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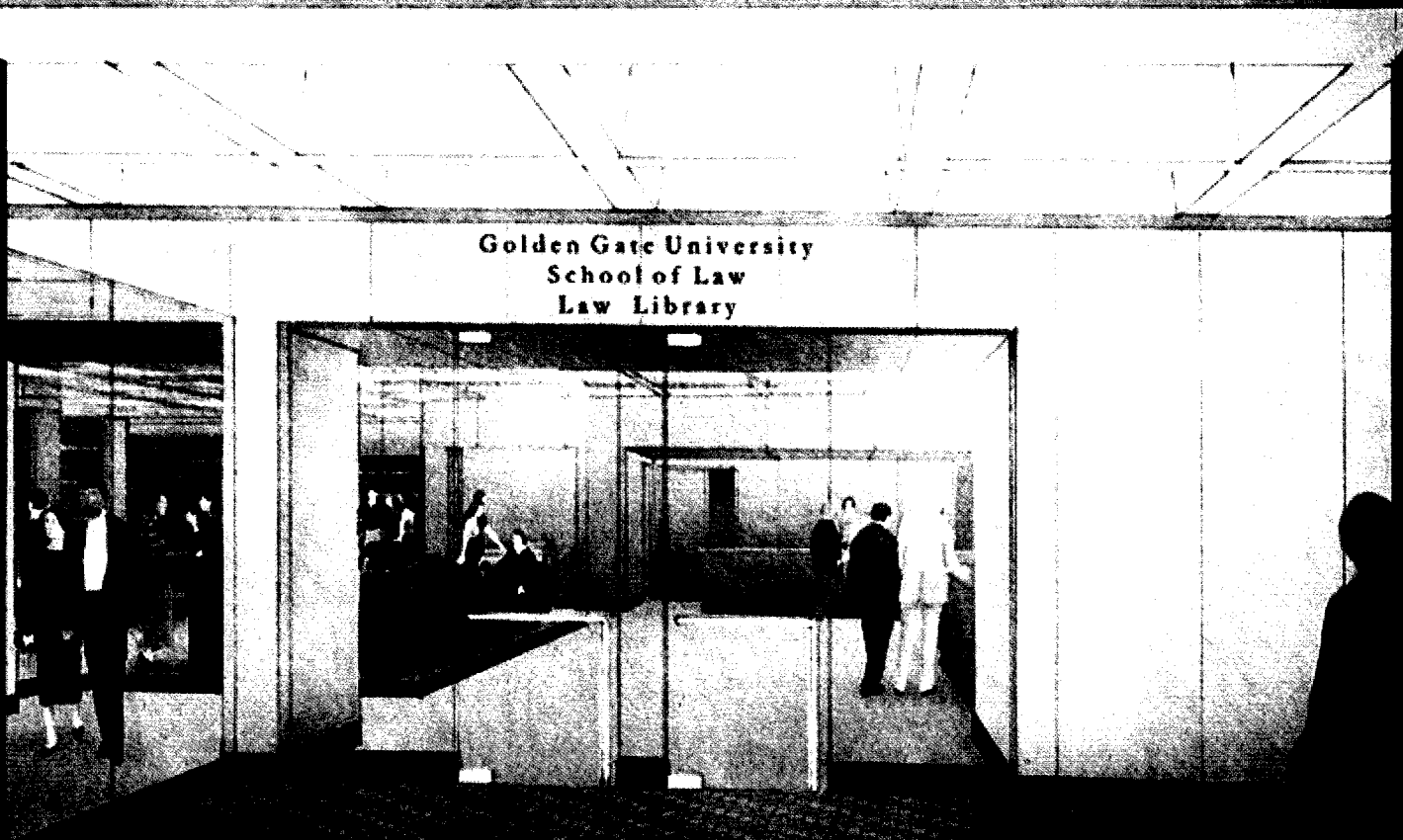
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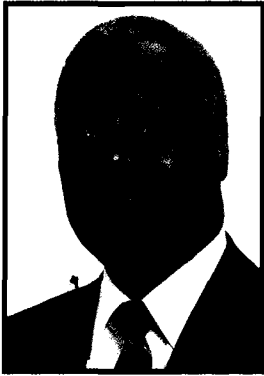
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The Golden Gate University Law Library Renovation and Expansion

Also in this issue: The Honor Roll of Giving for 2004–2005

(*dean's message*)



Dear Friends,

The past 18 months have been filled with many things that made my move to the deanship at Golden Gate University School of Law a positive one. This issue of *Class Action* highlights good news.

We are in the midst of *The Centennial Campaign for GGU*, the first capital campaign the university and law school have undertaken in 30 years. Please read about it on page 2. We are more than 75% of the way towards our goal of raising \$35 million! With the classrooms and lecture halls on the west side (or what I've heard referred to as the "new building") of the second and third floors renovated, the Law Library is the next significant part of the learning environment improvements supported by *The Centennial Campaign for GGU*.

Prompted by growing class sizes, a massive renovation project is in the works which will culminate in the movement of the entrance to the Law Library from the plaza to street level. Students and visitors will walk through the main doors of GGU and be greeted by one of the most beautiful law libraries in the country. None of this could happen without financial support from our friends and alumni. The Koret Foundation's generous support will help us begin this phase of construction. On page 2, you will find an update on the Law Library renovations.

Pages 9–20 feature our Annual Honor Roll of Donors, which lists of the names of donors who helped us achieve a 40% increase in dollars raised over last year. These gifts provide me with the flexibility necessary to implement a new bar passage plan, grow the graduate legal education programs, begin the Law Library renovations, and recruit outstanding visiting faculty members. I am truly grateful for the financial support you have given the Law School. There is nothing more satisfying than knowing your alumni believe in GGU and are willing to support our mission to help students work, learn, and succeed.

I thank Allan Rappaport (85) for many years of volunteer service as the chair of the dean's advisory board and for serving on the board of trustees along with other GGU alumni, including Tracey Edwards (81, LLM 83) and Cam Carlson (90). Stepping in as chair of the dean's advisory board, on a hiatus from the board of trustees, is retired San Francisco Superior Court Judge Lee Baxter (74). Addressing topics such as the bar passage rate and career services, the dean's advisory board consists of generous alumni and friends who provide me with great insight and advice. Along with donors, the Honor Roll lists these volunteers and other alumni who have given countless hours of their time to help make GGU a better place for today's students.

On behalf of the students and faculty, please accept my sincere thanks for your financial support and volunteer service to Golden Gate University School of Law.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Frederic White". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Dean Frederic White

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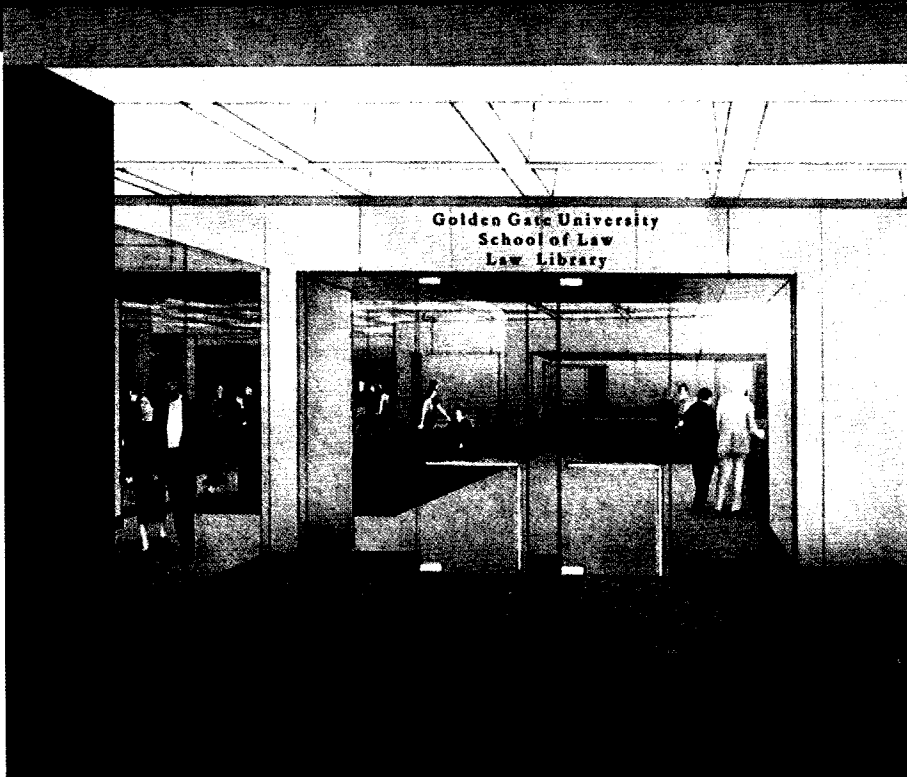
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Golden Gate University Law Library

The Centennial Campaign for GGU Helps the Law School Plan for the Future

By Margaret G. Arnold

The Golden Gate University Law Library has come a long way from its early holdings of under 35,000 volumes serving about 350 students. The library now boasts a collection that has grown almost ten times in size to 320,000 volumes, and this fall more than 1,000 students will be enrolled at the Law School. After 40 years in its current facility, the need to expand the Law Library became apparent, and last year the Law School began actively working with the university and outside consultants to develop a vision for the future of the facility.



Architect's Rendering for the entrance to the Golden Gate University Law Library.

The Campaign

The Law Library renovation is a key part of *The Centennial Campaign for GGU*, the university's first capital campaign in more than 30 years. The university went public in June with a \$35 million fund-raising effort in order to increase capacity in five areas:

1. Upgrade its **learning environment** by renovating classrooms and lecture halls.
2. Stay ahead of the **technology** curve, ensuring GGU is at the forefront of universities nationwide.

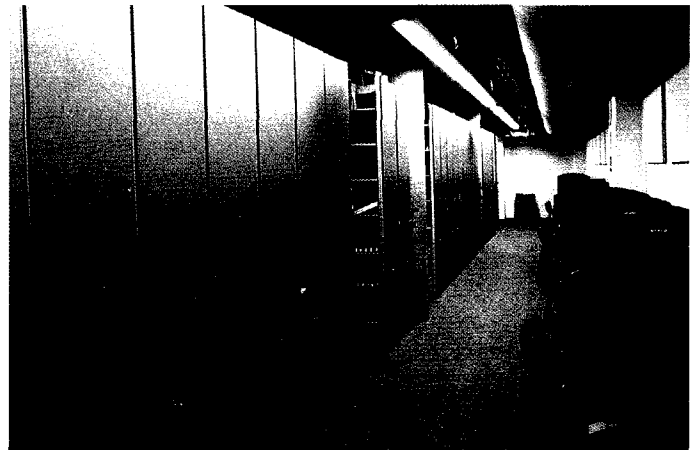
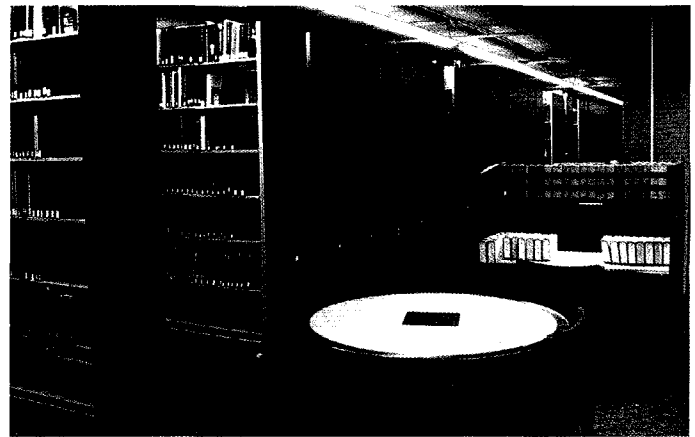
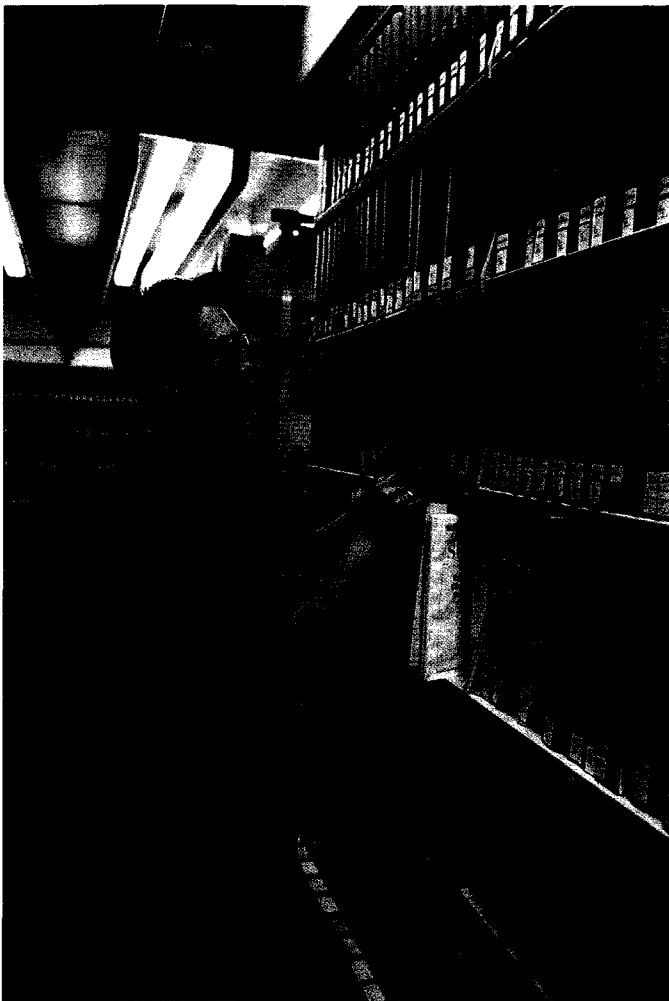
3. Increase **scholarship** assistance to support students.

4. Provide **teaching-and-learning** resources to deliver the highest possible level of professional-practice education, as required by the business community.

5. Grow the university **endowment** to secure GGU's future.

The campaign has already raised more than \$25 million, which is 73 percent of the goal.

While everyone at the School of Law—especially the students—will reap



Compact shelving (shown above) was installed earlier this year. The new movable shelving has doubled the capacity in the lower level of the Law Library.

the rewards in all five initiatives, the Learning Environment initiative is of particular interest, as it includes the renovation of the Law School and Library. The university's "Master Plan" comprises nine phases. In San Francisco, Phases 1-3 of the plan were completed in 2002 and included modification to a portion of the main academic building at 536 Mission Street: construction of an eight-level mechanical system silo on the exterior of the west wing, complete renovation of the second-floor auditoria into three lecture halls, and the complete renovation of the third-floor west-wing classrooms.

During the past two years, the university has been planning for Phases 4 and 5. The objectives for these phases are to renovate and expand the Law Library, renovate and expand the 40 Jessie Street building, and begin the phased relocation of all occupants from leased space at the 62 First Street building into university-owned space at either 536 Mission Street or 40 Jessie Street.

The Present

The first steps of the Law School renovation were realized over the summer in the basement level of 536 Mission Street. These changes have been well received by students. Several have commented on how the clean and spacious feel of the renovated space creates a better study environment. The renovation includes new lighting that brightens up the basement level by about 35 percent, and future plans may include the addition of task-lighting to all the tables. The basement level also provides users with a combination of wireless and wired access to the GGU network. Almost all tables and carrels have power available for laptop use, and many of the workstations provide for network plug-in access, as well. Other upgrades to the lower level include new carpeting, fresh paint and an upgraded HVAC system to eliminate air and temperature control issues on that level, providing a more

appropriate climate for hard-copy materials. Micrographics materials are now consolidated into one room, and the four group-study rooms on that level have been more effectively soundproofed.

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Alumni Forum, January 15, 1976 [Discussion of a new building to be built next to 536 Mission]

"In 1970, the law library was moved to a nearby building in order to accommodate its growing collection and to provide more space for students to study. Since then, the collection has more than doubled to 75,000 volumes and the library is now staffed by five professional librarians.

Plans for the building include . . . a new law library."



Roger Bernhardt

Professor Roger Bernhardt wrote eight case comments in the May 2005 issue of the *California Real Property Law Reporter* (CEB), of which he is the editor. Be it baseball ownership, mortgages, or the rule against perpetuities, Roger is without doubt California's "Mr. Property."



Allan Cadgene

On July 19, Professor Allan Cadgene served as moderator on a panel and gave a presentation for the Taxation Section of the Bar Association of San Francisco on "The Tenancy-in-Common Approach to 1031 Exchanges: Where Have We Been, Where Do We Go from Here?"



William Gallagher

Professor William Gallagher presented a paper titled "Strategic Intellectual Property Litigation" at the June 2005 annual meeting of the Law and Society Association in Las Vegas. The online *UC Davis Business Law Journal* recently published "The 'Governator' Bubblehead: An Exploration of the Right of Publicity in California—an interview with

William T. Gallagher of Golden Gate University School of Law" at <http://blj.ucdavis.edu/article/563>.



Marc Greenberg

In April, Professor Marc Greenberg, acting as co-counsel, filed a \$5 million breach of contract suit on behalf of actor Wesley Snipes against New Line Pictures, arising from the Blade Trinity horror/action motion picture. In August, Professor Greenberg presented his latest article, "The Baby and the Bath Water Too: A Critique of ALA v. US" at the 5th Annual Intellectual Property Scholars Conference at Cardozo School of Law in New York. His article will be published in 2006. On October 21, Professor Greenberg hosted and was a presenter at Golden Gate's 5th Annual IP Law Conference. This year's conference focused on content regulation. Professor Greenberg's presentation explored this theme.



Associate Dean Jon Sylvester, Dean Frederic White, and Associate Dean Markita Cooper received Legal Pioneer Awards from the Wiley Manuel Law Foundation on May 14.



Helen Kang

On April 1, Professor Helen Kang gave a talk, "Social Justice Movements in the US: Appraising the Past, Unlocking the Future," at a conference sponsored by UC Berkeley's Institute for the Study of Social Change and Boalt Hall School of Law's Center for Social Justice. In one of the conference panel sessions she talked about the role of law and lawyers in the environmental justice movement.



Myron Moskovitz

Professor Myron Moskovitz's article, "Viktor," was published in the August 2005 issue of *California Lawyer*. The topic was his defense of an old friend for assaulting a police officer (by spitting at him).

GGU Chinese Alumni Gathering Hosted by Dean White

Earlier this year, Dean Frederic White hosted a gathering for alumni and current LLM students while at the AALS Chinese and American Law School Deans Conference in Beijing, China. **Standing, last row:** Qingshan Shi, NOKIA in-house counsel; Shaojia Zhang, LEXIS NEXIS Beijing representative; Zaihua Qu, Jun He LLP Associates (LLM US legal studies and LLM international legal studies); Ximm Wu, Metro in-house counsel (LLM international legal studies); Yun Li, partner, Zhong Yun LLP (LLM US legal studies); Yungen Gao, State Administration of Taxation, International Tax Division (GGU School of Tax). **Standing, middle row:** Liya Chen, associate, Deheng; Yan Li, State Administration of Taxation, Beijing Division (GGU School of Tax); Li Xin, Department of Finance (GGU School of Tax); Xiaoli Pan, State Administration of Taxation (GGU School of Tax); Yulan Zhang, associate, Deheng. **Seated, front row:** Miao Liu, State Administration of Taxation (LLM tax); Mrs. Phyllis White; Dean Frederic White; Wei Chen, partner, Dheng (LLM US Legal studies); Shanshan Zou (LLM US legal studies and LLM tax); Yu Liu, State Administration of Taxation (GGU School of Tax).



**David Oppenheimer**

Associate Dean David Oppenheimer was the director of GGU's first summer abroad program in Paris this past summer. While there, he

gave a talk at the US Embassy on the topic of the enforcement of civil rights in the US legal system. Professor Oppenheimer's article, "Evaluating the US Policy of Using Private Lawsuits to Remedy Employment Discrimination," was published on the University of Paris X Nanterre website in 2004 and in the French journal *Droit et Cultures* in 2005. Prometheus Books has selected Dean Oppenheimer to serve as the series editor of a new series of books on the Bill of Rights. The series will publish two books each year, with each book a collection of essays on a particular right guaranteed by one of the first ten amendments to the US Constitution. Dean Oppenheimer's article, "Distinguishing Five Models of Affirmative Action," initially published by the *Berkeley Women's Law Journal*, has been republished in Joseph F. Healey & Eileen O'Brian, *Race, Ethnicity, and Gender: Selected Readings* (Pine Forge Press 2004).

**Christine Pagano**

Professor Chris Pagano is a contributing editor to the newly revised abridged eighth edition of *Black's Law Dictionary*.

**Clifford Rechtschaffen**

Professor Rechtschaffen's article, "Enforcing the Clean Water Act in the Twenty-First Century: Harnessing

the Power of a Public Spotlight" (*55 University of Alabama Law Review* 775), was selected by a panel of peer reviewers as one of the twenty best environmental law articles in 2004. In September, Professor Rechtschaffen was a panelist on a program of the Bar Association of San Francisco Environmental Law Section, discussing the Supreme Court's 2005 Environmental Law Decisions.


**Leslie Rose**

Professor Leslie Rose has been named to the editorial advisory panel for the second edition of *The Redbook: A Manual on Legal Style* by

Bryan A. Garner.

**Sompong Sucharitkul**

Distinguished Professor Sompong Sucharitkul's article, "Jurisdictional Immunities in Contemporary International

Law from Asian Perspectives," has been published in *Chinese Journal of International Law*, Vol. 4 No. 1, 1-43. He also authored a chapter in a new book published by the American Society of International Law and Martinus Nijhoff Publishers. The book, *National Treaty Law and Practice* (edited by Hollis, Blakeslee & Ederington), covers the treaty law of nineteen leading nations. Professor Sucharitkul's chapter is titled "National Treaty Law and Practice, Thailand." 

UPCOMING EVENTS

December 1**Swearing-In Ceremony and Holiday Party**

July bar-passers may be sworn in at GGU's ceremony, which satisfies state and federal requirements. 5-8 pm, 9th Circuit Court of Appeals, 95 Seventh St., San Francisco.

Info: Andrew Kaufteil, 415-443-6602 or lawalumni@ggu.edu.

January 30, 2006**"A Legal History of the Chicano Movement"**

A lecture by Professor Ian Haney Lopez, University of California, Boalt Hall School of Law. Part of the 2005-2006 Jesse Carter Speaker Series on California Legal History. Noon, 536 Mission Street.

Info: Andrew Kaufteil, 415-443-6602 or lawalumni@ggu.edu.


February 23, 2006**"California Farmworkers from Father Junipero Serra to Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger: Integrating Labor Law, Immigration Law, and Human Rights to Create a Just Future"**

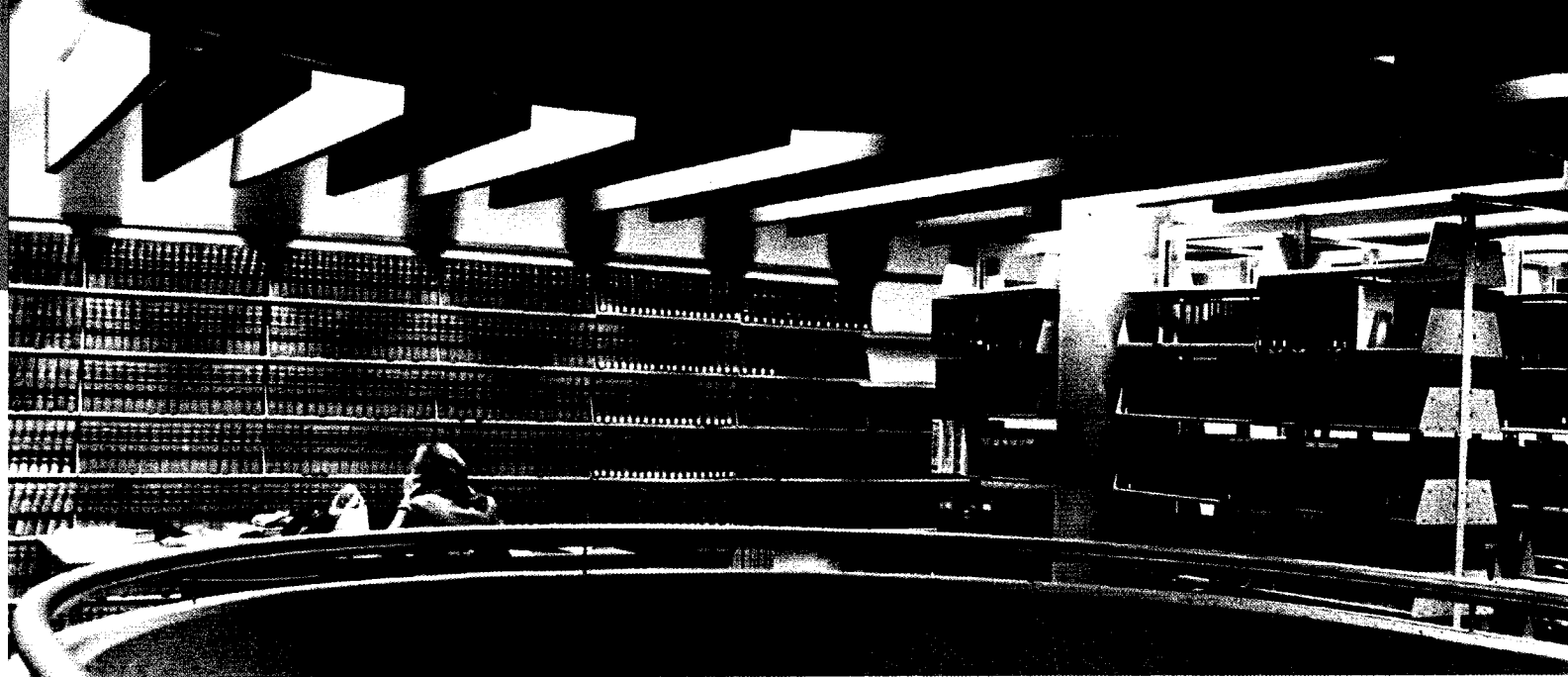
A lecture by Professor Maria Ontiveros, University of San Francisco School of Law. Part of the 2005-2006 Jesse Carter Speaker Series on California Legal History. Noon, 536 Mission Street.

Info: Andrew Kaufteil, 415-443-6602 or lawalumni@ggu.edu.

March 14, 2006**PIL Auction (see page 22).****April 6, 2006****"The DES Claims Procedure and the Birth of California ADR"**

A lecture by Professor Carrie Menkel-Meadow, Georgetown University School of Law. Part of the 2005-2006 Jesse Carter Speaker Series on California Legal History. Noon, 536 Mission Street.

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Most significantly, the \$1.9 million renovation addressed the Law Library's immediate need for shelving by converting almost all the shelving in the basement to compact shelving. Compact shelving doubles shelving capacity by incorporating movable elements that allow shelving to move on tracks, narrowing aisle space. The result is approximately 21,500 linear feet of shelving in the basement, which is about 10,000 linear feet more than what previously existed on that level. This amount of shelving exceeded our original shelving plans because the university agreed to expand the scope of our plans

Alumni Forum, Fall 1981

"Golden Gate University Law Library has more than doubled in size since 1976. During the last academic year, over 10,000 volumes were added to the collection. Presently the collection contains over 155,000 volumes.

Lexis, a computer researcher system, has been installed in the Law Library. Under the special law school contract, Lexis can be used only by currently enrolled students and members of the faculty."



Unbolted shelves moved and hundreds of books fell to the Law Library floor during the 1989 Loma Prieta earthquake.

to accommodate collection growth during the renovation process and far into the future.

To ensure current students have the tools they need to succeed during the renovations, we opened a study annex this past fall on the fifth floor of the 62 First Street building. The building is a short walk around the corner from the main building. The study annex occupies about two-thirds of the fifth floor. It offers 100 additional study seats for law students and 10 computer workstations in a small computer lab. The facility also

offers wireless and plug-in access for laptop users at most tables and workstations. Other features of the annex include two group study rooms, printers, copiers and a kitchen. Many law students enjoy the quiet, naturally lit environment this facility offers. The annex will likely remain open through the completion of the first-floor renovation.

The Past

The Law Library moved to the east side of the 536 Mission Street building 40 years ago in 1965. In 1970, the library was

"A nearly half-million-dollar-project to completely automate the Law Library is underway. When completed in June, the project will enable library patrons to access the library's holdings from their homes. Patrons will also be able to ascertain by computer whether a book they need is checked out and, if so, when it is due back. . . The automation project is entirely funded by grant and gift funds. The Law Library's Computer Lab, available to all currently registered students, contains a total of nine Macintosh and IBM compatible computers and a laser printer."

moved to its current space on the west side of the 536 Mission Street building to accommodate the growing 35,000-volume collection and student body. By 1976, the collection had doubled to about 75,000 volumes, with five professional librarians on staff to assist patrons. The early 1980s marked not only a doubling of the collection again, but also the introduction of online legal services with the advent of Lexis. Westlaw followed closely behind. The trend toward automation continued and, in 1995, the Law Library was completely automated with the addition of an online catalog to allow users access to library holdings from their home computers.

Many patrons remember the Law Library's bright orange color theme from



Students were using computers in the Law Library years ago. The Law Library now offers state-of-the-art computers with wireless and wired access to the network for personal computer and laptop use.

the 1970s. A hint of orange still remained with the 1980s renovation, as all new mission-style cherry furniture was added to the library, along with gray baffles and carpeting. The cherry furniture and complementary laminates will remain part of current renovations, reflecting a melding of the old and new as updated improvements are added to the facility.

One of those improvements is the removal of all the awkward shelf bracing that was added on after shelves toppled in the 1989 Loma Prieta earthquake: Shelves are now bolted to the floor for earthquake purposes. Many more important improvements and renovations are in the works.



SF Examiner,
December 27, 1964

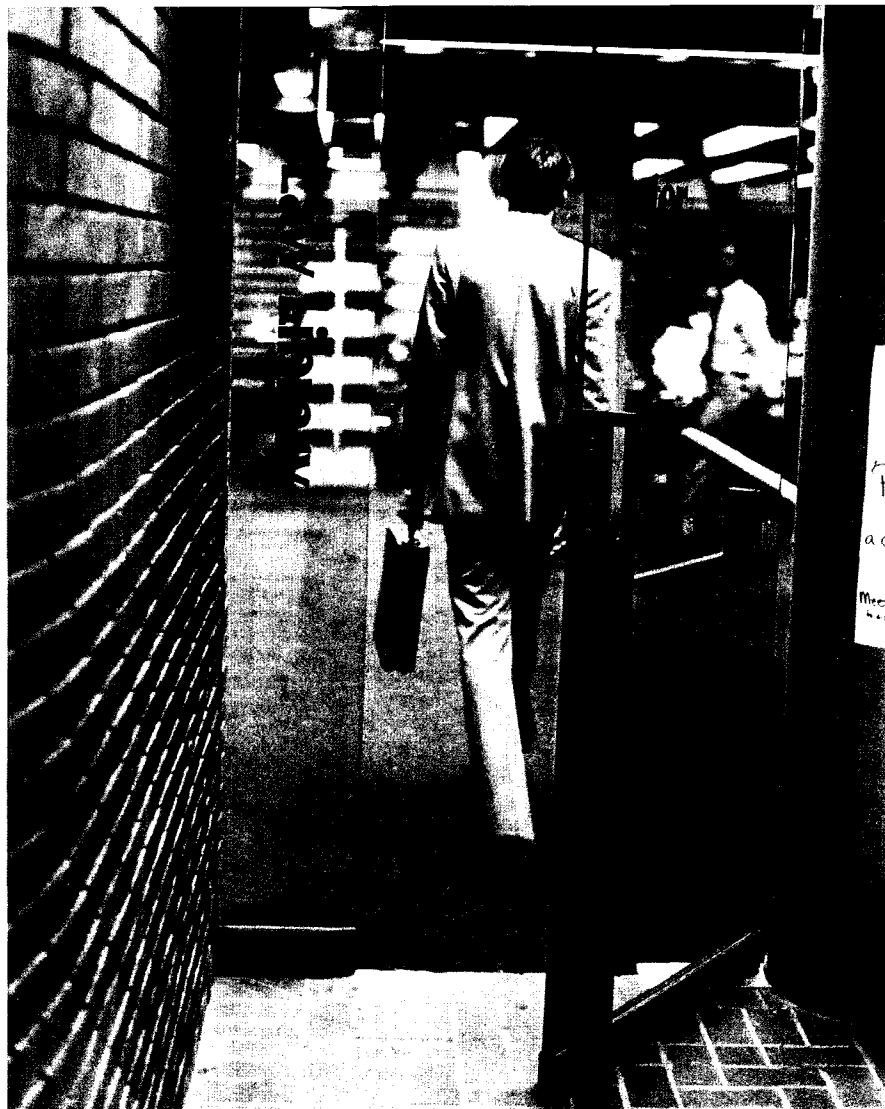
"Law School and Law Library moving to the first two floors 536 Mission Street in early 1965. (Allyne Building, east of current main building). The rest of the university was scheduled to make the move in 1967."

The Future

The university is working on the final plans for the next phase of the Law Library renovation. This coming year, the nearby 40 Jesse Street building will begin its renovation. As this renovation progresses, university offices, including enrollment services (which currently occupies the first-floor space above the law library), will move to the 40 Jesse Street building, so the first floor can be renovated for Law Library use. This phase is expected to be completed during the 2007–2008 academic year at a cost of \$3.5 million. At that time, the library entrance, most library staff offices, service desks and open reserve will move up to the first floor, and the plaza entrance to the law library will be closed. The completion of this phase will result in nearly 10,000 square feet being added to the Law Library. *(continued)*

By 2008, we expect that the completion of these phases of the renovation will address three shortcomings of our current facility (square footage shortage, lack of seating, and need for shelving). Staff work and services will not be disrupted for any length of time, as the first level can be completed without affecting existing library operations. Also, completing the basement level first allows for that space to remain open for student use during later renovation phases.

The final phase of the Law Library renovation plans calls for the addition of the plaza-level courtyard and the renovation of the existing plaza-level law-library space. Commencement of this work is dependent on funding but could begin as early as 2008. This is the most costly part of the renovation at \$13.5 million, but it will add 5,250 gross square feet of library space, as well as a significant amount of shelving and seating. In addition, the renovation of the existing plaza level will include a new technology center. After staff relocate to the first floor and during the final phase of the renovation, computer labs and technology staff offices will be consolidated in the "old" staff area on the plaza level.



In the next phase of the renovation, the Law Library entrance will move from the plaza level to the first floor.


Alumni Forum, June 1, 1976
 "Law library open to grads"

"Golden Gate's law library has instituted a new alumni borrowing policy in response to requests from graduates to make library resources more readily available to them.

Under the new policy, graduates will have library privileges comparable to students currently enrolled in school; any circulating book may be checked out for use outside the library. However, bound volumes of periodicals, reserve items, form books and looseleaf services are non-circulating. . . . Five books may be checked out at any one time."

Change for the Law Library grew out of necessity, as staff and services have grown along with the collection and student body. The Law Library now has a staff of 18 librarians and support staff. Over the years, the roles of librarians have changed, as they have become more active in teaching advanced legal research and technology classes. Serving as guides to help patrons find resources has become increasingly more important with materials now made available through so many platforms: hard copy, online databases, the Internet. Thanks to the generosity of alumni and friends who

give to *The Centennial Campaign for GGU*, the renovated facility will complement our library program by providing the space and technology needed in the 21st century for staff to help students be successful as law students and legal researchers.

Margaret Arnold is the associate dean of the Law Library and an associate professor of law at Golden Gate University School of Law. 

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July 1, 2004 - June 30, 2005



Law Honor Roll FY05-FY06

The Centennial Society

The Centennial Society recognizes those individuals who gave to the university during the past year and whose lifetime support of GGU exceeds \$100,000, ensuring the longevity and prosperity of Golden Gate University.

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| Anonymous | Mary E. Lanigar, 54 | Phillips P. Yee, 78 |
| Lee D. (74) & John D. Baxter | Lloyd M. and Rose B. Polentz | |
| Leo B. Helzel | Richard M. (63, 66, 88) & Barbara Rosenberg | |

The Millennium Society

The Millennium Society is the premier support group of unrestricted funds for Golden Gate University. Through the generous support of its 36 members with an annual gift of \$2,000 or more, the Law School moved quickly in meeting a variety of pressing needs, including awarding scholarships to outstanding students, recruiting exemplary professors and professional practitioners for our teaching faculty, and maintaining a competitive edge in technology improvements. We are grateful to the members below.

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| | | Phillips P. Yee, 78 |

The Bridge Society

A carefully planned estate helps avoid or reduce taxes, increasing the amount an individual can leave to heirs and favorite charities. While outright gifts address immediate needs, deferred gifts fulfill a vital role in securing the law school's future. Membership in The Bridge Society is available to all those who notify us of their provision for the Law School through planned gifts such as bequests, charitable trusts, gifts of life insurance, and property. We are pleased to recognize the following members of The Bridge Society, who have made commitments to the Law School in their estate plans.

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| Anonymous | Karen L. Hawkins, 79, 81 | John H. McCarthy, 51 |
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| John M. Burke, 93 | Leo B. Helzel, 51 | |
| Cameron M. Carlson, 90 | Mary E. Lanigar, 54 | |

The Silver Society

The Law School is pleased to recognize the individuals below who have made giving to GGU a personal priority for a quarter century or longer. Through their tradition of annual giving, they have quietly provided their financial support to a generation of law students.

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| Kenneth Drexler | Mary E. Lanigar, 54 |
| Leo B. Helzel, 51 | Warren R. Perry, 62 |
| Deborah B. Honig, 76 | |

Special Gift Clubs

Private gifts enhance virtually every aspect of the Law School: curriculum enrichment, student financial aid, technology and equipment, the law library, faculty research, and a variety of special programs. Membership in the following gift clubs is based on pledge payments, current gifts of cash and securities, and employee matching gifts. The law school extends its heartfelt thanks to each of the following alumni, friends, and organizations whose financial support has had a measurable impact on the people and programs of Golden Gate University School of Law.

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Marjorie Randolph (77) & Stephen Cassidy
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Phyllis A. Beesley
(77, LLM 85)

1950s

Robert L. Webb (52) is enjoying his retirement and the "salubrious climate" of La Conner, WA.

1960s

Lawrence E. Kern (69), distinguished San Francisco personal injury defense attorney, was honored in June by the the Irish-Israeli-Italian Society of San Francisco.

1970s

Manning W. Puette (70) is practicing environmental law in North Carolina and California as a contract attorney.

David W. Brennan (73) received his LLM in international law from the University of San Diego. He is part of the adjunct faculty at Western State University College of Law in Fullerton, where he teaches international law courses. He recently visited Slovenia, Cuba, and Argentina on projects related to international trade and dispute resolution.

Tom M. Moran (73) joined Foley & Lardner's Silicon Valley office, bringing extensive pharmaceutical patent experience to further expand the firm's life sciences practice. Moran is special counsel in the Intellectual Property Department, Chemical and Pharmaceutical Practice Group, IP Litigation Practice Group, and Life Sciences Industry Team.

Robert H. Oliver (73), Fresno County superior court judge and Law School adjunct faculty member, has served as the master of ceremonies for the Fresno Excellence in Business Awards for the past ten years.

Ruth Astle Samas (74) has a third grandchild. Her son, David Samas, and his wife Grace had a daughter, Elizabeth Sequoia, on August 4, 2005.

Delia M. Chilgren (75) was profiled in the *Sacramento Bee* for her tenure as a lobbyist, role as spokeswoman for the insurance industry, and her varied interests, including classical guitar, powerlifting, and archeology.

Alfonso Fernandez (75) is a judge for the Santa Clara County Superior Court and was profiled in *The Recorder*.

Susan Rutberg (75), a professor at the Law School, was recognized as a "Local Hero" in the 31st annual "Best of the Bay" issue of the *San Francisco Bay Guardian*.

Roberta "Rickie" Avrutin (77) recently moved her law office to Beverly Hills, CA. Her practice focuses on real estate, secured loans, real estate title, wills, and trusts. She is a member of the boards of directors of the Mid City WEST Community Council, a certified neighborhood council; the Los Angeles Neighborhood Initiative/Fairfax Village (a neighborhood revitalization project); and the National Council of Jewish Women/Los Angeles. She can be reached via email at reavrutin@aol.com.

Michele K. Trausch (77), a real estate attorney with Hanson, Bridgett, Marcus, Vlahos & Rudy LLP, was a panelist for an MCLE program titled "Buying a House

101: The Nuts and Bolts on Buying Your First Home in the Bay Area," sponsored by the Bar Association of California.

Marc L. Van Der Hout (77), of Van Der Hout, Brigagliano & Nightingale, was mentioned in the July 18 edition of the *San Francisco Daily Journal*.

Helen Coyne-Hoerle (JD/MBA 78) is enjoying her retirement in Gig Harbor, WA, and plans to join the ranks of Southern California snowbirds starting this winter.

Pamela J. Jester (JD/MBA 78) is president-elect of the Alameda County Bar Association.

Martin A. Staubus (78) reports that he, his wife, and sons, ages 10 and 13, are living in the San Diego area, and "thriving by the beach." Martin is the director of employee ownership consulting for the Beyster Institute at UC San Diego. He recently published a book by Harvard Business School Press, titled *Equity: Why Employee Ownership Is Good For Business*, along with a related article in the *Harvard Business Review*.

Carl T. Ferrentino (79) is a partner with Colwell, Ferrentino & Petroccione LLP in Albany, NY.

Thomas S. Lauro (79) expanded his law practice to include his New Jersey Real Estate Salesperson License and his New York Brokers License. He states, "real estate is booming in the Northeast!"

Roberta G. Willenkin (79) is a self-employed contract attorney for the Connecticut Superior Court in New Haven and serves on the board of selectmen in Madison, Connecticut. Willenkin's son, Walter, and his wife, Emi, and their daughter, Sara, visited from Nishinomiya, Japan, during summer 2005. They can be reached at rwillenkin@comcast.net.

1980s

Cynthia A. Bernet-McGuinn (81), an attorney with San Francisco's Veen Firm since 1988, was inducted as a lifetime fellow of the International Academy of Trial Lawyers.

Judith E. Lawrence (81), a family and criminal attorney with Willis & Lawrence, was mentioned in the July 18 edition of the *San Francisco Daily Journal*.

Susan L. Narita (81), senior claims counsel at Swiss Reinsurance Company in Zurich, Switzerland, retired in June. Susan handled international reinsurance and high-excess insurance disputes. Her last matter was the Lloyd's New Central Fund insurance claim, which was favorably settled in February 2005.

Catherine A. Yanni (81), a superior court discovery referee and mediator, was profiled in the *Los Angeles County Daily Journal* in May, and quoted in the *San Francisco Daily Journal* in June.

Sondra M. Napell (82), founder of the Walnut Creek-based Senior Tutors for Youth, was honored as the Bay Area Jefferson Award winner by the American Institute for Public Service for making a difference her community. She was profiled in the *San Francisco Chronicle* and on CBS5-TV and KCBS radio for this accolade.

Barbara S. Suskind (82), a certified specialist in family law based out of Pleasant Hill, was honored as a Northern California "Superlawyer" for the second consecutive year.

Coral Henning (83) has been appointed director of the Sacramento County Public Law Library after receiving her Masters in Library and Information Science from San Jose State University in 2003. Visit www.saclaw.org for more information about the law library, or contact her directly at chenning@saclaw.org.

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LABOR LAW NEWS

In July 2005, Professor Marci Seville participated in a US study tour for ten Chinese officials involved in the drafting of China's proposed Labor Contract Law. The Chinese delegation will be presenting the proposed law to the National Peoples Congress in late 2005, and traveled to the US to meet with academics and labor and employment practitioners. The study tour was part of the US-China Labor Law Cooperation Project funded by the US Department of Labor.

In August 2005, Professor Marci Seville consulted with Beijing University Professor Ye Jing Yi, founder and board member of the Beijing University Women's Law Studies and Legal Aid Center and vice director of the University's Labor Law and Social Security Institute. In summer 2004, Professor Seville taught at a comparative labor law conference in China, organized by Professor Ye Jing Yi in conjunction with the Ford Foundation and the China Law and Development Consultants, Ltd. Professor Ye Jing Yi was in the United States this year to exchange views with US labor law counterparts in leading academic institutions, including Golden Gate University School of Law.

NEW DIRECTOR OF ADMISSIONS

Dean Frederic White announced in October that Golden Gate University School of Law now has a new director of admissions. **Sherolyn Hurst** comes to GGU from the University of St. Thomas School of Law in Minneapolis where she served as assistant director of admissions. Sherolyn has a BA from Portland State University, where she majored in Finance Law. In addition, she holds a JD from Southern Methodist University School of Law.

NEW DATE FOR PILF AUCTION

The 2006 Public Interest Law Foundation (PILF) Auction will take place on Tuesday, March 14, 2006, at 525 Harrison Street. This year's organizers have secured a beautiful off-site venue and look forward to welcoming the entire GGU community to what promises to be a fantastic event. The PILF Auction raises money for law students to pursue unpaid public interest internships during the summer and fall.

For information or to make donations, contact Public Interest Adviser Angela Dalfen at adalfen@ggu.edu or Ashling Mcananey ashlingmcananey@lycos.com.

Clinic News

WERC SWEATSHOP CASE VICTORY

The Women's Employment Rights Clinic (WERC) had a major victory in the Wins garment case in mid-May when San Francisco Superior Court Judge Ernest Goldsmith issued his tentative decision finding the factory owners individually liable for more than \$1.2 million in unpaid wages and penalties. The judge also found that the employers had fraudulently transferred six of their residential properties to close relatives in an effort to evade payment of significant debts, including the Wins workers' wages. The tentative decision sets aside the fraudulent transfers, making those assets available for collection.

In the Wins case, the clinic represented more than 250 immigrant garment workers who had worked without receiving any pay for many months in 2001. The bench trial, which was conducted almost entirely in Cantonese, spanned a four-month period in 2003-04.

The garment companies are bankrupt and the owners are under federal indictment for a \$6.7 million money laundering and bankruptcy fraud scheme. WERC sued the owners individually under various theories, including statutory liability under the California Labor Code and wage and hour regulations. The judge held that current state and federal laws provide for individual liability under the California Labor Code and the analogous provisions of the federal Fair Labor Standards Act.

The issue of individual liability under state wage and hour law is currently pending before the California Supreme Court in *Reynolds v. Bement*.

FORMER VICE PRESIDENT AL GORE VISITS GGU

On June 17, 2005, former United States Vice President Al Gore came to Golden Gate University to help launch the San Francisco chapter of the American Constitution Society.

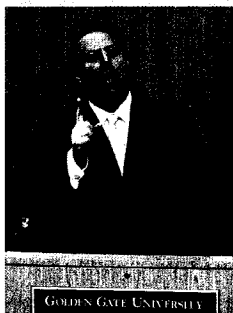
Mr. Gore visited with alumni and faculty at a special reception prior to speaking to more than 250 students, staff, and visitors. *(Photos by Charlotte Fiorito.)*



Al Gore poses with Dean Frederic White and Phyllis White.



GGU alumnus Chip Conradi (78) meets Al Gore.



Summer Study in Paris

On June 3, 2005, 42 US law students, including 37 from GGU, arrived in Paris for the GGU/UPX (University of Paris X) summer program in comparative law. We were met by 20 French law students, 8 EU faculty, and 7 US faculty.

The next four weeks were a whirlwind of new perspectives and shattered stereotypes. In addition to our classes in French, European, and comparative law, the highlights of the trip were our visits to all three of France's Supreme Courts: one for civil and criminal law, one for administrative law, and one for constitutional law, and a day-long briefing at the European Commission headquarters in Brussels.

The program was directed by Anne Deysine, professor at the University of Paris, and David Oppenheimer, professor and associate dean for faculty development at GGU. Among the faculty were Judge William Fletcher of the Ninth Circuit, Professor Catharine MacKinnon of the University of Michigan, and Dean Winfried Brugger of the University of Heidelberg.

All ABA-approved summer programs are inspected in their first year. Our inspector had this to say: "This program provided a comprehensive and challenging educational experience for students. The team-teaching approach, with one American and one French faculty member co-teaching each course, lead to dynamic, comparative exchanges between the faculty, paralleled by similar exchanges between the American and the European students enrolled in the class. Faculty were clearly learning from each other and this in turn seemed to stimulate students who participated fully and unhesitatingly in class discussions. . . . This outstanding program meets all summer program criteria and is a valuable addition to the summer programs available to students. This first offering of the GGU/UPX Paris Summer Program was a resounding success."

In summer 2006, we hope to bring 60 US students and enroll 40 European students. 📖



WELCOME FROM ALUMNI SERVICES COORDINATOR

I admit it. My job is exciting. One of the best parts of it is that each and every day, without fail, whether through Internet surfing, reading a magazine, or overhearing a conversation, I come across new GGU School of Law alumni. And, every day I am struck by the impressive things you all are doing. More than anything, I am impressed by the diversity of your professions, locations, career paths, and interests. As a result, I feel compelled to showcase at right just a sampling of the people I have come across—just so you know I am telling the truth—and have created a website of alumni profiles on the Law Alumni Services page at www.ggu.edu/law. Please take a look. Also, please let me know if you know of a classmate whom you would like to see profiled.

—Andrew Kaufteyl, Law Alumni Relations

ALUMNI ACTIVITIES UPDATE

The spring and summer were vibrant times for GGU alumni, with a variety of networking and career development activities. Here are a few of the activities that took place since the last issue of *ClassAction*:

- A reception in New York City at Warner Brothers' corporate headquarters drew 40 alumni who met and mingled over cocktails and learned about the great strides the law school has taken since graduation.
- A Giants baseball game and tailgate party, where GGU alumni congregated and rooted for the home team on a sunny day, from seats right over home plate.
- A new student orientation, where six brave and dedicated alumni fielded a variety of questions from anxious 1Ls.
- A Student-Alumni picnic in the Presidio, where hundreds of students and alumni gathered over veggie burgers, chatted, and enjoyed a beautiful view of the bay.
- A cocktail reception at the State Bar of California's 78th Annual Meeting in San Diego, held concurrently with the Judicial Council's Statewide Judicial Branch Conference and the California Judges Association Conference, drew more than 30 Golden Gate alumni and friends.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS TO THE ALUMNI BOARD

The Golden Gate University Alumni Board is pleased to welcome two graduates of the School of Law to its ranks.

J.P. Harbour (LLM 04) is an associate with Nixon Peabody in San Francisco. His experience encompasses a range of services beneficial to private clients. He has provided legal, tax, and financial counseling to individuals, partnerships, corporations, and nonprofit organizations. He has also handled estate planning, drafting of wills and trusts, trust administration, and retirement planning.

Mr. Harbour has additional experience in real estate transactions. This includes drafting of sale, lease, tenancy-in-common, and option contracts for commercial and residential real property; as well as structuring asset protection, §1031 exchanges, property tax reassessment research, and valuation discount analysis for estate and gift tax planning.

Mr. Harbor is active in his community, serving as vice-chair of the State Bar of California's Young Tax Lawyers Committee. He also sits on the board of directors of the Pacific Heights Residents Association and the Golden Gate University Alumni Association, and he is a member of the Olympic Club.

Mr. Harbour received his JD from Washington University School of Law and his BA from the University of California at Berkeley.

Shawn Tillis (JD 01) practices in civil litigation for the Law Offices of John Winer in Oakland. Prior to working at the firm, Mr. Tillis worked as a judicial extern for US District Judge Sandra Brown Armstrong, as well as a law clerk for the Kazan law firm in Oakland, the Oakland City Attorney's Office, and the San Francisco Homeless Advocacy Project. Mr. Tillis also served as a legal research analyst at California Continuing Education of the Bar.

At Golden Gate, Mr. Tillis concentrated in writing and research, judicial opinion writing and determination process, and First Amendment jurisprudence. He also received several awards, including the American Jurisprudence Award in Constitutional Law; the Just the Beginning Foundation Honorable Cecil F. Poole Scholarship Award for Academic Excellence; and the CALI award for academic excellence in Judicial Decision Making. Mr. Tillis was also a Diana Richmond and San Francisco Bar Association Student Scholar. Mr. Tillis received his Bachelor of Arts in economics from University of California at Santa Cruz.

BAR SUPPORT

Swearing-In Ceremony

On Wednesday, June 1, GGU Law Alumni Services held a Swearing-In Ceremony for those who passed the February California bar. On this examination, GGU's pass rate exceeded the state's average. More than 100 bar passers and guests attended this event to celebrate our graduates' achievements. GGU President Philip Friedman presided over the event, and other speakers included former Dean Peter Keane and Professor Christine Pagano (JD 92, LLM 98), and oaths were administered by the Honorable Lee Baxter (JD 74) and the Honorable Ruth Astle (JD 74). The event was held in conjunction with a festive dessert and champagne reception.

We invite all graduates to attend the next Swearing-In Ceremony on Friday, December 2, 6-7:30 pm at the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals, 95 Seventh St. in San Francisco

Bar Examination Hospitality Suite

On Thursday, July 28, Golden Gate sponsored a bar hospitality suite for GGU graduates taking the July 2005 California bar examination at the Oakland Convention Center, the most popular examination site among our alumni. The suite is a "safe space," where bar takers can relax, keep their luggage, eat breakfast and lunch, and take a respite during their breaks. More than 20 recent graduates congregated at the suite. The next bar hospitality suite will be offered on Thursday, February 23, 2006.



Bar Refreshers

Assistant dean of bar services Rodney Fong (left) and Andrew Kaufteil, law alumni services coordinator, hosted two inaugural bar refreshers at St. Mary's Cathedral on July 1 and at GGU on July 5, in conjunction with popular BARBRI and BarPassers lectures. The refreshers offered a delicious hearty meal and a "goodie" bag filled with essential materials, such as pencils, pens, plastic bags, ear plugs (as well as Playdough and bubbles to relieve stress in the meantime). Bar guru Richard Sakai offered his advice at one of the events. More than 40 alumni attended these refreshers. All reports indicate that the bar studiers who attended the Bar Refreshers felt energized and prepared for the final three weeks of study.

BLSA RECEPTION

In April, the Black Law Students Association held its largest annual dinner and awards reception on record in Lafayette, CA. More than 50 students, alumni, faculty, staff, and community leaders gathered, many of whom were honored for their contributions to the Law School. Among them was Professor Michelle Anglade, who was honored as Faculty Member of the Year.



BLSA reception participants.



Associate Dean Markita Cooper and Tracy Simmons (99).

(Alumni Activities continued on next page.)



GATHERINGS AND REUNIONS

GGU School of Law is currently planning alumni receptions in Boston on October 26, and in Washington, DC, on October 27 and 28.


Due to alumni demand, the Law Alumni Services Office plans to organize a class reunion program and anticipates hosting reunions starting with the Classes of 1985 and 1995 in December. Please let us know if you would like to contact fellow alumni and encourage their attendance, serve as a "Class Agent," or assist in planning these activities in other ways.

The photos on this page are from the reception at the 2005 State Bar of California meeting in San Diego.



LAW SCHOOL CONSORTIUM PROJECT

The Law School Consortium Project (LSCP) is an organization bringing together solo and small-firm, private-practice attorneys serving middle- or low-income clients. As part of a consortium of alumni from seven Bay Area law schools, members have the opportunity to network, generate referrals, gain professional development, and redeem bundled benefits. LSCP enjoyed an impressive start with a kickoff presentation held at Morrison & Forrester in San Francisco. A free MCLE session was held, and criminal defense attorney Douglas Rappaport (88) served as a panelist.

Membership to the consortium is free for GGU Law alumni. For information on joining, contact Anand Subramanian at 415-561-6698 or asubramanian@lawschoolconsortium.net. 

Contact Information

If you have ideas for alumni activities or would like to get involved, please contact Andrew Kaufteil in Law Alumni Services at 415-442-6602 or lawalumni@ggu.edu. If you are interested in volunteer opportunities, consider filling out an online form: http://www.ggu.edu/forms/law_alumni_volunteer.jsp.



“Golden Gate exposed me to tax law and real estate early on. That’s how I knew what I **wanted** to do. What I **learned** at GGU helped me find the right **balance** and **enabled** me to **succeed** at what I love: tax law and wine.”

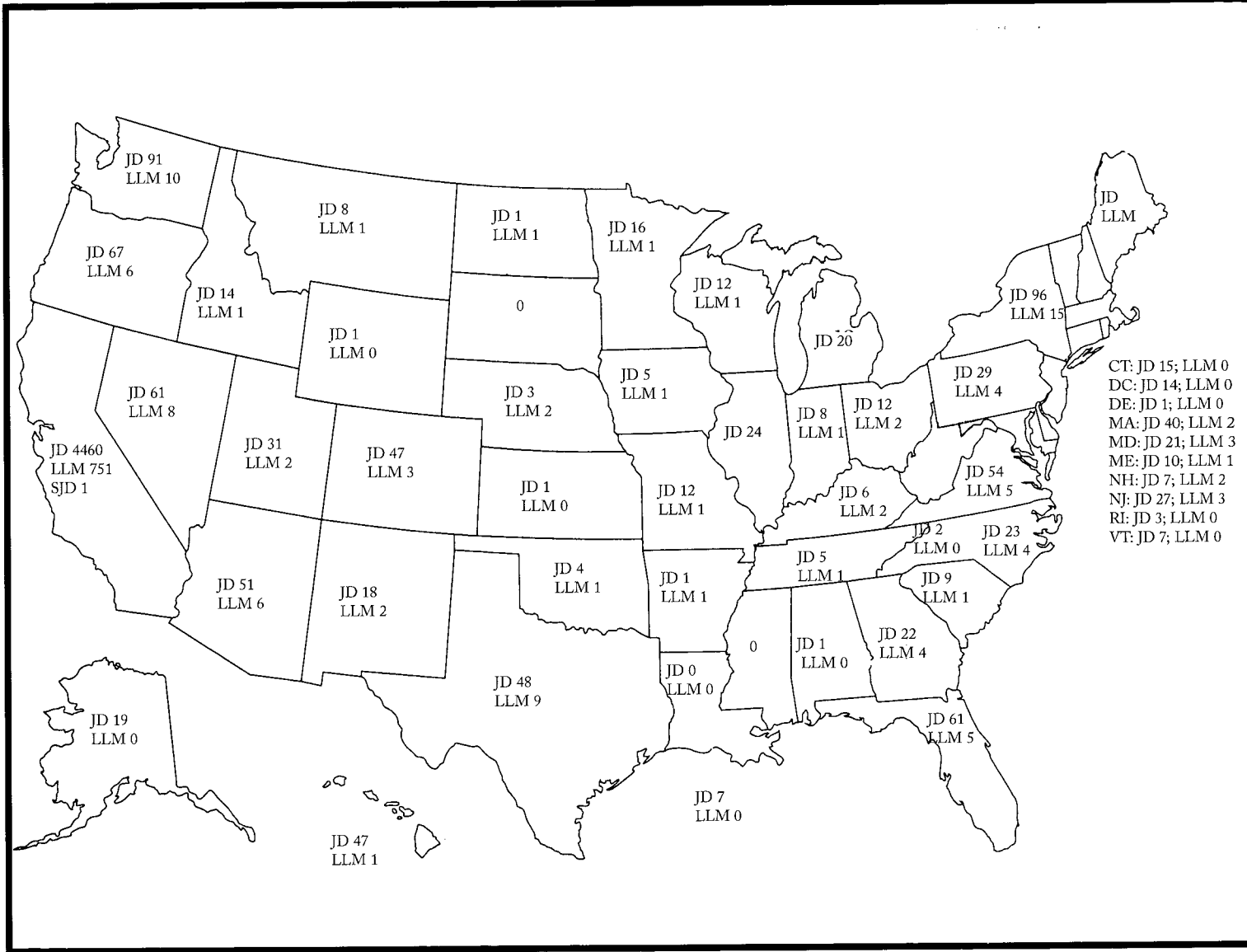
Robert Fanucci (JD 82)
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For more than a century, Golden Gate University has provided a quality professional-practice adult-learning experience in Northern California. GGU has given many people such as Robert Fanucci the opportunity to **change** their lives and **advance** their careers. GGU is still that place, helping adults work, learn and succeed.

To continue to **deliver** on our heritage and our **promise**, we must **invest** in our future. To learn more about *The Centennial Campaign for GGU*, please visit www.ggu.edu/campaign, or call 415-442-7820.



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Cindy A. Ossias (83), 2000 GGU Alumnus of the Year and senior staff counsel at the California Department of Insurance since 1990, has announced her intention to run in 2006 for California insurance commissioner. Ms. Ossias is best known for blowing the whistle on former Insurance Commissioner Chuck Quackenbush for making sweetheart deals with insurance companies after the Northridge Earthquake. Her actions resulted in a legislative investigation and Mr. Quackenbush's resignation from office in July 2000. Ms. Ossias may be contacted at cindyao@rcn.com or 415-902-8236.

Laurie A. Hedrich (84) has been a sole practitioner in Albuquerque, New Mexico, emphasizing in estate planning, probate, and administration, guardian and conservatorships, and general business law since 1996. She is married to Philip and has three children, Kevin (10), Alyssa (14), and Marc (23). Marc will start law school at Northwestern University in August. She states, "It seems like such a short time ago that I was toting him [Marc] around the law school, and now he's heading off on his own!"

Susan Rabin (84), an entertainment attorney based in Los Angeles, was featured in the *Daily Journal* for her ability to balance her legal profession with her second career as a folk-jazz singer.

Joel G. Selik (84) has, after years of doing mock trial jury focus groups for other attorneys, created The SelikJuryProject.com, where he assists attorneys in presentation, set-up, and analysis of mock jury trial focus groups. Meanwhile, Selik continues to concentrate his practice in nursing home litigation and judgment collections in San Diego, California, and in Nevada.

Phyllis A. Beesley (77, LLM 85) passed away on November 22, 2004.

Richard H. Brattain (85) represented the respondent and argued before the Nevada supreme court in *Chamberland v. Labarbera*, 877 P.2d 523 (Nev.1994). The case has been cited in three law review articles addressing the issue of good faith participation in court-mandated arbitration programs.

James C. Earle (85) joined Van Etten Suzumoto & Beckett as of-counsel to its litigation group. Earle comes from a solo practice focusing on construction litigation.

Craig A. Kroner (86) commenced his thirteenth year as sole practitioner, practicing personal injury. He purchased and moved to a new office in November 2004.

Vasco H. Morais (86) serves as co-chair of the UCC Committee of the Business Law Section of the California State Bar. Ms. Morais is also senior vice-president and general counsel for ATEL Capital Group, managing its legal department and providing legal and contractual support in the negotiating, drafting, documenting, reviewing, and funding of lease transactions. In addition, Mr. Morais advises on general corporate law matters and assists on securities law issues.

Amiram J. Givon (LLM 87) joined the benefits, compensation, and ERISA group of GCA Law Partners of Mountain View.

Peter A. Mastromonaco (88) is a partner with Pepler Mastromonaco in downtown San Francisco.

Douglas L. Rappaport (88), a criminal defense lawyer, was featured in the *San Francisco Daily Journal* for speaking at the Law School Consortium Project kick-off event in July.

Karen A. Rodrigue (88) is a superior court commissioner for the Alameda County Superior Court.

Dale L. Allen (89), a shareholder at Low Ball & Lynch since 1996, was accepted for membership to the American Board of Trial Advocates (ABOTA), a national, invitation-only association, which requires a minimum of 20 civil jury trials to conclusion, high personal character, and honorable reputation with the specific purpose to elevate the standards of integrity, honor, and courtesy in the legal profession, and protect the right to jury trial.

Richard A. Nebb (89) has joined Jeffer, Mangels & Marmaro as of counsel.

1990s Adam S. Abel (90) has been named a shareholder at Bradley, Curley, Asiano, Barrabee & Crawford in Larkspur.

Paul A. Londynsky (90) of Matson Navigation Company, has been promoted to vice president of safety, quality, and environmental affairs and chief security officer. Londynsky is responsible for all of Matson's programs related to corporate security, corporate safety, and environmental compliance. He also oversees the ongoing management of Matson's quality systems. Londynsky joined Matson in 1995. His 25 years of maritime industry experience include various offshore assignments, as well as vessel management posts with APL and US Lines.

Reginald H. Bedell (91) is a general practitioner in Essex NY, specializing in criminal defense and child advocacy.

Rebecca S. Flanigan (formerly Hesch) (91) lives in the Bay Area and is a business agent for a union.

Donna L. Stashyn (91) has been appointed court commissioner for the Superior Court of Solano County, and is assigned to the juvenile division, sexual assault unit, career criminal/three-strikes

unit, and the homicide unit. Before coming to Solano County, Stashyn was a Contra Costa County deputy attorney, where she was assigned to the Richmond and Concord municipal courts conducting numerous misdemeanor jury trials.

David S. Perrine (92) was featured in *The Recorder* for his involvement in the case *Casey v. Hanson*.

Bruce M. Stephan (92) is a senior principal running the New York office of PMA Consultants, a 200-person construction consulting firm. He lives in Essex, NY, a small, historic town of 770 people on Lake Champlain in the Adirondack Mountains. He and his wife **Joan (91)** moved to Essex after surviving the World Trade Center terrorist attacks in 2001.

Joan T. Stephan (92) runs the NY office of mlok Consulting, a minority/woman owned project management consulting company.

Simona A. Farrise (93) was featured in the *Oakland Tribune* for her representation of plaintiffs in a major asbestos suit.

Rod Fliegel (93) and his wife welcomed son Michael on May 19, 2005. Michael joins his sister Ashely who was born in March 2004. Rod continues to practice employment law as a partner with Littler Mendelson in San Francisco.

Charlotte K. Ito (LLM 93) has joined Steefel, Levitt & Weiss as counsel in the firm's business, tax, and litigation groups.

Jack B. Ludin (LLM 93) serves as deputy general counsel at Florida Atlantic University in Boca Raton, Florida.

Eric A. Gale (94) has been named a shareholder of Bradley, Curley, Asiano, Barrabee & Crawford in Larkspur.

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Commencement 2005

Once again, this year's graduating class was one of the largest in GGU history. More than 200 alumni and graduating students participated in the ceremony at the Masonic Auditorium on Friday, May 13. The Alumni Welcome was given by Vicki Trent (97), a member of the Alumni Association Board of Directors. The commencement speaker was San Francisco City Attorney Dennis Herrera. We conferred almost 200 JD degrees and 97 LLM degrees: 5 in environmental law, 10 in intellectual property law, 14 in international legal studies, 32 in taxation, and 36 in US legal studies. In addition, 3 students received SJD degrees in international legal studies. 📖



Dean Frederic White welcomed graduates, faculty, friends, and family.



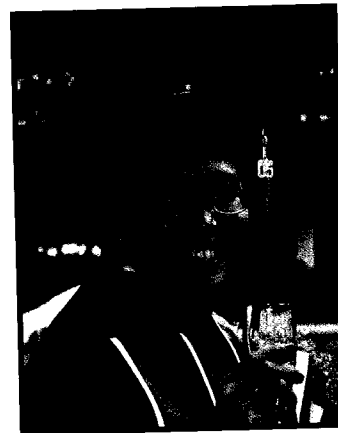
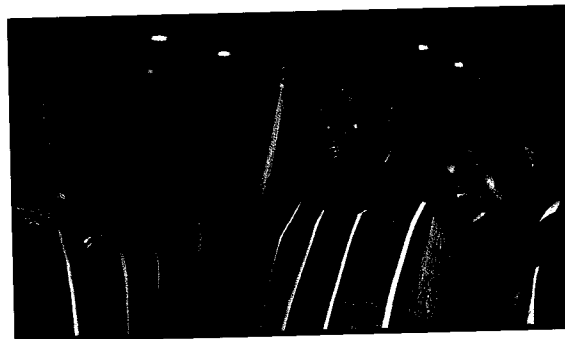
San Francisco City Attorney Dennis Herrera gave the commencement address.



Associate Dean Markita Cooper and GGU President Philip Friedman presented Associate Dean Jon Sylvester with the John A. Gorfinkel Award for Outstanding Instructor, an award voted on by students each year.



Mark S. Anderson (89), vice president and general counsel at Dolby Laboratories, received the Judith G. McKelvey Award for Outstanding Achievement by an Alumnus.



Members of the Honors Lawyering Program graduating in 2005 celebrated on campus a few days before commencement.



Commencement 2005



Andrea C. Labocki (94) was appointed as an agent with State Farm Insurance. She moved back to her home town of Los Banos, CA, to open her agency and has just celebrated her ten-year anniversary with the company.

George B. Parizek (94) has recently been named a partner with Sidley Austin Brown & Wood LLP's Washington, DC office. George's practice includes representation of public companies, private equity firms, mutual fund companies, investment advisers, and other regulated entities in connection with regulatory investigations by the US Securities and Exchange Commission, federal and state criminal authorities, and other organizations. George's wife Pamela recently gave birth to Spencer Michael, who joins older sister Amelia Margaret (5) and brother Kyle Richard (2). George says "hello" to **Judi Lang (94)**, his former roommate, and **Josh Clarke (94)**.

Michael D. Rothman (94) serves on active duty as a Judge Advocate General for the 42nd Infantry Division based in Tikrit, Iraq.

B. Phyllis Whittiker (94) is the academic director of the National Judicial College at the University of Nevada, Reno.

Stacey Camillo (95) married her domestic partner of thirteen years in Ogunquit, ME, on August 14, and was named legal director of a telecommunications company in April 2005 after a little over one year as the contract manager.

Peter M. Corroon (95) was elected Salt Lake County mayor in January 2005. As mayor, Corroon oversees 6,000 employees and a \$750 million budget. He writes, "My GGU education certainly was a factor in obtaining this position."

Marsha-laine F. Dungog (96) is a senior corporate tax attorney with Dow Chemical Co. at their global headquarters in Midland, MI. Email: mdungog@dow.com.

Douglas Limbach (96) has joined Greenberg Traurig's East Palo Alto office focusing on intellectual property and litigation. Limbach was formerly patent counsel for FormFactor Inc.

Jacqueline Serrao (96), a space and aviation attorney, serves as the associate director of the National Remote Sensing and Space Law Center at the University of Mississippi School of Law.

Phillip K. Wang (96), partner in the Bankruptcy and Creditors' Rights and Real Estate Practice Group at Gordon & Rees LLP, published "Funny, a Limit on a Solvent Tenants' Ability to Use Bankruptcy to Shortchange a Landlord" in the Spring 2005 issue of the *Real Estate Finance Journal*.

Eric Young (96) successfully argued the case *Delgado v. Trax Bar & Grill* before the California Supreme Court, where he represented the appellant who had been attacked in the parking lot of the bar by a group of patrons.

Anita Gildea-Phillips (98) was promoted from associate director to deputy director of the Office of Sponsored Research, Engineering & Independent Laboratories, Centers & Institutes.

Robert B. Katz (98) is pleased to announce the establishment of Katz & Associates in Woodland Hills, CA, specializing in construction defect litigation, general liability, and products liability. He anticipates opening offices in Las Vegas and Phoenix in January 2006. If you would like any additional information, contact him anytime at 818-274-3028, or at Rbklaw@aol.com.

Steven M. Weiss (98) has joined Bay Area Legal Aid as a staff attorney.

Jason R. Wigg (98), a junior partner at Barron & Pruitt LLP in Law Vegas, NV, was featured in the *Las Vegas Review-Journal* and various television news stories for his representation of the CasaBlanca Resort in Mesquite, NV. He was quoted regarding the settlement he brokered, stating, "We've got a little girl who has been severely injured, and she needed help. . . . All we wanted to do is take care of Brittney [the plaintiff]." He and his wife, Jena, are expecting their first child, a boy, in November.

Mauricio S. Beugelmans (99) has joined Steefel, Levitt & Weiss, where he will focus on securities arbitration and litigation.

Mark C. Russell (99), a business transaction attorney with Gordon & Rees LLP, was a panelist for an MCLE seminar titled "Buying a House 101: The Nuts and Bolts on Buying Your First Home in the Bay Area," sponsored by the Bar Association of California.

Tracy L. Simmons (JD 99) joined Chapman University School of Law as the assistant dean of admissions and financial aid on May 2, 2005, after serving as the assistant dean of admissions and financial aid at Golden Gate University School of Law for several years.

Robin J. Williams (LLM 99) owns a private practice in Seattle, WA, specializing in guardianship, estates, and probate. She has two grandsons: Sefu and Night Chase.

2000s **Arlene E. Acord (00)** passed the Florida bar exam in 2000 and is an attorney for a small civil litigation firm in Tampa. She and her husband Cliff, another GGU alumnus, have a daughter, Aubrey, and are expecting a baby boy in November.

Carolyn B. Hall (00) recently joined the San Francisco office of Bingham McCutchen as a labor and employment associate, representing employers on a wide range of workplace issues, including wage and hour, employee leaves, hiring and termination, discrimination and harassment, and wrongful discharge claims.

Jennifer A. Marone (00), a solo practitioner, was featured in *The Recorder* for her work with the Volunteer Legal Services Program of the Bar Association of San Francisco Foundation.

Dawn M. Philippus (00) has joined the San Antonio office of Ogletree, Deakins, Nash, Smock & Stewart PC, practicing labor and employment law. She recently celebrated four years of marriage to Kurt Knepper. They have two puppies, Sampson and Cleo.

Christine Bogosian (01) left the San Mateo District Attorney's Office to start her own criminal defense practice. She also became engaged to Tony Hernandez, an assistant district attorney in San Francisco.

Joseph Chianese (01) has been appointed to AC Transit District's Accessibility Advisory Committee after being nominated by Dolores Jaquez, member of the board of directors. The committee advises the board on service accessibility issues, including regulatory compliance, routes and schedules, coach design and maintenance, operator training, fare structure, inter-agency communications, and public relations.

James L. Heard (01) is a deputy county prosecutor for the Pinal County (AZ) Attorney's Office.

Michael J. Apicella (02) is a family and marital property attorney with the Law Offices of Michael Apicella in Santa Rosa, CA.

Waqas Y. Butt (LLM 02) established his own law firm in Islamabad, Pakistan. Mr. Butt credits his GGU education for his ability and vision to succeed in this region.

Jared J. Babula (LLM 03) works for Brayton Purcell, where he handles cases involving victims of asbestos, toxic torts, and personal injury law. He is also a competitive badminton player who regularly participates in regional tournaments.

Jessica A. Dayton (03) is an associate at The Frankovich Group in San Francisco.

Marie E. Galanti (03) opened a law office in Santa Rosa, CA, where she specializes in estate planning and international transactions.

David J. Brillant (02, LLM 04) joined the firm of Benjamin, Weill & Mazer.

Steve Cikes (04) has joined Renne Sloan Holtzman & Sakai in San Francisco as an associate.

Andrea M. Eichorn (04) recently opened her own practice, Family Law and Mediation Services PC in Oakland, CA, offering collaborative and unbundled services. She is a member of collaborative practice groups in both Alameda and Contra Costa counties. For more information on collaborative practice visit: www.collaborativepractice.com.

Autrey B. James (04) was sworn in by California State Bar Association after entering his first degree program at a community college 20 years before.


Kirsten Kreymann (04) works as a staff attorney for the Public Law Center in Santa Ana, CA.

Natalie E. Kwan (04) works as an appraiser at the County of San Mateo's Assessor's Office in Redwood City, CA.

Qi Lu (LLM 03, LLM 04) has joined King & Capital Law Offices, one of China's largest law firms with 100 lawyers and three branches in Shanghai, Shenzhen, and Dalian, as a partner. Lu works with permitting issues surrounding the Justice Bureau of Beijing.

Bo Ting Ruan (LLM 04) serves as Asian research head at Glass Lewis & Company, an independent research firm focused on identifying business, legal, governance, and financial statement risks at public companies in time for investors to act. Previously, Mr. Ruan served as a law clerk to the Hon. Julie Tang of the California Superior Court for the County of San Francisco.

Sierra D. Sterkin (04) recently joined the US Patent and Trademark Office as a trademark attorney.

Anthony Marzo (LLM 05) opened a law office as a sole practitioner on July 1, specializing in estate planning, wealth preservation, probate administration and litigation, business formation and transactions, and taxation. He recently celebrated his twelfth anniversary with his domestic partner, Dr. Christopher W. Pong. 

CLASS Action

Let Us Hear From You!

Class Notes Deadlines: March 15, September 15

We'd like to know if you have made a career move, changed your address, added to your family, or received an award. *Photos are welcomed and appreciated.*

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







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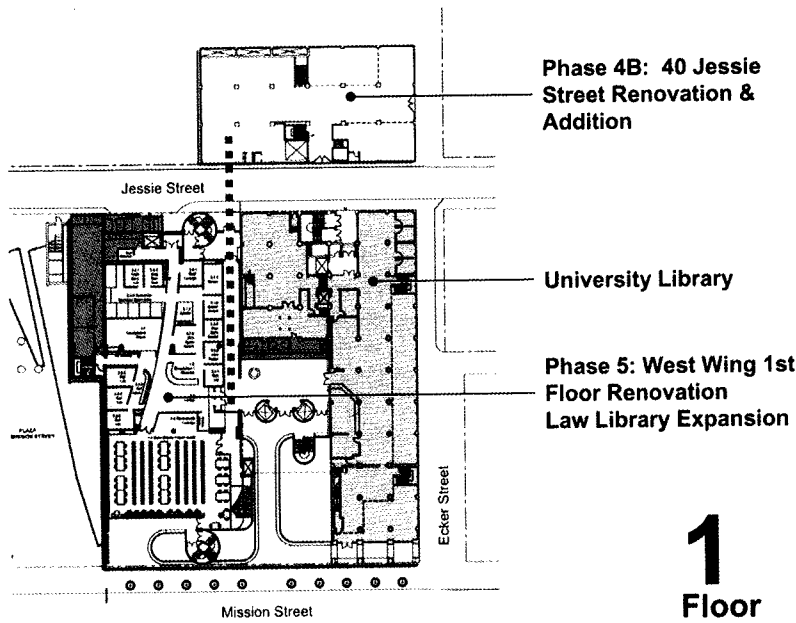
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Basement Compact Shelving Renovation

Phase 4B: 40 Jessie Street Renovation & Addition

Phase 5: West Wing 1st Floor Renovation
Law Library Expansion

Legend:

-  instruction
-  academic support
-  student services
-  administrative
-  university library
-  law library
-  bookstore
-  common areas
-  m/e/p/t/d



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PLANS FOR THE LAW LIBRARY RENOVATION

These architect drawings show the Law Library renovation and expansion, which began in summer 2005. See the article that begins on page 2 for more information.

UPCOMING EVENTS

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COMMENCEMENT 2005 PHOTOS

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