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CAVEAT

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FROM THE DEAN

I welcome you to Golden Gate School of Law. The Faculty and Administration will do their best, I assure you, to qualify you for the practice of law.

The standards of the legal profession are necessarily high because the law touches virtually all aspects of human affairs and is the lifeline of democratic government.

The course of study will be intensive and difficult but well within your applied powers; otherwise you would not have been accepted for admission.

I am mindful that graduation is not an end in itself, but a beginning. We intend to make your training as productive as possible. The reputation of this or any school is no better than the character and performance of its graduates. To the extent that you contribute to the reputation of the Law School you contribute to your own.

Again, welcome.

Judith G. McKelvey
Dean, School of Law

HISTORY

Golden Gate University, like eighteen other American colleges and universities, began as an educational program offered by the YMCA. In 1901, in response to community requests, the law school began and became the first evening law school west of the Rocky Mountains. Other schools within the University began in this same manner, serving the business community by providing evening programs for educational advancement.

In 1910 the law school was incorporated; in 1923 the name was changed from the YMCA Law School to Golden Gate College School of Law, the students choosing the name.

In 1939, soon after the state bar standards had been established, Golden Gate was accredited by the State Bar. Continuing as an evening school, it was the first such program west of Minneapolis to be approved by the American Bar Association.

In 1961 the day program began as a part-time, four year curriculum. The fall of 1966 marked the beginning of the full time, three year program. It was the first full time law school to be established in the bay area in thirty-five years.

The name of the institution was changed from Golden Gate College to Golden Gate University in 1972. In addition to the Doctor of Jurisprudence degree, the University offers 12 majors at the Bachelor degree level and nine majors at the Master's level from its schools of Business and Public Administration. Two doctoral programs, in business administration and public administration, as offered as well as a joint degree in law and taxation.

Judy Browne, SBA President

In order to earn my full tuition remission as Student Bar Association President, I will theoretically be reporting to you what's happening in the school through a weekly column in the Caveat. In actual fact, I may turn out to be the school's gossip-monger. In any event, this first article of the year is supposed to lay out to you the importance of the faculty/student committees and tell you that elections will be held for the first year SBA representatives in about a month.

Now that I've told you that in about a month there will be elections, I should probably tell you how many, etc. Each section in the first year day class will have one representative on the SBA and the first year night class will have one representative. Because all the other officers and representatives are elected in February and serve until March 1st, the term of office for the first year representatives will end in March.

The Student Bar Association is the official student organization at the law school. It appoints student members to the faculty/student committees, provides funding for the Caveat (and appoints its editor), sponsors the student/faculty family picnic in the Fall, provides occasional movies and speakers presumably of interest to law students, and provides limited funding to other student organizations. All this is done on the \$2 per semester student fee collected from you by the school at registration. The Student Bar Association will meet weekly during the school year, probably in the evening so that both day and night students may attend. The meetings will always be held in a classroom and anyone interested is welcome to join us. At the first SBA meeting, to be held this Wednesday at 6pm in a 2nd floor classroom, we have to discuss setting up elections for the first year representatives, our budget for the coming year, financing the Caveat, and selection of student committee members. The SBA will then post notices on the bulletin boards announcing the process for application to faculty/student committees and when the first year elections will be held. This information will also be reported in next week's Caveat.

One of the most important functions of the SBA is to appoint students to the faculty/student committees. It is through these committees that the law school functions. The committees make recommendations to the full faculty at their weekly meetings and the faculty passes final approval on committee actions. The faculty meeting has four student members in attendance: SBA President, one student from the Hiring Committee, Curriculum Committee and Academic Standards. These students are expected to be at all the faculty meetings and to represent the students.

There are four committees that must have students appointed to them soon. They are the Curriculum, Hiring, Academic Standards and Evaluation Committees. The Admissions Committee is not formed until the second semester. The title of the Hiring Committee is self-explanatory. The Curriculum Committee examines possible changes and alterations in the curriculum and courses.

The Evaluation Committee consists of all tenured faculty and a couple of students. The workings of this committee is confidential and passes on renewal of faculty contracts and tenure.

The Academic Standards Committee works hardest during the summer but must be formed in the fall to okay the grades submitted to it by the faculty at mid-year. Besides approving the grade distribution from each class exam, Academic Standards is responsible for hearing petitions for discretionary probation after the final grades have come out in the summer.

The importance of responsible student voices on the faculty/student committees and in the faculty meetings should not be underestimated. We have a very large say in how this school is run, and it is only possible because our student population is not apathetic. Please consider applying for a position on one of these committees.

Next week I hope I'll be able to tell you about Judicial Council, and the SBA's need for having its constitution re-ratified.

ORGANIZATIONS

AFFIRMATIVE ACTION COMMITTEE was formed by students to meet the needs of racial and ethnic minority law students and to persuade the law school to recognize its social responsibilities. Membership and programs are not limited to minority students. The legal skills development program, to aid minority students in maintaining a good academic standing, has been beneficial to all student participants. Members have also taken part in law school admission interviews with the Admissions Committee. The AAC is not satisfied with its efforts. The scarcity of racial and ethnic minorities at both faculty and student levels indicates, to the AAC that they must work harder. The Affirmative Action Committee invites all sincerely interested students to join them. Interested students can contact Phil Smith, a second year student.

BLACK STUDENTS UNION is a University based group. It welcomes and encourages law students to join. The office is in Room 517.

AMERICAN BAR ASSOCIATION/LAW STUDENT DIVISION Is a semi-autonomous organization that serves as a national representative of law students to the ABA. It uses its position to lobby for programs of benefit to all law students.

Members receive some ABA and ABA/LSD publications, such as The Student Lawyer, as part of the membership fee. Other publications are available at reduced rates. Health and life insurance are also available. Members may join ABA sections that deal with specific areas of the law, such as Criminal, Taxation and International Law. GGU members will be electing their new LSD school representative sometime in the Fall. Interested students can contact Peter Borromeo.

PHI ALPHA DELTA is a legal fraternity open to men and women law students of good academic standing. In the past, the national organization has made one scholarship a year available to a GGU student. Interested students should contact Mark Sheppard.

Golden Gate Law Review is a student written and edited publication. All student who successfully complete their first year are eligible to apply for Law Review. First year students are encouraged to learn more about the Law Review and to consider the possibility of working on it. Applications and the selection of staff members is done late in the spring semester. This year the editor of Law Review is Peggy Gannon, interested students should contact her.

WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION was formed to help women deal with the problems encountered by women in law school and in the legal community. The structure is flexible, with monthly meetings and committees for special and on-going projects such as child care, speakers and social activities.

The group is active and often influential in school politics and policy-making. During the past few years special emphasis has been given to promoting law as a career for women and to recruiting women students and faculty; this has resulted in a higher proportion of women in GGU Law School than in most schools.

In addition to serving as an information and organization center for women's activities in and outside the school, the Association provides support and encouragement to women in law.

The Women's Association extends its welcome to entering women students and invites them to drop by the Association's office in the women's lounge. Within the next few weeks the Association will have its first general meeting so check the bulletin boards in the office of the date and times.

The Caveat welcomes all new and continuing students. This year Caveat will be published in two formats: a weekly informational bulletin and a monthly newspaper with more in-depth articles.

Students interested in working on Caveat staff or contributing articles can contact the editor, Kathy Henry, by leaving their name and phone number in the Caveat mailbox in the Faculty Center.

Caveat requests student support. As Editor I pledge to do my best, but I ask for your help because this should not be a one person operation.

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NATIONAL LAWYER'S GUILD Laura Uddenberg
Another school year starts at GGU and the NLG GGU chapter wants to welcome you. More or less. For you first year students, as the rest of you know already, law school is like nothing you ever went through before. Take, for example, the Socratic method so fondly employed by law professors: questions answered with questions answered with questions. Or the "reasonable man" who is as unlucky as Charlie Chaplin for the predicaments he falls into, but as astute as Sherlock Holmes for the way he is supposed to get out of them. (According to Prosser, with whom you will shortly become acquainted, legally there is no reasonable woman. In the legal system women have an uphill battle all the way.)

It seems the purpose of the first few months of law school is to confuse. But if you can get past the three or four years of endless hours of study, the distortion of seemingly common innocent words like "reasonable", the inner logic of the legal system that supports political oppression, and the contradictions between how the law says it functions and how it operates in fact, the State of California will certify you as being sufficiently self-repressed and isolated from the real world to enable you to practice law. Great!

Now, if you are still here, the NLG has a different idea of what legal people should be like. But since we have not yet been able to change law schools, we want to take this opportunity to offer you our suggestions on how to survive law school and remain a human being.

Many people who come to law school these days come because they feel that legal skills are valuable tools to use in changing the society we live in. The NLG can give you a chance to continue political activity and make law school a more bearable experience. Working on one of the NLG projects can break the monotony of law school and give the law you learn some relevance. It can give you a chance to apply what you learn in school to concrete situations, and a chance to learn about those aspects of the law that you never get to in school. In short, the Lawyer's Guild can help you de-mystify the law, and give you a clearer idea of what it will be like to practice.

The NLG is a national organization of legal workers, law students and lawyers. In its 35 years of existence NLG members have been active in struggles covering the entire spectrum of left of center politics. At present the list of national projects include: Immigration Law Office; Electronic Surveillance and Grand Jury Defense Office; Prison Law Project; Military Law Office; People's Law

School; National Labor Law Committee; and summer projects including Attica, Gary Lawton Defense, the Black Lung project among miners in West Virginia and legal work with the United Farm Workers. Most of these projects and committees have local groups which welcome and need the participation of law students.

The NLG has all the same problems that plague other political organizations. But many of us feel that it is probably the only place where we can effectively struggle with each other and with the legal system to combat racism and sexism. The Guild is also a good information resource, in particular through the Bay Area Chapter newspaper The Conspiracy or the national paper, Guild Notes.

Last year we formed a GGU chapter of the NLG. While not entirely a success (we had problems getting the day and night students together plus a real lack of energy as finals approached) we did accomplish some of our goals. Last year several guild members were elected to the SBA, a committee started to work for an effective minority admissions program, and another committee began working on setting up clinics and seminars in specific areas of the law not ordinarily taught here.

We want to reactivate the Chapter. If and how it will function depends entirely on the energy and ideas we all bring to it. If you want law school to be more than just several years of books and classes, come to the first meeting of the GGU Chapter on Wednesday, August 28, at noon for the day students and at 6:00 pm for the night students. Other activities will be announced in the newspaper and on the NLG bulletin board.

JOINT DEGREE PROGRAM

The University offers two joint degree programs for law students desiring to specialize in the field of taxation. Check the Law School Bulletin for the program description. Inquiries can be directed to Peter Borromeo, the Placement Officer and a graduate of the program.

LIBRAIRIES

UNIVERSITY LIBRARY

The University Library, located at 536 Mission, provides a full range of services to law students; your student body card is your library card. The library has two sections: a periodical section is on the first floor in Rooms 115-119; the main section is in Rooms 120-122. Limited seating is available on the first floor with the balance of available seating located on the mezzanine level.

Summer hours are:

8:30am - 10pm Monday-Thursday
8:30am - 7pm Friday
9:00am - 4pm Saturday
CLOSED Sunday

Hours during the Fall Semester, beginning September 30, will be:

8:30am - 10pm Monday-Friday
9:00am - 4pm Saturday
10:00am - 4pm Sunday

LAW LIBRARY

The 70,000 volume law library is located at 562 Mission Street. Your student body card is your library card. Hornbooks, CEB books, restatements, current law reviews and some class materials and treatises are available only at the reserve desk.

Smoking is permitted in the library, but is restricted to the mezzanine level. Eating and drinking are also permitted and there are tables provided for your convenience in the vending machine area of the mezzanine. In the same area is a copy machine; the cost is 5¢ per copy.

Additional law library space is in the basement and on the first floor of the 536 Mission building. Duplicate sets of oft-used Reports are available in the first floor space.

The library's hours are:

8am - 11pm Monday-Friday
10am - 5pm Saturday
12 - 7pm Sunday

Most other law libraries in the Bay Area are open to law students. Those which restrict GGU law students' use of their facilities (generally by not extending reserve book privileges) are indicated by an asterisk (*). As with GGU, most other law libraries do not allow people to take books out.

BOALT HALL, U.C., Berkeley, 642-4044

8:00am - 11pm Monday-Friday
8:30am - 5pm Saturday
10 am - 11pm Sunday

*HASTINGS COLLEGE OF THE LAW

Hyde and McAllister, SF, 557-1354

8am - 11pm Monday-Friday
9am - 6pm Saturday
9am - 11pm Sunday

LINCOLN UNIVERSITY

Turk and Masonic, SF, 221-1212

1pm - 10pm Monday-Friday
12 - 6pm Saturday
3pm - 9pm Sunday

STANFORD, Palo Alto, 321-2300

8am - 11pm Monday-Friday
9am - 4pm Saturday
1pm - 10pm Sunday

UNIVERSITY OF SAN FRANCISCO

Fulton and Parker, 666-0600

8am - 11pm Monday-Friday
9am - 6pm Saturday
12 - 10pm Sunday

SAN FRANCISCO LAW SCHOOL (closed till 9/5)

20 Haight Street, 626-5550

9am - 9:15pm Monday-Friday

UNIVERSITY OF SANTA CLARA

820 Alviso, Santa Clara, 984-4451

8am - 12pm Monday-Friday
10am - 6pm Saturday
12 - 12pm Sunday

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COURTS IN SAN FRANCISCO

County Law Libraries

SAN FRANCISCO

City Hall, Room 436, 558-6161
8:30am - 5:15pm Monday-Friday
Mills Tower, 220 Bush, Room 950, 982-1685
9am - 10:00pm Monday-Friday
9am - 5:30pm Saturday
12 - 4:00pm Sunday

ALAMEDA, Courthouse, 13th and Oak, Oakland, 832-8667

Summer: 9am - 8pm Monday-Saturday
9am - 5pm Sunday
After 9/13: 9am - 10pm Monday-Saturday
10am - 3pm Sunday

CONTRA COSTA, Courthouse

Martinez, 228-3000
10am - 9pm Monday-Thursday
10am - 6pm Friday-Saturday

MARIN, Civic Center,

San Rafael, 479-1100
8:30am - 5pm Monday-Friday

SAN MATEO, Hall of Justice

Redwood City, 369-1441
8am - 5pm Monday-Friday

SANTA CLARA, 191 North 1st Street,

San Jose, 229-3567
8am - 10pm Monday-Friday
9am - 5pm Saturday
11am - 4pm Sunday

FEDERAL

U.S. COURT OF APPEALS, NINTH CIRCUIT
Post Office Building,
Seventh and Mission Streets

U.S. DISTRICT COURT, NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

Federal Building
450 Golden Gate Ave.

STATE

SUPREME COURT

State Building
350 McAllister
(The Court will meet in SF Sept.3-5.)

COURT OF APPEALS, FIRST APPELLATE DISTRICT

Room 4154
State Building

SUPERIOR COURT

Civil Cases - City Hall, 400 VanNess
Room 480, Master Calendar
Room 400, Judge Ira Brown's
Law and Motion Court
Room 336, Probate Court
Criminal Cases - Hall of Justice, 850 Bryant
(and dangerous cases)

MUNICIPAL COURT

Civil Departments and Small Claims Court
City Hall
Criminal and Traffic Departments
Hall of Justice

BOOKSTORES

SBA BOOK EXCHANGE (used books) is being conducted in the basement from August 12-23. Books will be accepted on consignment from the 12th-21st. There will be a 25¢ charge per book to help defray costs. Books will be available for purchase from August 14-23. Hours will be from 11am - 7pm.

GOLDEN GATE UNIVERSITY, Basement, ext. 382

Registration and first week of classes:
10am - 7pm Monday-Friday
Generally: 10am - 1pm Monday-Friday
5pm - 7pm Monday-Friday
CLOSED WEEKENDS

HASTINGS COLLEGE OF THE LAW, Basement

Hyde and McAllister, 861-9800
8:30am - 5pm Monday-Friday

UNIVERSITY OF SAN FRANCISCO, Phelan Hall

2130 Fulton, 666-0600
Effective Sept. 9: 9am - 4:30pm Monday-Friday

HARRY B. LAKE LAW BOOKS

142 McAllister, SF, 863-2900
8:30am - 5:30pm Monday-Friday
9:00am - 5:00pm Saturday

CAMPUS TESTBOOK EXCHANGE

2470 Bancroft Way, Berkeley, 848-7700
8am - 6pm Monday-Friday (Thursday open till 9pm)
9am - 6pm Saturday

FINANCIAL AID

The Financial Aid Office is located in Room 106. It has prepared a small handbook which details the various types of aid available to law students and explains the application procedures. It is important to remember that application for some types of aid must be made several months in advance. Such filing deadlines will be announced in advance in Caveat. An Application for a Federally Insured Student Loan may be made at any time but the student should allow six to eight weeks for processing. The Office also administers an emergency loan fund. The personnel of the Financial Aid Office are available during the week to discuss the financing of your education and to answer any specific questions you might have.

CASHIER

Open from 8:30am to 7pm Monday through Friday, the cashier is located in Room 101-108. They sell postage stamps and will cash your personal check, after 3pm. Checks are limited to \$10 and your student body card or other identification is required.

PLACEMENT

LAW PLACEMENT CENTER, located in the Faculty Center, aids students and graduates in securing legal or law-related positions. Peter Borromeo is the placement Officer and his extension is 365. The center's functions currently include general orientation sessions, personal interviews, assistance in resume writing, maintenance of a placement library and the solicitation of and referral for legal positions. There is also a small on-campus interview program where firms, agencies, corporations and other representatives of the profession visit the school to recruit students. The office is active in the National Association for Law Placement and is also part of the Bay Area Law Placement Consortium, formed by the bay area law schools.

UNIVERSITY PLACEMENT OFFICE, Rooms 130-133 on the mezzanine level, handles all positions that are not law related.

STUDENT SERVICES OFFICE

The Student Service Office, Room 101-108, is a general information center. Have a question or a problem? Check with them for advice on whom to see. Counseling services for personal difficulties are also provided. For example, the Dean of Students, Pat O'Brien, Room 106, is a licensed marriage counselor. The Office also serves as the testing center and can administer many of the national tests.

VETERANS ASSISTANCE

The Office of Veterans Affairs, located in Room 101-108, is open from 9am - 7pm.

All veterans should keep the Veterans Affairs Coordinator, a school official, advised of their current enrollment status. New and transfer students must see the VA Coordinator if they are claiming G. I. Benefits.

A representative from the Veterans Administration, "Vet Rep", is also in the office to provide benefits counseling and take late check inquiries.

CONFERENCE
Marge Holmes

The Fourth Annual Western Regional Conference on Women and the Law will be held at Golden Gate University and the Sheraton Palace Hotel on September 27-29. The Conference is being co-sponsored by GGU and the National Association of Women Lawyers. Supporters and workers include women's associations from the Bay Area law schools, Queen's Bench, and the Alameda County Bar Association Committee on Sex Discrimination.

The Conference will concentrate on substantive legal issues of feminist concern and all women interested in these areas are invited and encouraged to attend.

Highlighting the Conference Saturday morning will be a panel of authorities on "Abortion/Fetal Rights - The Proposed Constitutional Amendments". The workshops, many of which will be led by a leading woman lawyer in the field, will include: Sex Discrimination in Employment: Problems and Remedies; Rape; Legal Workers; Feminist Problems of the Woman DA and PD; Equal Rights Amendment and Equal Protection; Women's Credit; and California Community Property Laws, Dymally bill.

There will be a banquet Saturday night at the Sheraton with a well-known keynote speaker whose topic will revolve around the Conference theme.

We need full student participation when classes start. We need moderators for some of the workshops, people to work on housing, transportation and registration. We may have 1000 people attending this Conference, and we want it to be a big success. WE NEED YOUR HELP!!

Student volunteers will host people attending the conference from outside the Bay Area by providing free housing and other necessities that may arise. If you can help with this, and we do not already have your name, please leave your name and phone number with Kathy Dyson or Jae Greer at the Faculty Center.

Judy Browne, Marge Holmes, or Mary Bolint will be glad to tell you where you can help or answer any question you may have. Or you ask questions or leave messages with Kathy or Jae in the Faculty Center.

REGISTRATION WITH C.B.E.

Every first year law student must file a "Registration as a Law Student" with the Committee of Bar Examiners within 90 DAYS after they commence the study of law. The law school office will have the necessary forms. Make a copy of your registration form for use when you file for your bar examination. DISCREPANCIES BETWEEN THESE TWO FORMS MAY DELAY YOUR TAKING OF THE BAR EXAM. The registration fee is \$10. Students intending to take the Bar in another state should check with that state about their registration procedures.

Official transcripts must be on file with the law school as part of your registration with the Committee of Bar Examiners. The state law covering admission to the practice of law, and the rules dealing with the Committee may be found in West's Annotated California Business and Professions Code, sections 6060 through 6068 and the rules following.

EXAMS AND GRADING

Students use only an exam number as identification on their examination booklets. These numbers are given out during the first semester and are not made known to the faculty. Do not forget your exam number; an incorrect number on a booklet can delay the reporting of your grade.

Year courses usually have a midterm exam at the end of the first semester. The grades for these midterms are basically indicators to you. Professors, generally consider them in computing the course grade only if the midterm grade was higher than the final exam grade. Individual professors will explain their own system of computing grades and the type of exam they give.

On the Dean's Bulletin Board opposite the front elevator is posted an explanation of the grading system.