serve clients as they go through law school. As a result, they leave here with a full set of lawyering skills and experience they can get nowhere else.

IPAC started in 1998, and it is now



about to enter its third year. The students have performed superbly. The law firms in which the students have completed their apprenticeships are highly complimentary of the students' enthusiasm and talent. Besides



being valuable to current students and future lawyers, IPAC is a strong public relations tool for spreading the word about our exceptional student body.

The Law School is currently planning to expand its position in the burgeoning field of intellectual property.



the best firms in the state. These alums have shown themselves to be solid, top-notch lawyers who perform superbly. They have paved the way for entry-level positions for our newer graduates. In addition, the ranks of GGU Law School alumni on the bench (currently more than 70), in significant positions in government, and in corporations grows impressively each year.

The Law School is currently planning to expand its position in the burgeoning field of intellectual property. We will hire a new full-time professor to head up an intellectual property department, which will pull together all of our current intellectual property offerings in patents, copyrights, and trademarks, and will also reach into the hot areas of e-commerce, biotechnology, Web startups, and software licensing. All of these activities dovetail nicely with the global thrust of the school. Foreign lawyers are hungry to learn about intellectual property law in the U.S. and to master the development of that area of law internationally. Domestic J.D. students both want and need to have experience in intellectual property law with an internationalized focus.

Strength in Other Areas

The Law School continually grows stronger. Our visibility and performance in the world are first-rate. Our graduates continue to thrive and move into partnership positions at many of




One Hundred Years Old

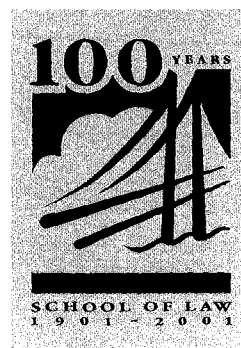
We are gearing up for a well-deserved celebration of our history. The year 2001 is the centennial of Golden Gate University School of Law. Back in 1901, the law school was established as one of a

score of night schools set up by the YMCA in various cities across the country. A number of those law schools, like Golden Gate, went on to become fully accredited, ABA-approved schools.

For almost 100 years, we have been turning out lawyers who have gone on to become leaders in the legal world. From a tiny evening law school whose core mission was to provide a legal education to many people who would not otherwise have access, Golden Gate University School of Law has developed into an internationally recognized law school.

Over the next two years, we will be planning a number of worthwhile festivities to celebrate our centennial. In addition to being a time of celebration, the year 2001 will also be an opportunity to highlight the many successes of the Law School over the past 100 years.

This is a great law school with a great tradition. We can all be proud to be part of it. The centennial will give us a great chance to share that pride. 



A L U M N I A C T I V I T I E S



LUNCH IN WASHINGTON, D.C.

Dean Peter Keane and several faculty members joined alumni in the Washington, D.C., area for lunch in January. Top row: Tatiana Roodkowsky (89), Yoncha L. Kundupoglu (94), Helen Moore (90), Professor Janice Kosel, Pam Tower (85), Dean Keane, Idaho University Law School Dean Neil Franklin (74), Professor Tony Pagano. Bottom row: Carolyn Houck (96), Kenneth Carroll (96), Hon. Betty Stage (81), John Rooney (85), Joyce Saltamachia (76), Carol Bergman (79).

DON'T MISS PHOTOS FROM JUDY McKELVEY'S LUNCHEON ON FEBRUARY 25. SEE PAGE 15.



ADMISSIONS RECEPTION

On March 9, Al Moresi (72) (far right) and Heidi Quann (99) (next to Al) hosted an admissions reception at Laughlin, Falbo, Levy & Moresi in San Francisco. Alumni (left to right) Vandana Date (98), Kevin Allen (97), and Mark Russell (99) also encouraged prospective law students to choose GGU.

RECENT MCLE PROGRAMS



- Last December, 40 alumni attended a continuing legal education program on substance abuse presented by Robert Resner (above), Northern California consultant to The Other Bar.
- In January, Professor Roger Bernhardt conducted a noontime update on recent cases in real estate law.
- In March, daylong symposiums on coastal law and international law provided free MCLE credit to GGU alumni.



MATCHING GIFT

GGU alumni employed by Deloitte & Touche in San Francisco and San Jose met for lunch in February at SF's Sheraton Palace Hotel. David Samson, senior manager of Deloitte & Touche Tax Controversy Services and GGU adjunct faculty member, presents Dean Peter Keane with a donation from Deloitte & Touche matching the contributions of their GGU alumni employees. 📖

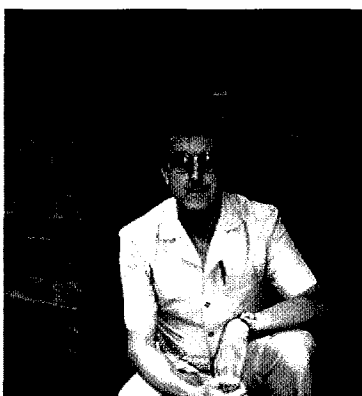
In Their Own Words

Law graduates tell their stories about practicing internationally

We asked Law School graduates working outside the United States to tell us about their work. Here are seven of their stories, sent to us through e-mail.

HENRY DOMZALSKI

J.D. 1977



I am senior protection officer for the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR). We do public international law, i.e., human rights and, more specifically, refugee protection. We supervise state obligations under international law relating to refugees and promote adherence to international standards of protection in the areas of asylum, refugee status determination, and treatment of recognized refugees.

The top photo was taken in April 1999 at the Ntarama Genocide Site, about 15 miles outside of Kigali, Rwanda. The

church was the scene, in May 1994, of the killing of a claimed 5,000 Tutsi villagers. They were hiding in the church when militia or soldiers threw in grenades and then spent several hours methodically killing survivors, mainly women and children, with assault weapons. A couple of thousand skulls have been lined up in bamboo sheds near the church, but the church floor

remains to this day cluttered, more than a foot deep in places, with the detritus of death. Bloody and torn clothing, school bags, children's toys, all intermingled with bone and decomposed flesh—still there after six years. To my left, you can see a collection of skulls. There are hundreds of such gruesome memorials in Rwanda.

My work involves assisting the government of Tanzania to identify the genocide perpetrators who are in refugee camps in Tanzania. We help establish criteria for granting refugee status. In the case of Rwandese asylum-seekers, unless they can credibly explain their circumstances and actions during the month or two of killings in 1994, we do not consider them worthy of the international protection normally provided to refugees. The job is difficult because we don't have the time and resources to obtain witnesses in each of the thousands of cases that come before us. We make our judgments on the basis

of "reasonable grounds for believing" that a person has committed a crime against humanity, or on the basis of not finding credible a person's explanation of what he or she was doing during the genocide.

We do save lives. People who might otherwise be denied asylum are given it. Families that have been separated are brought together, whether in camps (as in Africa) or in third countries (through resettlement programs). Of the 400,000 refugees (mostly Burundians and Congolese) in Tanzania, less than .1% will be "resettled" abroad. This year, if we can scale up our operation sufficiently, as many as 500 refugees in Tanzania may be resettled in the United States. About 99.9% should eventually be able to go home if and when peace prevails.

One interesting phenomenon is the refugees' increasing awareness of their rights under international law. Some are becoming quite adept in arguing their own cases (like "jailhouse lawyers") but, probably as it was in the prison systems years ago, some local administrators don't like uppity refugees.

We see and try to address actions that are sometimes shocking beyond belief. We had a mass rape allegedly involving 50 women. The case was dismissed recently because the prosecutor was 75 minutes late to a hearing. People are killed, mainly elderly women, because others perceive them to be witches (there is a "Witchcraft Ordinance"). Children are abducted and minors forced into rebel movements. We have assassinations.

And I thought law school was hard!

KEVIN BELL

J.D. 1994

LL.M., International Legal Studies, 1995

I am currently working in London as online development advisor at Clifford Chance, which, following a merger with New York and German firms in January 2000, is the largest and, we like to think, the best law firm in the world. My work involves developing and drafting online legal education programs, principally in the soft-skills areas of legal drafting, negotiating, presenting, etc. I also lecture in these areas and work on a variety of education and assessment courses for both junior and senior lawyers.

The most challenging aspect of the work is creating online courses that are as interesting, entertaining, and interactive as those given in person. The most rewarding part is the travel; we have 38 offices around the world, and I hope to visit every one.

The key to working successfully outside the U.S. is to appreciate how cultural differences affect the messages you are trying to get across. Americans, given our unique history, tend to minimize cultural differences, I think. Overall, this is good, as it helps to get things done, although we have to be careful not to step on any toes. On the most prosaic level, jokes that get big laughs in London often bomb in Paris and Berlin.

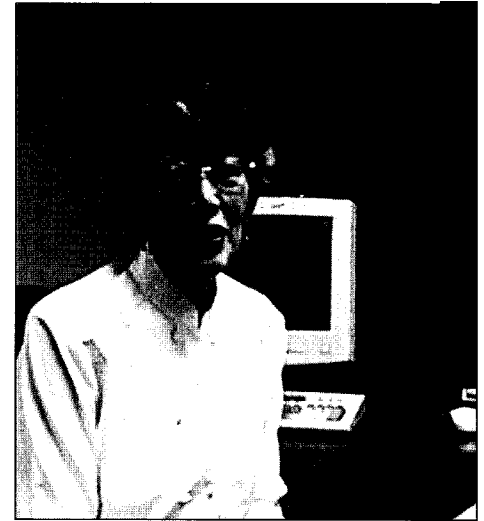
I worked in Moscow for four years, which was a rich and fascinating time, although during the NATO bombing of Yugoslavia I did feel as if I was behind enemy lines. London is a bit more sedate, although I am finding the English as exotic as the Russians.

ALICE SCHAFFER SMITH

J.D. 1977

I am director of legal services for the Financial Services Group (FSG), Europe, and assistant general counsel for Computer Sciences Corporation. My principal responsibilities are contract negotiations for complex software licenses and development contracts for solutions in primarily the insurance, banking, and financial services, including outsourcing and other business processing services. Our customers are blue-chip companies; our software runs their businesses. I also give general legal advice on topics such as acquisitions and mergers, dispute resolution, and employment. The emerging technologies offered by the Internet have provided new challenges both commercially and legally.

As the only American on the FSG European management team, which includes British, Danish, German, and French people, and as the only woman (for shame!), I enjoy not being pigeonholed. I think my straightforwardness and energy have contributed to my success. Recently, on a very complex transaction including Swiss, German, French, U.S., and UK participants, I found myself mediating among our own side, observing that cultural differences make international transactions a real challenge. Watching European Union politics is fascinating, but when the same



politics affect business, it can have some frustrating results.

What I enjoy the most is working with the staff to help them succeed. It sounds silly, but problem solving gives me a buzz. Sometimes this is in the form of training courses that help broaden colleagues' understanding of doing business. Many start in business with degrees in computer science and no general business knowledge. I discuss ethical business and contracting principles with them, and I help them to spot issues and seek advice early in the process.

I have been very active in Democratic politics, chairing Democrats Abroad in the UK from 1996 to 1998. Recently, I have become involved in raising money for Human Rights Watch.

ROLAND H. SPRINGFELD

LL.M., International Legal Studies, 1999

I work as a legal counsel for Sun Microsystems in Munich, Germany. Sun is currently using approximately 80 different contracts, master terms, and Ts and Cs. We are responsible for "localizing" the American contracts that come from our headquarters in Palo Alto and for making them work in a civil law environment.

I am German, so the culture outside the U.S. is familiar to me. However, it is very challenging for me to work for an American company with an American corporate identity. On some days I speak more English than German while at work.

My recent studies at Golden Gate really help me in my daily work at Sun. When you work for a truly international company, it's important to understand lawyers from other countries with different legal systems. In order to achieve that, you need some basic knowledge about the different concepts of law, and you must be willing to be very open to new ideas.

EDOUARD DE SAINT MAURICE

LL.M., Tax, 1996

I came to Golden Gate University School of Law in 1995-96 as part of an international exchange program with the University of Paris X.

I took the French Bar in 1998 and I have been working for two years as a tax attorney in a big Paris law firm called Gide Loyrette & Nouel. This firm, which dates back to the 1920s, has about 300 lawyers active in many areas of French

law, including business law, tax law, real estate law, banking and finance, European law, intellectual property law, electronic commerce, and maritime law. The firm has about 12 offices around the world, including New York, Brussels, Hanoi, Istanbul, and Shanghai.

My areas of practice are corporate tax advice for French and foreign corporations (i.e., mergers and acquisitions, and foreign real estate or securities investments in France) and advice in tax aspects of both French derivatives and

investments in French and foreign UCITS (Undertaking for Collective Investment in Transferable Securities—i.e., mutual funds). I work for many American companies and American pension funds.

Even though I am not practicing U.S. tax law, the background I received at GGU, both from a technical and personal point of view, is of the utmost importance for my job. I often think about the great year I spent in San Francisco and at GGU. I will definitely come back soon!

TATIANA ROODKOWSKY

J.D. 1989

I work as principal analyst at America Online Inc. I am a commercial contract negotiator. This means that I either write contracts and negotiate them or review and negotiate commercial contracts presented to me. I am one of two lawyers in the technical department dedicated to negotiating technical commercial contracts.

I was recently sent by my former company to Kazakhstan, which is part of the former Soviet Russian Republics. In that capacity, I reviewed software licenses in English and Russian. The most challenging part of my work is conversing in another language and knowing when to use technical translators. Millions of dollars are on the line, and an error in interpretation could be significant.

Advising international lawyers on licensing issues is very rewarding. I believe one important impact is the standardization of commercial contracts and forms. This will help promote and facilitate international commerce.

My employers (past and present) generally send me to Russia or to the former Russian republics. I must always remind myself *not* to think as an American, but as a person in the local culture. I am very comfortable with the

Russian culture. However, Kazakhstan is a strongly Moslem country. As such, it is important as a woman to dress appropriately, including wearing long-sleeve shirts and skirts, not slacks.

One of our GGU colleagues, Maryam Maleki (95), perished in Kazakhstan last year in an automobile accident. Since I was in Kazakhstan at the time, I carried some of her things back to the States with me. I realized that we should always remind ourselves that life is short, and we should always make the most of it.

When I traveled to Kazakhstan, my colleagues and I had but one afternoon free. Our in-country host, a gentleman by the name of Nurlan (a common Kazak name), offered to take us to a mountaintop to look out over the city of Almaty. We agreed, thinking we would drive.

We didn't know that all the roads stopped at the baseline of the mountain. A world-class ice skating rink sits at the base because the Russian Olympics were held there. However, above the base, to accommodate tourists, there are steps that go all the way up the mountain to a lookout area. We started to climb. Nurlan was wearing a tie and carrying a briefcase! We all wondered what he had in the briefcase. Due to the extreme altitude (we were above 12,000 feet), it took us a very long time to climb. After a lot of angst, red sweaty faces, and difficult breathing, we made it to the lookout area. At that point, Nurlan opened his mysterious briefcase and produced chocolates and a bottle of brandy, the traditional reward for climbing to that mountainous location!



I am on the far right. The two colleagues with me are Frank Bertrand and Susan Alvarado, two managers who work for AOL in technical areas.

PDT. DUANE RUTH-HEFFELBOWER

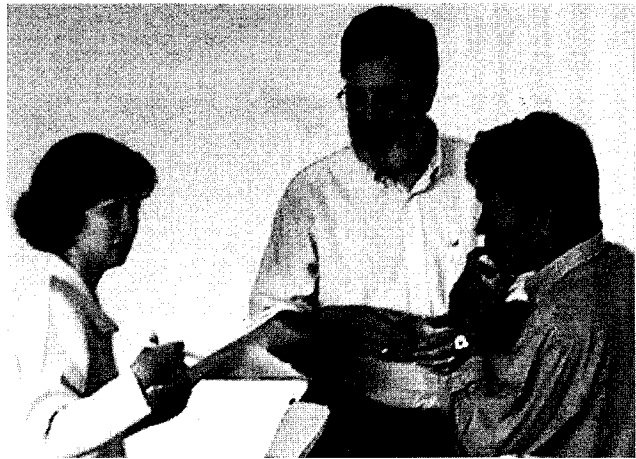
J.D. 1974

I am currently on leave from my position as professor of conflict management and peacemaking at Fresno Pacific University. For the next two years I will be on the faculty of Pusat Studi dan Pengembangan Perdamaian (Center for the Study and Promotion of Peace) of Universitas Kristen Duta Wacana (Ambassadors of the Word Christian University) in Yogyakarta, Indonesia, on the island of Java under an appointment from the Mennonite Central Committee. My wife, Clare Ann, is program director for MCC Indonesia for the same period.

MCC does relief and development work in 58 countries. My task here is to increase Indonesian capacity in the areas of conflict management and peacemaking. This means teaching, training, and mentoring newly practicing neutrals. It also means training activists and community developers. This follows my three-year cross-cultural conflict project in the U.S. funded by the U.S. Office of Refugee Resettlement.


Two websites chronicle my activities here. The professional side is www.fresno.edu/pacs/indonesia. The personal side is www.peacemaking.com/indonesia.

(If you are wondering about the "Pdt" before my name, it means Pendeta, which is Indonesian for "Reverend." I'm an ordained Mennonite minister. Titles are interesting here. It is a very hierarchical society, so they list everything. When the theology graduate faculty sends me a memo it is addressed to "Bapak Pdt. Prof. DR. Duane Ruth-Heffelflower.")



Here I am (center) at a training in Bandung, Java, for the national staff of the Christian Reformed World Relief Committee. I work with Damai (which means "peaceful") Teguh (left), a language teacher/interpreter, and co-trainer Henry Hamonangan Sitohang from the staff of Pusat Studi dan Pengembangan Perdamaian.

I will be helping people who are working at reconciliation processes in the hot spots here. In January I trained a group of student activists in cooperative conflict processes. Another group is in Ambon, the largest of the Maluku Islands. Most of May was spent training and helping with reconciliation processes in West Papua, on the island of New Guinea. To call the work interesting is an understatement. Five years ago I was working with MCC in Laos removing unexploded ordnance left over from the Vietnam War.

Peacemaking is a broad topic. 

Do you have a story to tell?

Class Action is looking for stories from law graduates to put in future "In Their Own Words" articles. If you would like to share your experiences in any area of law, please write a few paragraphs and send them with your name, year of graduation, and contact information to:

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IN MEMORIAM

John A. O'Connell (53), March 4, 2000

Thomas Lewsader (71), October 1, 1999

John Bayne (75), October 6, 1999

Barbara (Bobbi) Lewis Cunningham (80),
December 21, 1999

Barbara Mathews (83), May 13, 1999

JOHN A. O'CONNELL, CLASS OF 1953

San Francisco lost one of its most principled and courageous former political leaders recently. And Golden Gate University School of Law lost one of its most illustrious alumni.

John O'Connell represented San Francisco in the California Assembly for many years. During his four-term tenure, he helped pass bills concerning workers' compensation, child support, and welfare. In 1961, he helped overturn an 1872 California law that made "vagrancy" a crime. He was a liberal, progressive civil libertarian, a champion of organized labor, and someone who always stood up for the oppressed and the underdog in society against the cold interests of power and money. He fought to preserve the protections of the Constitution, particularly the First Amendment rights of all people to think and say what they believed.

John O'Connell represented the best qualities that could be found in an elected representative and was the kind of politician who is, unfortunately, just about extinct in our day.

—Dean Peter Keane

1960s

David Lee (69), an Alameda County Superior Court judge, was featured in the February 15 issue of *The Recorder*, in the "Court Watch" column.

1970s

Kathryn Ringgold (70) received the State Bar of California Board of Governor's 1999 Northern California Retired Attorney's Pro Bono Service Award for outstanding contribution of pro bono legal services to low-income Californians.

The Law Offices of **George Holland (72)** was honored by the Charles Houston Bar Association on March 2.

Cynthia M. Lee (74), a San Francisco County Superior Court judge, was featured in the December 28 issue of *The Recorder*, in the "Court Watch" column, and also profiled in the February 29 *San Francisco Daily Journal*.

Ruth A. Samas (74) writes: "After 40 hours of mediation training at the National Judicial College, I have had the opportunity to mediate

for the Department of Developmental Services Early Start Program."

Susan Rutberg (75) is a professor at Golden Gate University School of Law. Please see her profile in Faculty Notes on page 13.

Damian B. Smyth (75) moved his law offices to Alameda in February and published *The Trauma of the Crucifixion* (Paulist Press) this past spring.

Robert S. Baker (76) writes: "In February 1998 I was made acting director of the Appalachian Research and Defense Fund, an LSC-funded legal services program in southern West Virginia. On March 1, 1999, I became the director. I have spent the past two years working on merging the Appalachian Research and Defense Fund with the Legal Aid Society of Charleston. The merger took effect January 1, 2000, and I became the legal director of the new organization, Appalachian Legal Services. We have a total staff of a little over 50 people, and serve 12 southern West Virginia counties.

"In October 1999, I participated on the West Virginia basketball team in the 50-54 age group at the Senior Olympics at Disney World. We tied for fifth place, losing in the quarterfinals. There were 37 teams in our age group.

After 18 years in our old home, my wife, Ruth, and I

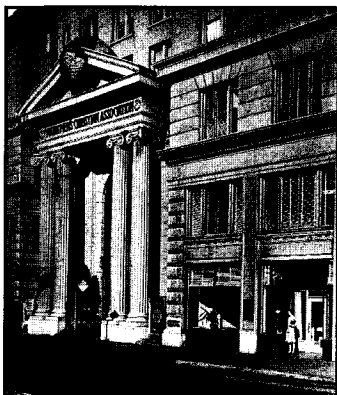
moved to a nice new home in Beckly, WV. We have nearly two acres in a wooded area and invite all our friends to come visit in this wild water and skiing area."

Dale A. Affonso (77) recently received a promotion to partner-in-charge, Tax Services for the Pacific Southwest, for KPMG, the international CPA firm. He writes: "My new responsibilities include managing the federal tax practices for three Los Angeles offices, and our offices in Orange County, San Diego, Phoenix, Las Vegas, and (it's a tough job but somebody has to do it) Honolulu."

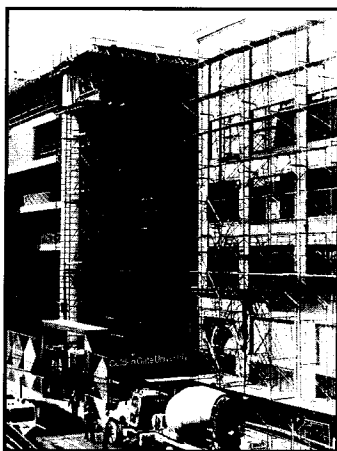
Daniel V. Burke (77) was appointed to a three-year term on the Family Law Executive Committee of the State Bar of California. He serves on the committee with approximately 14 other family law attorneys from around the state of California. He has offices in Carlsbad and has been a certified family law specialist since 1991. He is currently a fellow of both the American Academy and the International Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers. He is also director of mediation services at the Carlsbad Mediation Center, where he facilitates divorce resolution.

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Help GGU Celebrate Its Centennial!



The YMCA on Golden Gate Avenue, the early home of GGU.



The current building under construction at 536 Mission Street.



The class of 1965 at its 20-year reunion in 1985.

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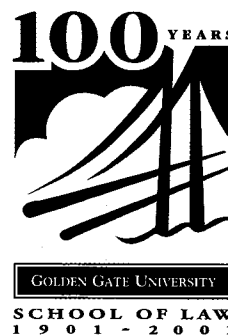
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The class of 1928, including the Law School's first two women graduates.



The class of 1980 at its five-year reunion in 1985.

FACULTY NOTES



Jon H. Sylvester

Jon H. Sylvester recently announced that after four years as associate dean for academic affairs, he will step down and return to full-time teaching August 1. Dean Peter Keane has appointed Professor David Oppenheimer to replace Dean Sylvester.



David Oppenheimer

Dean Keane says, "The school, and I personally, will be forever in Jon's debt for his magnificent job of stewardship as associate dean which he performed through a difficult period. I am going to miss his sage advice and steady guidance. Fortunately, David Oppenheimer is one of the people whom I have always been able to count on to tackle extra work and special projects and to do every task he takes on with enthusiasm and skill."



The California Law Revision Commission has appointed Professor **Roger Bernhardt** co-consultant (along with Professor Susan French of UCLA Law School) for its reevaluation of the Davis-Sterling Common Interest Act.



Professor **Bob Calhoun** gave a talk to the Placer County Bar Association on recent developments in evidence law. The three-day CLE conference was held April 14-16 in North Lake Tahoe.



In January, Associate Dean **Catherine Glaze** (along with University of Nebraska College of Law Dean Nancy Rapoport) presented "Who Are the Students of Tomorrow?" during a mini-workshop on "Major Issues of the 21st Century: Their Impact on the Legal Academy and Our Students" at the Annual Meeting of the Association of American Law Schools, in Washington, D.C.



Professor **Thomas M. Goetzl** recently taught an undergraduate course called "Law in the Business Environment." The course covered both legal and ethical issues in the business world and is a required course in the College of Business and Economics at Western Washington University. He explains, "I was very impressed by how very hard the students worked and how much attention the teaching materials devoted to ethical issues. I am told by my colleagues at Western Washington that the concern with ethics is not confined to that school but pervades American business schools. The time students are expected to spend on those issues is far more than I've ever seen in the law school curriculum."



Professor **Helen Hartnell's** article "Why Study Law in the U.S.?" was published in the spring issue of *TransWorld Education*. Also in the spring, she chaired a meeting of the Private International Law Interest Group at the 94th annual meeting of the American Society of International Law in Washington, D.C.



Professor **Neil M. Levy** continues to edit *California Torts*, a six-volume treatise published by Matthew Bender. He recently authored a revision of his comprehensive travel guide, *Micronesia Handbook*, published by Moon Publications. His poetry has been published in *Chaminade Literary Review*, *96 INC*, and *Jewish Spectator*.



Professor **Myron Moskowitz** is a regular guest speaker on landlord-tenant law on the radio program "Your Legal Rights," on KALW (San Francisco). In April, he spoke at two Continuing Education of the Bar programs on "Fundamentals of Real Property." His new book, *Cases and Problems in California Criminal Law*, was published recently by Anderson Publishing Co.



Professor **Chris Okeke** participated in the 1999 California Global Corporate Accountability Project Round Table on the theme "Hard Issues, Innovative Approaches: Improving NGO-Industry Dialogue on Corporate Responsibility and Accountability." This one-day roundtable was held on November 9, 1999, at the Littlefield Management Center, Stanford University School of Business, and was jointly sponsored by the Natural Heritage Institute, San Francisco; Nautilus Institute, Berkeley; and Human Rights Advocates, Berkeley.



Professor **Maria Ontiveros** was appointed to a three-year term on the AALS Committee on Professional Development. She was also elected to the

Executive Committee of the Labor Law Group. Her essay "Forging Our Identity: Transformative Resistance in the Areas of Work, Class, and the Law" appeared in the spring volume of the *U.C. Davis Law Review*, which is a symposium volume on Latino Critical Legal Theory. This spring Professor Ontiveros is coauthoring the supplement to the *West Employment Discrimination* casebook, currently authored by Robert Belton and Dianne Avery. (She will join as an author on the book's seventh edition.) In April, she spoke at a conference celebrating the 25th anniversary of California's Agricultural Labor Relations Act. Also, she was selected to participate in a two-year Ford Foundation Research Seminar on "Meanings and Representations of Work in the Lives of Women of Color."



Professor **Cliff Rechtschaffen** gave a presentation in Oakland on environmental justice for the California Attorney General's Task Force on

Environmental Justice on September 16, 1999. He recently moderated three panels: "The Future of Environmental Enforcement" at the American Association of Law Schools Annual Conference in Washington, D.C. (January 7); air quality issues at "Exploring the Confluence of Environmental Science and Law," U.C. Davis School of Law (March 17); and "Proposition 65 and Stipulated Judgments" at the Prop. 65 News Annual Conference in San Diego (March 30). Professor Rechtschaffen was recently awarded a grant from the Rocky Mountain Mineral Law Foundation for research on a book about the changing nature of federal/state relations in the area of environmental enforcement.



Professor Rutberg's photograph of public school families were featured on the cover of the San Francisco Education Fund's 1999 annual report.



Professor **Susan Rutberg** was program coordinator and lecturer on "Direct and Cross Examination Skills" at Stanford Law School, Advocacy Skills


Workshop, January 15-18. On January 29, she spoke on "Criminal Law Issues Confronting Homeless People" at the Bar Association of San Francisco's Homeless Advocacy Project, Advocate Training Seminar at Hastings College of the Law.



In February, Assistant Dean **Sue Schechter** organized and led a team of Golden Gate adjunct professors and faculty to represent the School of Law at the ABA/Commission on Domestic Violence West Coast Conference. She explains, "There were about 12 schools represented for the two-day conference where we presented information about our offerings and brainstormed about potential programs."



Professor **Sompong Sucharitkul** has been appointed a member of the Committee of Patrons of the Foundation for International Commercial

Arbitration and Alternative Dispute Resolution (FICA). Headquartered in The Hague, the Netherlands, and London, FICA is an international charitable foundation dedicated to the promotion of arbitration and alternative dispute resolution throughout the world. Its objective is to train and educate in the processes of arbitration and ADR. FICA's training program is concentrated mainly on the developing world. 

Professor **Bernie Segal** recently conducted a wedding ceremony for his student Susanne Hakansson (01). Susanne was worried that her bridegroom-to-be, Murray Archambeau, might give up on marrying her because she couldn't find time to get to the altar. As a member of Professor Bernie Segal's mock trial competition team, Susanne was working five nights a week and all day Saturday and Sunday. Professor Segal solved her problem by having himself deputized as a clerk of the Superior Court for the purpose of one wedding. He performed the



ceremony in the Mock Trial Courtroom at Golden Gate. As soon as the service was over and the bride and groom had kissed, Professor Segal and Susanne returned to their trial competition preparation while the proud bridegroom looked on.

BLACK HISTORY MONTH CELEBRATED WITH MELBA BEALS



On February 1, Melba Pattillo Beals spoke at Golden Gate University School of Law. In 1957, she was one of the "Little Rock Nine," the first black students to attend the all-white Central High School in Little Rock, Arkansas. She later wrote about her experiences in the memoir *Warriors Don't Cry*.

Some of her comments follow.

Was she afraid during those days? "Every day. I learned a lot of what courage is about only by accident."

"After the first day, I realized that the word *integration* was much larger than I ever thought it would be."

"I was just an ordinary teenager. I had to learn how to tap into the source that lives just beneath the surface. The choice is to collapse or reach inside yourself."

"It is all within you to achieve everything you want to achieve."



Professor and former Dean Anthony Pagano (left) congratulates Associate Dean Greg Egertson, who received the 1999 Distinguished Service Award, given annually by the Golden Gate University Alumni Association to a university employee. Greg has worked for the Law School in the areas of budget and administration for almost 15 years.



Student clinician Kristina Hillman (00) represented Darlene Catania (right), obtaining a nearly \$50,000 settlement against Catania's former employer.

The Women's Employment Rights Clinic (WERC) obtained a nearly \$50,000 settlement (almost \$40,000, plus another \$10,000 in fees for the clinic) on behalf of an ambulance driver who was fired after she exercised her right to medical leave under the California Family Rights Act (CFRA). The client first came to WERC when the ambulance company fought her ability to collect unemployment insurance benefits. She was exceptionally well-represented in the unemployment hearing by the clinic's former graduate law fellow, Edna Garcia (98). Edna's strategy included not only obtaining the unemployment benefits, but using that forum to create a record and findings to support the CFRA claim in another forum. Third-year student clinician Kristina Hillman (00) took over from there, filed the CFRA claim, and represented the client before the Department of Fair Employment and Housing.

Catania took legal action for reasons beyond recovering her monetary losses; working with the clinic to pursue her claims gave her an opportunity to act on principle: "My father always told me to fight for what you believe in. It means a lot to me that I was able to do that here."

WERC provides hands-on, practical legal experience to qualified second- and third-year students by offering advice, counseling, and representation to Bay Area employees. The clinic operates under the supervision of Professors Marci Seville and Donna Ryu.

RECENT EVENTS SPONSORED BY THE LAW SCHOOL

January 13: Professor David Oppenheimer spoke on "Dr. King's Legal Legacy: How Direct Action in Birmingham Led to the Introduction of the 1964 Civil Rights Act." This event was sponsored by the Helzel Family Foundation.

March 16: Tribute to former California Chief Justice Rose Bird.

March 17: The Ninth Regional Meeting of the American Society of International Law, held in conjunction with the Tenth Annual Fulbright Symposium on Current International Legal Problems.

March 21: "Rattling the Cage: Toward Legal Rights for Animals," a talk and booksigning by animal rights attorney Steven M. Wise.

March 31: "The American Coast: Law on the Edge," a coastal law symposium featuring topics to be covered in the next *Golden Gate Law Review* environmental law issue.

RECOGNIZING JUDY McKELVEY

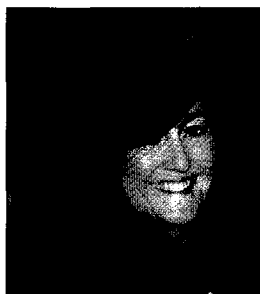
More than 100 friends, faculty, and alumni attended a luncheon on February 25 to celebrate Dean Emeritus Judy McKelvey's retirement and many contributions to the field of law.



Judy McKelvey shares memories of her career at Golden Gate University School of Law.



Monterey College of Law Dean Karen Kadushin (77) with William Robinson (64).



BASF President Dru Ramey.



San Francisco Sheriff Mike Hennessey, San Francisco City Attorney Louise Renne, and e. robert (bob) wallach, former BASF president.



SWEARING IN CEREMONY

On December 2, 1999, Golden Gate University School of Law held its first-ever swearing-in ceremony for recent bar passers. Judge Anne Bouliane (80) conducted the ceremony, which was followed by a reception for alumni and their families and friends.



Robin Wahl (99) (left) and Michele Bueler (99) (right) toast the achievement of Cassandra Holman (99) (center).



Esther Lerner (80) (left) celebrates with Stacey Staab (99) who currently works in Esther's office as an associate attorney.



Professor David Oppenheimer congratulates Jennifer Gould (99) during the champagne reception.

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1970s (continued)

Alice Schaffer Smith (77) is the director of legal services and assistant general counsel for the Computer Sciences Corporation, European Financial Services Group. She writes: "I remain a member of the California bar, but have developed expertise in doing business abroad after 19 years here in Windsor, England." (See "In Their Own Words," page 7.)

Cathy Christian (78) has been named a partner in the Sacramento office of Nielsen, Merksamer, Parrinello, Mueller & Naylor and has practiced in the field of government law for more than 20 years.

Bob Pickus (78) reopened his law office in Oakland emphasizing estate planning and family law mediation. His book, *Divorce and Family Law in California: A Guide for the General Public*, is available in its entirety on the Internet at www.netcom.com/~bocatore/main.htm.

Carol Yaggy (79), a judge in the San Francisco Superior Court, was profiled in the March 8 edition of the *San Francisco Daily Journal*.

1980s

Charles Pernice (81) moved his law offices to One Corporate Park Drive, Suite 200, in Irvine, CA. His practice currently emphasizes personal injury, employment law, and business litigation.

Thomas Keeler (82) writes: "After practicing law for the past 15 years in the territory of Guam, I relocated with my wife, Elizabeth, and four children—Cristopher (9), Patrick (8), Kino (8), and Meredith Shea (5) to my wife's hometown of Greenville, SC. I am employed by the McNair Law Firm as special counsel. My e-mail is tkeeler@mcnair.net."

Michael Markowitz (82), a partner with the Danville law firm of Gagen, McCoy, McMahon & Armstrong, has been elected president of the Contra Costa Bar Association for the year 2000.

Gregory Hodge (85) is the executive director of Safe Passages, the Oakland Child Health and Safety Initiative, and is running for the Oakland School Board.

Bill Hirsh (86) is the new executive director of the AIDS Legal Referral Panel.

Caroline Kristensen (86) has been elected vice president of the National Women's Political Caucus (Marin County Chapter), effective last December, and is volunteering with the Marin Conservation League.

Suheil Totah (88), a partner with Landels Ripley & Diamond, will head the firm's new Sacramento office.

Tatiana Roodkowsky (89) joined America Online Inc. last year in its technical headquarters in Virginia. She works on emerging domestic and international e-commerce, Internet issues, licenses, and agreements. Prior to joining AOL, Tatiana led a team of technical and legal consultants in Kazakhstan to assist with Y2K assessments and to develop contingency plans. Tatiana used her legal knowledge and Russian skills to deliver a presentation to the Kazak government leaders, including those in the vice president's office. (See "In Their Own Words," page 8.)

1990s

Heidi A. Timken (91) was named shareholder of Miller, Starr & Regalia in Walnut Creek. She joined the firm in 1992 and her practice focuses on real estate and business litigation, with an emphasis in title insurance, eminent domain, and land use law. Heidi and her husband, **Patrick Perkins (91)**, have two boys, Max, 7, and Jackson, 3.

Mark Gunning (92) and his wife, Mary, are expecting their first child. They now have a Volvo to go along with their house and new baby!

Mark D. Magarian (92) was appointed senior vice president of human resources for MGC Communications, Inc. in Rochester, NY. He is accountable for the firm's human resource functions including benefits, compensation, training, and legal compliance.

Karen (Course) Murphy (92) moved to the Irvine, CA office of Laughlin, Falbo, Levy & Moresi in July, where she continues to practice workers' compensation defense. She spent the last year doing home improvement projects with her husband, Taylor.

Jim Cavanaugh (93), an associate with Demler, Armstrong & Rowland in Long Beach since 1994, has become the managing partner of the firm's Las Vegas affiliated office, Cavanaugh & Myers, LLP. The firm's practice concentrations are in construction defect and personal injury litigation.

Simona A. Farrise (93) became a partner at Kazan, McClain, Edises, Simon & Abrams on January 1.

Richard Karoly (93) is a corporate attorney in the litigation/arbitration group of the Office of Corporate Counsel for Charles Schwab & Co. Inc.

Judy Rosen (93) is general counsel and director of human resources for Ted Stevens Automotive Network in Los Gatos, CA.

Dolores Chong (94) is the chair of the Sole Practitioner and Small Firm Committee of the Barristers Club of San Francisco.

Brooke Oliver (94) was featured on the front page of *The Recorder* on November 2, 1999, for representing mural artists' rights to preserve their work.

Edmund Gee (95) married Alisa Renee Fong in Piedmont, CA, last September. Classmates **Gloria Chan (95)**, **Fredrick Emilson (95)**, and **Kevin Nolt (95)** attended the wedding. Edmund writes: "For our monthlong honeymoon, we traveled by train through Switzerland and Italy. In October, I was appointed assistant regional solicitor for the United States Department of the Interior in Sacramento, focusing on water law issues, the Cal Fed process, and implementation of the Central Valley Project Improvement Act."

Grace G. Munoz (95) writes: "I am working for Protection and Advocacy as a clients' rights advocate for the San Andreas Regional Center in San Jose. Also, I have a 10-month-old daughter. Thanks to Law Career Services for its help, and to **Leslie Morrison (95)** for letting me know in advance about this job!"

Heidi Poppe (95) became an associate with the Law Offices of Andrew Packard, a small firm that focuses exclusively on environmental litigation, including Proposition 65, Clean Water Act, Public Record Act, and other citizen suit enforcement.

Francis S. Ryu (95) left his position with the law firm of Lewis, D'Amato, Brisbois & Bisgarrrd, LLP, where he spent the majority of his time representing BMW of North America Inc. He has joined the law firm of Gelfand, Rappaport & Glaser, LLP, in Los Angeles, where he continues to practice corporate law. He was recently elected treasurer of the Barristers, Beverly Hills Bar Association, and to the board of governors of the Los Angeles Athletic Club. He is also currently serving as president of the Golden Gate University Southern California Alumni Chapter. Anyone interested in participating in the alumni chapter can contact Francis at (310) 477-7446.

Michael Kerner (95 LLM) joined the San Francisco-based firm of Janin, Morgan & Brenner. In addition, he is a judge pro tem for Solano County Small Claims Court and has been a judicial arbitrator for the Superior Court of San Francisco.

Sharon A. Anolik (96) became a corporate counsel with Ask Jeeves Inc. and will



Three graduates of the LL.M. in Taxation program have joined together to form a new law firm in San Francisco. The Schinner Law Group opened its doors on October 1, 1999. The firm was founded by Michael G. Schinner (center), who received his LL.M. degree in 1993 and is an adjunct professor at GGU in both the LL.M. Tax and M.S. Tax programs. Rounding out the firm are GGU alumni Jeffrey W. Hook (JD 85, LLM 99) (left) and Ralph Kokka (LLM 98) (right). The firm's areas of practice include emerging growth companies, corporate law, tax, intellectual property, real estate, estate planning, and litigation. The firm is located around the corner from Golden Gate University at 40 First Street.

be working primarily on corporate licensing deals and strategic alliances. She can be reached at sanolik@yahoo.com.

Petra Bloom (96) is the chair of the Immigration Committee of the Barristers Club of San Francisco.

Scott Bloom (96) joined Hancock, Rothert & Bunshoft. His practice emphasizes insurance coverage and professional liability defense.

Carrie Ann Colton (96) became licensed to practice in Tennessee and is handling probate and breach of contract cases in her hometown.

She also opened her own general civil practice firm named Kesten, Colton & Brandt in San Rafael, CA, which focuses on employment and small-business representation. She enjoys helping employees who encounter problems with their employers and counseling employers to enable them to comply with the law. A member of her firm has his broker's license, and they handle a variety of real estate and property matters as well.

Andrew Dimitriou (96) is vice-chair of the Sole Practitioner and Small Firm Committee of the Barristers Club of San Francisco.

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DIRECTING THE FUTURE:

The Law School's New Alumni Association

BY DEBRA HOLCOMB, LAW ALUMNI RELATIONS DIRECTOR

The Law School offers a variety of benefits and programs to its more than 6,000 graduates. About one-third of GGU law graduates are still in the Bay Area; the remaining two-thirds are scattered around California and the rest of the world. The Law School has living alumni spanning more than seven decades. This diverse group of people all share a common bond—a GGU law degree.

To ensure that Law School graduates have a voice in programs and services offered to GGU alumni, the Golden Gate University Alumni Board of Directors officially added a Law School Committee and selected five law alumni to lead the group. These alumni now make up the leadership of the new Law School Alumni Association. Charged with strengthening relationships between law alumni, faculty, and students, the Law School Alumni Association is dedicated to promoting programs and events designed for personal and professional enhancement.

The Law School Alumni Association created the following committees to further its mission:

I. Marketing/Communications

Provides ideas for topics and articles included in the Law School's alumni publications.

II. Professional Development

Oversees continuing legal education programs and creates other educational programs.

III. Alumni Events

Plans special alumni events, receptions, and social activities just for law alumni.

IV. Student Alumni Relations

Assists with new-student orientations, admissions receptions, swearing-in ceremonies, Law Career Services activities, student/alumni mentor programs, and other programs that bridge the gap between students and alumni.

V. Awards & Evaluation

Oversees the selection process for three awards currently given to law alumni by soliciting nominees and recommending recipients. Also evaluates current services offered to alumni.

Charged with strengthening relationships between law alumni, faculty, and students, the Law School Alumni Association is dedicated to promoting programs and events designed for personal and professional enhancement.

Although the Law School Alumni Association is less than a year old, it has already made its mark on GGU traditions. Last fall, the association hosted its first State Bar Swearing-in Ceremony to welcome its most recent graduates into the legal community (see photos on page 15 and back cover). *E-News*, the monthly electronic newsletter providing a calendar of upcoming events, was created to increase communication with alumni (see page 20 for more details).

All law alumni are automatically members of the Law School Alumni Association. The organization meets the first Wednesday of every month at Golden Gate University, and all law alumni are invited to attend. If you plan to attend, please contact Debra Holcomb, Law Alumni Relations Director, at (415) 442-6602 or dholcomb@ggu.edu, to confirm the room location.

The five leaders of the Law School Alumni Association are profiled on the facing page. They have been instrumental in developing the mission statement and goals for the group. Now that the internal structure of the association has been defined, they are seeking additional Law School graduates to assume leadership positions within the organization.

In addition to the alumni profiled, Meli Cook (82) and Mark Burton (95) serve on the Golden Gate University Alumni Board of Directors, helping to coordinate activities for all GGU alumni. Francis Ryu (95) heads up the Southern California Alumni Chapter in Los Angeles.

WHO'S WHO?

LAW ALUMNI LEADERSHIP



J. KEVIN ALLEN (97)

Law School Alumni Association President

Kevin Allen, better known

as Skinny Kev to his friends, received a B.A. in Law and Society from the University of California, Santa Barbara. After completing his undergraduate degree, Kevin took some time off to help open and run a homeless food program in Daly City before entering law school. He also coached Little League baseball and high school swimming. Kevin joined the alumni board with the goal of strengthening the relationship between the Law School and the university and bolstering the ties between Law School alumni and the Law School itself.

"I've never regretted going to Golden Gate University School of Law. As a deputy public defender in San Francisco, I am doing the job that I always dreamed of, and I know that I have one of the best educations around. That belief is reinforced every day that I am in court against attorneys from other schools.

"We are at a great time right now. We have a great staff, a dean that is truly motivated to advance the Law School, and a chance to enter into the millennium as a big hitter on the West Coast. It is going to take work from us all, though, if any of this is going to come to fruition."



SCOTT BLOOM (96)

Scott Bloom graduated from the University of California, Los Angeles, and worked

in a print shop as a desktop publisher before entering law school. Currently he practices professional liability and insurance coverage for the law firm of Hancock, Rothert & Bunshoft in San Francisco.

Scott wants to secure the participation and support of alumni who are committed to enhancing the reputation and opportunities of Law School alumni. "Strong contact made with your fellow alumni today will last a lifetime."



CHRISTIANA KHOSTOVAN (98)

Christiana Khostovan practices commercial and business law at Franklin Templeton, a capital

investment company. She attended the University of California, Berkeley, and majored in English and German. "Golden Gate University gives you a very practical education. You learn how to be an attorney as opposed to just learning the academia of law."



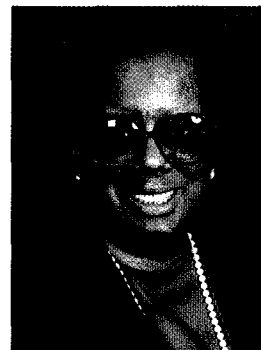
MARK FIGUEIREDO (95)

Mark

Figueiredo received a B.S. in political economy of natural resources from University

of California, Berkeley, and proceeded directly to GGU, where he was an active member of the Student Bar Association. Currently, he is a commercial litigation attorney with Hopkins & Carley in San Jose.


"My experience at GGU was not only fun but excellent preparation for the practice of law. Over the last five years, I have witnessed increased appreciation in the legal community for GGU alumni. With the Law School Alumni Association now in place, I am confident that we can all further increase the value of our degrees."



ELIZABETH COHEE (99)

Liz Cohee graduated from the University of Pennsylvania with a B.A. in sociology. She worked in banking and

commercial finance and received an M.S. in finance from Golden Gate University before entering law school. A recent graduate, Liz plans to practice banking or business law. Currently, she is a member of the board of directors of the Berkeley Dispute Resolution Service, an organization that works to assist members of the community to peacefully resolve their conflicts.

"I want to be at the beginning of the formation of a multigenerational alliance of students, alumni, and supporters that will work for the future success of GGU School of Law. Students and alumni are free to contact me at Eacohee@aol.com." 

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1990s (continued)

Cara Elkin (96) accepted a job practicing business litigation with Allen, Markins, Leck, Gamble & Mallory in Irvine, CA after completing her position with the Nevada Supreme Court.

Mary Gubatina (96) and **Wahlda Noorzad (98)** opened the first all-female, minority-owned law firm in Union City, CA. Mary is the only female Filipino attorney practicing family law in Alameda County.

Young Lee (96) joined the Fairfield, CA office of Gaw, Van Male, Smith, Myers & Miroglio.

Ulla M. Pajala (96) became an associate with the law firm of Burnham & Brown in Oakland.

Sheila Sharei (96) is the chair of the Labor and Employment Committee of the Barristers Club of San Francisco.

Andrew F. Spett (96) joined the firm of Lynch, Gilardi & Grummer.

Probal G. Young (96) joined the Walnut Creek office of Archer, McComas, Breslin, McMahon & Chritton.

Daniel B. Alweiss (97) became an associate with the law firm of Burnham & Brown in Oakland.

Nancy (Shepard) Martz (97) is a fundraising consultant for nonprofits and president of a newly formed nonprofit organization.

Carey (Smith) Rose (97) joined the firm of Affolter, Gannon & Flynn in Burlington, Vermont.

Jennifer Castro (98) was awarded the 1999 Annual INS Commissioner's Award for Rookie Attorney of the Year. She is assistant district counsel at the INS office in San Francisco.

Stella Edralin (98) became an associate with San Francisco's Trucker Huss. She practices in the areas of ERISA compliance and consulting, and tax qualification of pension and profit-sharing plans.

Jehnna Irene Hanan (98) writes: "Since graduation I have traveled to Australia, Fiji, Oregon, Washington, Idaho, Montana, Canada, and Europe. I am now living in Poland teaching English and writing course materials for attorneys who are learning English legal terminology. I am also working on a book of short stories. We live in the forest, only 45 minutes by city bus from downtown Warsaw, so it really is the best of both worlds."

Laura Jacobs (98) joined the Berkeley firm of Duran, Gonzales, Ochoa & Tafoya as an associate, where she focuses on personal injury. Prior to joining the firm, she clerked with the federal public defender's office in Oakland.

Jennifer Keith (98) joined Bay Area Legal Aid (formerly SFNLAF) and is working on the project "Removing Legal Barriers to Employment."

Wahlda Noorzad (98) and **Mary Gubatina (96)** opened the first all-female, minority-owned law firm in Union City, CA. Wahlda is the only Afghan attorney in Alameda County.

Kristy Topham (98) married Creston Lee Cresell on August 21, at the Trinity Presbyterian Church of San Carlos. She is a research attorney with the California Supreme Court in San Francisco.

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Jens Beringer (98 LLM) is an associate with KPMG Peat Marwick in Frankfurt, Germany.

Alexandre Marion (98 LLM) is working in a French law firm in Moscow, where he assists French investors in the firm's projects.

Mauricio S. Beugelmans (99) is an associate attorney in the litigation/arbitration group of the Office of Corporate Counsel for Charles Schwab & Co. Inc.

Laura D. Cavanaugh (99) joined the firm of Lynch, Gilardi & Grummer in San Francisco.

Dan Earls (99) was recently hired as an associate general counsel by Actuate, a software startup company in South San Francisco.

Jennifer Gould (99) accepted a position as the private-sector career counselor at U.C. Berkeley's Boalt Hall School of Law.

Kari Kelly (99) is participating in a scholarship program via DAAD (German Academic Exchange Service) funded by the German government.

Joanna Koo (99) writes: "I started a new job at Brobeck, Phleger and Harrison in Palo Alto in February. I'm an associate in the Business and Technology Group and working lots of hours! I knew

night school (while working full-time) would prepare me for something. We're always looking for great attorneys, so have GGU grads send me their resumes. Check out our website at www.brobeck.com to see current job openings. I would love to get some more GGU grads in here!"

Arron Nesbitt (99) joined San Jose's McManis, Falkner & Morgan as an associate and practices intellectual property and business litigation.

Anthony Vencino (99) joined the San Francisco firm of Coblenz, Patch, Duffy & Bass as an associate. His practice focuses on estate planning and taxation.

Heidi Burch (99 LLM) joined the San Francisco firm of Titchell, Maltzman, Mark & Ohleyer and practices in the areas of estate planning and taxation.

Dennis M. Sandoval (99 LLM) accepted a position as the director of continuing legal education for the American Academy of Estate Planning Attorneys, a nationwide network of prominent estate planning attorneys headquartered in San Diego.

Espen Skjervén (99 LLM) is a senior executive officer at the Royal Norwegian Ministry of Education, Research, and Church Affairs. His focus is labor law.

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Fred Drexler (47) shares a smile with Melt Cook (82) and Elaine Booras Harvey (82).

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Dean Peter Keane welcomes the luncheon attendees.



Top: On February 1, a large crowd filled Auditorium C to hear Melba Beals talk about her experiences. Bottom: Ms. Beals meets with members of the Black Law Students Association (BLSA). See page 14 for more about her talk.

On December 2, 1999, Judge Anne Boullane (80) performed a swearing-in ceremony at Golden Gate University for July 1999 bar passers.



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