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*Golden Gate University School of Law and the International Association of Women Judges
Continue to Advance International Women's Rights with Woman Jurist from Tanzania*

SAN FRANCISCO, CA - Golden Gate University School of Law (GGU Law) and the International Association of Women Judges (IAWJ) have selected their fourth annual International Women Judges Graduate Fellow for 2013-14. This year's Fellow is Hon. Angela Maria Benedict Teye, a Deputy Registrar at the High Court Commercial Division, Arusha, Tanzania who will pursue an individualized course of study and earn a graduate law degree at Golden Gate University School of Law in San Francisco. The International Women Judges Graduate Fellowship was created to advance issues involving international women's rights and the role of women in justice systems around the world.

"We are impressed with Deputy Registrar Teye's commitment to women in law. Her commitment, along with her service in Tanzanian courts in a variety of roles make her an ideal fit for this exciting program. We look forward to supporting her future success in the judiciary," says Dean of GGU Law Rachel Van Cleave.

Golden Gate Law and the IAWJ initiated the International Women Judges Graduate Fellowship in 2010 to advance international women's rights issues as well as women's roles in the judiciary by building strong, reciprocal relationships among women judges internationally. Each year, Golden Gate Law provides a selected woman judge from a developing country with a full tuition scholarship as well as living expenses to earn a graduate degree. The IAWJ, which has vast experience and expertise in bringing international women judges to the U.S. for a variety of educational programs and in conducting judicial education programs around the world, serves as a key partner in recruitment and networking efforts for the program.

"As always, the IAWJ is delighted to be partnering with Golden Gate Law School in this program. This is a wonderful opportunity for outstanding women judges from developing countries to earn an LLM degree and to network with women judges and the entire legal community in San Francisco and beyond." says Joan Winship, IAWJ Executive Director.

This year's Fellow, Hon. Angela Maria Benedict Teye, is a Deputy Registrar at the High Court Commercial Division, Arusha, Tanzania. She earned her bachelors degree in law at the University of Dar es Salaam, Tanzania. After providing legal services in a law firm and private company for two years, she transitioned into the judiciary. From 2007 to 2010, she served as Resident Magistrate at the Resident Magistrate Court, Tanga Region, Tanzania. In 2010 she was promoted as a Deputy Registrar of

the High Court of Tanzania and was transitioned into the Commercial Division where she is currently working. She is a member of the Tanzania Women Judges and Magistrates Association (TAWJA) as well as the International Association of Women Judges (IAWJ). As an active member of TAWJA, she has attended several seminars concerning women's rights and the role of women in the judiciary. She attended the June 2013 IAWJ Africa Regional Conference in Abuja Nigeria, which concentrated on gender-based violence as a human rights violation.

Beyond her legal experience and education, Deputy Registrar Teye holds a Masters degree in Business Association (MBA) from the Eastern & Southern Management Institute (ESAMI) located in Arusha, Tanzania. In addition to her bachelors and masters degrees, Deputy Registrar Teye also earned certificates in Employment and Labor Relations and Effective Leadership, Accountability and Good Governance.

"I have always been inspired by issues concerning human rights especially women's rights and I plan to take this opportunity to advance issues involving international women's rights and the role of women in the justice system in my country Tanzania, as well as in the world at large," says Deputy Registrar Teye.

As part of her coursework, Deputy Registrar Teye will participate in events related to her area of concentration as well as events to highlight the role of women in transforming the judiciary. Golden Gate Law plans to host small events to engage and educate the GGU Law community and local legal communities. Golden Gate Law and IAWJ will also provide ample networking and professional opportunities for Deputy Registrar Teye with the San Francisco legal community, state and federal courts, and with Judicial Arbitration and Mediation Services (JAMS).

The program was first sponsored by Golden Gate University School of Law in partnership with the International Association of Women Judges, with generous financial support from attorneys Elizabeth Cabraser, of Lief Cabraser Heimann & Bernstein, LLP and Robert Kaufman, former president of the Association of the Bar of the City of New York and a partner at Proskauer Rose LLP.

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