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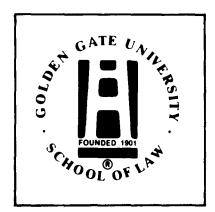


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Alumni FORUM

In Memoriam: John A. Gorfinkel, 1905-1987

ohn A. Gorfinkel, dean of the Law School from 1960 to 1969, suffered a stroke in late July and passed away on Saturday, August 8, at the age of 82. Memorial services were held on Wednesday, August 12, at Temple Emanu-El in San Francisco. During his 35-year involvement with Golden Gate's School of Law, he had more influence on the career aspirations and career preparation of future lawyers than any other educator or academician. In that time he served as adjunct professor, full-time professor, associate dean and finally, dean of the School of Law. "A lawyer's lawyer," "the czar of legal education," "a fine scholar," and 'a challenger" were the terms used to describe Dean Gorfinkel by colleagues and alumni.

"Moonlighting in the teaching of the law" was how former Dean Paul Jordan described his early affiliation with Gorfinkel. When Jordan and Gorfinkel first met in the early 1930s, both were in private practice full-time and part-time instructors at Golden Gate College at 220 Golden Gate Avenue. Jordan remembers Gorfinkel as a "tough but fair-minded administrator, respected and loved by his students, and willing to give all of them a chance to make it through law school. But if the student had not shown the aptitude nor the classroom performance required to make a good lawyer by the end of first year day or second year evening classes, then Gorfinkel was very firm in dropping the student from the program." In 1947 Jordan retained Gorfinkel as his associate dean: when



John A. Gorfinkel

Jordan retired in 1959, Gorfinkel was named to succeed him, becoming the first full-time dean in the history of GGU's School of Law.

His inspiration was nowhere more evident than in his Con Law classes, according to former SBA President John MacGregor, '64. In the early 1960s, "the Warren Court was just warming up, and remarkable things were happening in the California Supreme Court. Gorfinkel viewed the Constitution as a living organism, not just a piece of paper with a narrow, rote interpretation, and he pushed for the application of the Constitution in a contemporary setting." Classroom participation was inspired when Gorfinkel would take a controversial position on a Court decision and challenge students to critique his stand. Students looked forward to his Con Law classes and the free-form discussions which he inspired; often the debates were continued in Gorfinkel's offices after class was over.

Besides Paul Jordan, noted Mac-Gregor, Gorfinkel was the first person who took on the commitment to turn Golden Gate into an accredited law school. He worked tirelessly to build up the law library and pushed the students for more involvement with the Student Bar Association. In his work to obtain ABA accreditation, Gorfinkel saw student enthusiasm and recognition as an integral part of the School's development. He worked actively to increase the SBA budget for program development and for travel to national conventions. His efforts paid off when Larry Mayer, '66, was elected National SBA Vice President from the Ninth Circuit, outpolling candidates from Stanford, Boalt and Hastings.

As the Law School grew under Dean Gorfinkel's direction, and as he strove for ABA accreditation, the composition of the faculty slowly turned from that of 100 percent part-timers to a mix of full-time and part-time instructors. The first full-time faculty members were Jim Smith, Roger Bernhardt, Mike Golden and Larry Jones, the latter three hired by Gorfinkel. Larry Jones remembers the Dean for his "take-charge mentality. He had an outstanding view of the big picture" in working to obtain accreditation for GGU, Jones reflected. Jones remembers Dean Gorfinkel constantly grappling with the issues of how to attract high-caliber students in order to build up the School's reputation, and how to enhance the reputation in order

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to attract the students. He kept costs down very carefully, Jones commented, and it was "basically his guidance that made Golden Gate emerge as a law school."

Catherine Sherburne, '56, was one of Gorfinkel's Con Law students. After graduation she was invited back by the dean to teach law, and in 1957 became the first woman member of the faculty as well as the first GGU law graduate to teach at the school. She remembers Dean Gorfinkel as a brilliant individual who devoted himself to furthering high standards for legal education. In addition, "he had a definite concern for people. He was always there for students when they needed him." Her sentiments were echoed by Contra Costa County Superior Court Judge Norm Spellberg, '65, who emphasized that "I've attended a lot of universities in my time, and have never found a person more interested in assisting students than Dean Gorfinkel. He was the most caring person I've ever known in my life."

John Gorfinkel's dream of ABA accreditation for Golden Gate Law School was finally realized with the granting of provisional approval in 1956. Final approval came in 1972, followed shortly thereafter by AALS accreditation in 1980. The process that he had carefully initiated and persistently nurtured in the 1950s and 1960s by increasing the number of full-time faculty, increasing the resources of the law library, and insisting on strict academic standards, had been fulfilled.

Gorfinkel left Golden Gate in 1969 when he was asked by a number of colleagues at the State Bar to establish a program for the Committee of Bar Examiners to assist California law schools with the accreditation process. As a consultant to the State Bar, Gorfinkel was tireless in his travels around the state, and became the most respected professional with full knowledge of California legal education

According to Jim Tippin, executive director of the Committee of Bar Examiners, during his 18 years as a State Bar consultant Gorfinkel also helped develop the Multistate Professional Responsibility Exam for use in California, and subsequently encouraged the National Committee of Bar

Examiners to adopt it for use in other states. Gorfinkel served as Chair of the Torts Committee of the Multistate Bar Exam, and at one time chaired the ABA Standards Committee, which oversees law school accreditation.

"Iohn Gorfinkel put more energy into his work in legal education at the age of 80 than anyone I've met 30 years his junior," stated former Dean Judy McKelvey. During his 58 years in the legal profession, Gorfinkel rose to national prominence in the field of legal education. A graduate of the University of California at Berkeley School of Law, he was admitted to the California Bar on October 15, 1929, the day the stock market crashed. His goal of practicing law in the corporate securities market was crushed and he entered the practice of law in San Francisco. He will be missed by all who knew him.

Class of '86 Photo Directory Released

The long-awaited photo directory of the Class of '86 was released in September. Thanks are due to Bruce Roberts for his work in coordinating the publication. Class members who missed out on the opportunity to order the directory may obtain a copy now by sending a check for \$10 to: 1986 Law Directory, Alumni Office, Golden Gate University, 536 Mission St., San Francisco, CA 94105. Checks should be made payable to "GGU Alumni Association."

Appellate Advocacy Finals

The Law Student Division of the American Bar Association held its national Appellate Advocacy finals at the University in August, in conjunction with the ABA's national convention. Regional competitions resulted in a final field of 17 teams composed of two law students each. Each team argued a case concerning the capacity of an individual to decide whether or not his or her life support

Telethon Alert

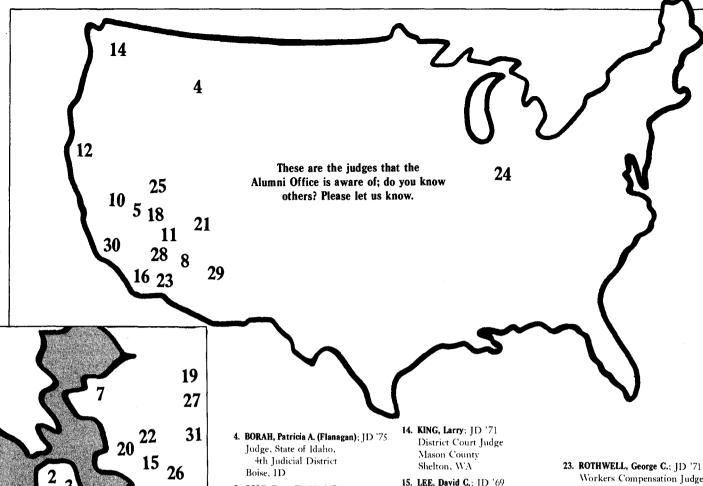
L aw School alumni will be telephoned in mid-October and early November in the School's second annual Telethon. You will be asked to consider membership in Clubs that range from Lecturer's Club (\$25-\$99) to Distinguished Alumni Club (\$10,000 or more).

Last year's phoning to alumni raised nearly \$17,000 with gifts from more than 300 alumni. Most of the calls this year will be made, as they were last year, to business offices.

Last year approximately 900 alumni were contacted during the Phonathon. Because of improved records made possible by publication of the Alumni Directory, the School expects to reach nearly twice that number this year.

system should be turned off. The Appellate Tribunal which heard the arguments was composed of the Hon. Jean S. Cooper, U.S. Dept. of Housing and Urban Development; the Hon. Jerome Farris, U.S. Court of Appeals, Seattle; the Hon. Richard Jones, Supreme Court of Alabama; and the Hons. Milton Mollen and William Thompson, both of the Appellate Division, Brooklyn, New York. The victorious student team was from Capitol University in Ohio.

In addition to providing the students with an opportunity to practice appellate advocacy, the competition also served as a forum for students to meet each other and compare legal education at their respective institutions. All of the participants were very enthusiastic about Golden Gate's facilities. Students commented that GGU staff members were very hospitable, and each participant was grateful for the opportunity to use the Law Library for case preparation. The judges were particularly impressed by the University's Board Room and the Law School's Moot Court facility. Assistant Law School Dean Robert Coleman, GGU's representative at the event, noted that the 74 participants will be a very valuable source of publicity for GGU's School of Law.



Bay Area inset

Alumni on the Bench

- 1. ANDREWS, Elaine M.; JD '76 District Court Judge State of Alaska Anchorage, AK
- 2. ASTLE, Ruth S.; JID '74 Administrative Law Judge State of California San Francisco, CA
- 3. BAXTER, Lee D.; [1] '74 Muncipal Court Judge City & County of San Francisco San Francisco

- Boise 1D
- 5. COLE, Terry K.; ID '67 Municipal Court Judge Stanislaus County Modesto, CA
- 6. CREED, Daniel E.; JID '68 Superior Court Judge Santa Clara County San Jose, CA
- 7. DREIBELBIS, Bessie; JD '61 Municipal Court Judge Contra Costa County Richmond, CA
- 8. FAWKE, Robert W.; JD '69 Municipal Court Judge San Bernadino County San Bernadino, CA
- 9. FERNANDEZ, Alfonso; JD '75 Municipal Court Judge Santa Clara County San Jose, CA
- 10. GARBER, Bernard J.; JD '70 Municipal Court Judge San Joaquin County Stockton, CA
- 11. GORELICK, Walter; JD '70 Municipal Court Judge Tulare County Tulare, CA
- 12. JAROSLOVSKY, Alan; JID '77 Judge U.S. Bankruptcy Court Eureka, CA
- 13. JUDSON, Stewart A.; JID '64 Administrative Law Judge State of California San Francisco, CA

- 15. LEE, David C.; ID '69 Superior Court Judge Alameda County Oakland, CA
- 16. LUKE, Sherrill D.; JD '60 Municipal Court Judge Los Angeles County Los Angeles, CA
- 17. MASLACH, Michael J.; JID '56 Retired Administrative Law Judge Unemployment Ins. Appeals Board San Francisco, CA
- 18. MOFFAT, Edward P.; JD '72 Superior Court Judge Madera County Madera, CA
- 19. O'MALLEY, William A.; [ID '61 Superior Court Judge Contra Costa County Martinez, CA
- 20. PORTER, Scipio; JD '63 Presiding Administrative Law Judge Unemployment Ins. Appeals Board Emeryville, CA
- 21. PRO, Philip M.; [ID'72 U.S. District Court Judge District of Nevada Las Vegas, NV
- 22. REINHART, Fredrick W.; JD '66 Administrative Law Judge Unemployment Ins. Appeals Board Emeryville, CA

- Workers Compensation Judge Workers Compensation Appeals Board Los Angeles, CA
- 24. SHIPMAN, Ronald P.; ID '67 Circuit Court Judge Oxford, IN
- 25. SKILLMAN, William A.; JD '76 ludge Sierra County Justice Court Downieville, CA
- 26. SOMMER, Allen E.; JD '68 Presiding Workers Compensation Judge State Workers Comp. Appeals Board Oakland, CA
- 27. SPELLBERG, Norman; JD '65 Superior Court Judge Contra Costa County Martinez, CA
- 28. SWART, Coleman A.; JD '67 Superior Court Judge Los Angeles County Pasadena, CA
- 29. SWITZER, Walter E.; JD '79 Magistrate City of Mesa Mesa, AZ
- 30. UMHOFER, Donald; JD '71 Municipal Court Judge San Luis Obispo County San Luis Obispo, CA
- 31. ZUNIGA, Barbara A.; JD '76 Municipal Court Judge Contra Costa County Walnut Creek, CA



Left: Pictured with the late Dean John A. Gorfinkel at the June reunions are three members of the Class of '62: Jack Hirshon, Bill Kelly and Clemente San Felipe. Attending but not present for the picture was Bob Newman, '61.

Right: Some of the Class of '72 and friends at the reunion: Daniel Bacalski, Conrad Breece, David Brennan, '73, Terrence Carlson, '71, Paul Caslavka, Marge Goldblatt, Bob Haber, '71, Ron Herleman, Robert Kane, '73, Quentin McBride, Ed Moffat, Larry Moll, Al Moresi, David Neal, Phil Pro, Diana Richmond, '73, Helen Shapiro, Sylvia Shapiro, Joe Starita, '71 and Marlin Wallach, '73.



Left: Members and friends of the Class of '67 who enjoyed the reunion were: Rick Bradley, '66, George Brewer, John Coker, Jerry Houser, Allen Kent, '66, John McEvoy, Karen Theo Nelson, Leonard Nolting, '68, George Priest, Daniel Pursell, '66, Ward Stoneman and Keith Watson.

Above: C Anderson Casey, M Charles C Colleen H Thomas I Thomas I

Special thank you's to the following volunteers for their help in organizing their respective class reunions: Class of '67: Theo Nelson, George Priest and Keith Watson, Class of '72: Ed Jessen, Quentin McBride, Larry Moll, Ed Moffat and Helen Shapiro.



Left: Reunion participants from the Class of '77, many of whom are pictured here, included: Jeff Appleman, Judith Baer, Barry Chall, Kei-On Chan, Nancy Cherney, Don Cohen, Suzanne Engelberg, Richard Erhardt, Barbara Herzig, Marjorie Holmes, Michael Joseph, Karen Kadushin, Maggie Kaplan, Michael Keenan, Arlene Schwartz Kostant, Andrew Lange, Elaine Lindenmayer, Joseph Long, Madeline McDowell, Andrew McKenna, Eric Miller, Elizabeth O'Malley, Sheri Perlman, Elisabeth Peters, Valerie Ranche, Landra Rosenthal, Julia Ross, Karen Anderson Ryer, Alan Silver, Timothy Smallsread, Peter Smith, Marilyn Teeter, Frances Ternus, Marc Van Der Hout, Robert Weaver, Marlene Weinstein-Cypress, Joan Wetherell and Andrew Wiegel.

Right: Once again the Class of '82's party-throwers came through, this time for the five-year reunion. Class volunteers pictured are: Melissa Toben, Jim Fisher and Meli Cook. Not present for photo: Reunion Volunteer Arlene Doyle.



ss of '82 participants: Julia Abers, Cathy Airola, Deborah Lee Iudith Beaman, Jane Blumberg, Elaine Booras, Steven Brookes, Colleen i Cook, Leanna Dawydiak, Arlene Doyle, Jim Fisher, Juliet Gee, eenfield, Michael Grimes, Joanne Hamilton, Mary Patricia Hough, the Edward Karp, Ralph Kramer, Ken Markowitz, Bonita Marmor, orton, William Olzman, Steven Runchey, Pat Seitas, Pauline Sloan, gliarini, Melissa Toben, Samuel Ware and Marla Westover.

Right: Sincere thank you's are due to the Class of '77 volunteers who assisted the Alumni Office in coordinating their ten-year reunion: Arlene Schwartz Kostant, Marjorie Holmes (standing), and Karen Kadushin. Also assisting but not pictured was Deana Thaler.



Ed Tom to Leave GGU

d Tom, Law School Admissions L director since 1980, has accepted a position as director of Admissions and Financial Aid at U.C. Berkelev's School of Law. His appointment at Boalt Hall caps a 12-year career in law school admission work which began in 1975 in the Hastings · Admissions Office. Hired at Golden Gate in 1980 by then-Dean Judy McKelvey, Ed recently reflected on his seven-year tenure at Golden Gate, providing an interesting perspective on the changing nature of legal education. While the LSAT scores and GPAs of today's entering first year students are exactly the same as those of the classes that entered nine and ten years ago, the size of the first year class has dropped dramatically from 300 students to 170 students. Over the same time period, he noted, the Law School has maintained its commitment to enroll an equal number of men and women, and has been successful in raising the

Land-Use Seminar Planned

A lumni are invited to attend a landuse planning conference on Saturday, December 5, from 9:30am to 12:30pm. The conference will focus on three Supreme Court decisions: Nollan v. California Coastal Commission; Keystone Coal v. Penna.; First English v. L.A. County.

Participants include: John Bowers, staff attorney, California Coastal Commission and a participant in the Nollan case; Scott Verges, partner Ellman, Burke and Cassidy, an active participant in the U.S. Supreme Court MacDonald v. Yolo County argument; S.F. attorney Sue Hester ('76), who will provide comment based on her experience in San Francisco's growth battles; and Tatiana Roodkowsky ('88), who will provide a perspective based on her summer internships with the Justice Department working on the First English case. Professor Roger Bernhardt will wrap up the morning discussion; the panel will be chaired by Professor Arnold Sternberg. Cost is \$20 per person; call the Dean's Office at 442-7250 to reserve a place.



Admissions Director Ed Tom will take a post at Boalt Hall.

percentage of minority students from 13 percent to 18 percent of the student body. Historically the dominant feeder schools have been Cal Berkeley, S.F. State, UCLA, U.C. Davis, U.C. Santa Cruz and San Jose State. Recent B.A. graduates comprise 60 percent of each year's entering class, while the remaining 40 percent consists of undergraduates and career-changers with several years' work experience. The average age of the GGU law student is 25.

This broad diversity of the law school student body was one of the reasons Ed was initially attracted to Golden Gate. Throughout the admissions process a great deal of attention is paid to the individual characteristics of each applicant.

Development and alumni relations go hand in hand, and Ed noted that the establishment of the alumni referral network was one of his favorite accomplishments as Admissions director. The network links new students and alumni who answer questions about the law school experience.

Ed is justifiably proud of his role in other Law School developments as well. Among the programs he cited were the establishment of the part-time day program, unique to Golden Gate Law School; the mid-year admissions program, which very few other law schools have implemented; and a merit scholarship program that rewards classroom achievement.

"Being an admissions director is like watching a soap opera," Ed explained. "You have access to the lives and aspirations of a large number of people, and you are in a unique position to be able to help some of them realize their dreams. You have an opportunity to see them in school after admission, at graduation, and after school when they enter the profession. One reason I'm still in the admissions field," he

reflected, "is this ability to affect people's lives, and indirectly through them affect what happens in the larger society. I look forward to continuing to be able to do that at Boalt."

Alumni NOTES

Due to space limitations, some Alumni Notes have been held until next issue.

Class of 1985

Juliet Gee was chairperson of the Alameda County Bar Association's Delegates for the 1987 Conference of Delegates at the State Bar Convention.

Class of 1981

Robert G. Waligore has recently relocated his offices to One Embarcadero Center in San Francisco. He continues to specialize in real estate and construction litigation. He has also been appointed as a member of the Board of Directors of the San Francisco Trial Lawyers Association and is editor of the association's newsletter.

Charles Pernice has joined Blake, Barnett, Milman & Bell in Santa Ana and is primarily practicing personal injury litigation.

Amy Locks of Santa Cruz was a recipient of the State Bar's 1987 President's Pro Bono Service Award for her assistance in the People's Immigration Services and the Santa Cruz County Immigration Project.

Class of 1980

Anne Bouliane has been appointed a Superior Court commissioner in San Francisco. She is currently assigned to hear discovery matters in City Hall. In addition, she has been an instructor at San Francisco Law School since 1983, where she teaches Civil Procedure, Remedies and Criminal Law.

Barbara Bryant, an attorney at Farnsworth, Saperstein and Seligman in Oakland, has been elected to a two-year term on California's Women Lawyer's Board of Governors. She will be representing Alameda and Contra Costa counties.

Calvin Massey is joining the faculty of Hastings College of Law. He will teach courses in legal history and corporations.

John Kelly has joined the Oaklandbased firm of Corbett & Kane.

Nancy Gibbons (LLM) has relocated her Walnut Creek office to North Main Street where she continues to specialize in corporations, taxation, estate planning and partnerships.

Class of 1979

Sharon Emley has resigned from the District Attorney's Office in Nome, Alaska to travel.

Class of 1978

Alicia Wicks is the Eviction Defense Unit supervisor of the S.F. Rent Board. She has held this position for the past two years.

Class of 1977

Alice Smith is busy doing legal and commercial work for Data Logic Limited in London, a worldwide computer business.

Priscilla Camp specializes in legal problems of the elderly. After graduation she became director of Alameda County's Legal Assistance for Seniors Commission where she worked from 1980 to 1983.

Denise Mills, partner in the Denver law firm of Feder, Morris & Tamblyn, recently completed a year as chairperson of the Family Law section of the Colorado Bar Association.

Class of 1976

Darlene Azevedo has joined Caswell, Bell & Sullivan in Fresno, where she specializes in taxation, business transactions and employee-qualified plans.

William Rowen was elected to the Board of Directors of the Montclair-Greater Oakland Democratic Club.

Class of 1974

Frank Offen is the recipient of the Alameda County Bar Association's first "Pro Bono Volunteer of the Season Award."

Class of 1973

Russel S. Estey has recently been selected for promotion to Lieutenant Colonel, U.S. Army Judge. He has been reassigned from Panama to the U.S. Army Legal Services Agency, Washington, DC.

We Need Your Help!

Please let us know when you have moved so that we will have your current address.

Also, the Admissions Office asks you to provide names and addresses of qualified candidates for admission.

If you are willing to be a member of the alumni network and to talk with prospective students about law school, please indicate that on the form; you will be contacted by the Admissions Office.

Finally, if you have a note for the Alumni Notes, kindly let us know. Please clip and mail this form to:

Gary Wishniewsky Alumni Director Golden Gate University School of Law 536 Mission Street San Francisco, CA 94105

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Class of 1971

Charles S. Loughran has been named vice president of human resources for Alaska Airlines. He will direct the company's personnel activities and assist in labor relations. He goes to Alaska Airlines from the Louisiana-Pacific Corporation. In nine years with that company, he served as director of corporate industrial relations.

Class of 1966

Richard Rosenberg is in charge of the Bank of America's California retail branch system.

Class of 1965

Elaine Prince has closed her law office after 21 years and is enjoying retirement.

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Class of 1962

Bill Kelly, a Lake Tahoe personal injury law specialist, is the recipient of the Nate Blank Award. The award is given to those who have contributed significant professional services to the community.

In Memoriam

Jeff Kricker (Class of '85) passed away recently. While at GGU, Jeff was active in the National Lawyers' Guild and was a founder of the Public Interest Law Foundation. He had been active in a variety of alternative dispute resolution programs, including Community Disputes Services and other public interest-oriented projects.

Margaret L. Steffan (Class of '28), a resident of San Francisco, has passed away. She was the first woman law school graduate from GGU to pass the California State Bar.

Faculty NEWS

James B. Smith has recently been named Professor of Law Emeritus. Jim Smith, one of the Law School's most popular faculty members, taught Contracts for over 25 years and resigned for health reasons in 1982. A graduate of U.C. Berkeley and the USF School of Law, Class of 1946, Smith was active in private practice before joining the faculty in 1953.

Arturo Flores is the new director of GGU Law Library. Flores comes to GGU from Boalt Hall, where he worked a number of years as a reference librarian. He holds a

master's degree in library science from U.C. Berkeley (Class of '75) and received his JD from Boalt Hall in 1984.

Law Registrar Wally Walker, in his second year as a member of the Executive Board of Directors for the National Network of Law School Officers (NNLSO), was recently appointed Region I Chairperson of the Nominations & Elections Committee for NNLSO. ABA-approved law schools in the 12 states of Region I (Arizona, California, Colorado, Hawaii, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, New Mexico, Oregon, Utah, Washington and Wyoming) will submit their candidates for five national positions to the NNLSO Executive Board through Wally's office at GGU. Wally's leadership role in the network has spanned 7½ years, beginning with his election as the organization's first national chairperson in 1980, and culminates in 1988 when his present two-year term as director expires.

Adjunct Professor Joel E. Marsh completed a four-month research project in the law of the sea during the Spring 1987 semester under a Fulbright grant at Ankara University in Turkey. While in Turkey, he was also awarded a Fulbright interfoundational grant to lecture in the law of the sea at the University of Brest in France, which he undertook in March.

Marc Stickgold was awarded two grants from the National Endowment for the Humanities this past summer. These grants facilitated the study of U.S. constitutional history and philosophy, and included a three week seminar with other constitutional scholars from the U.S. and abroad.