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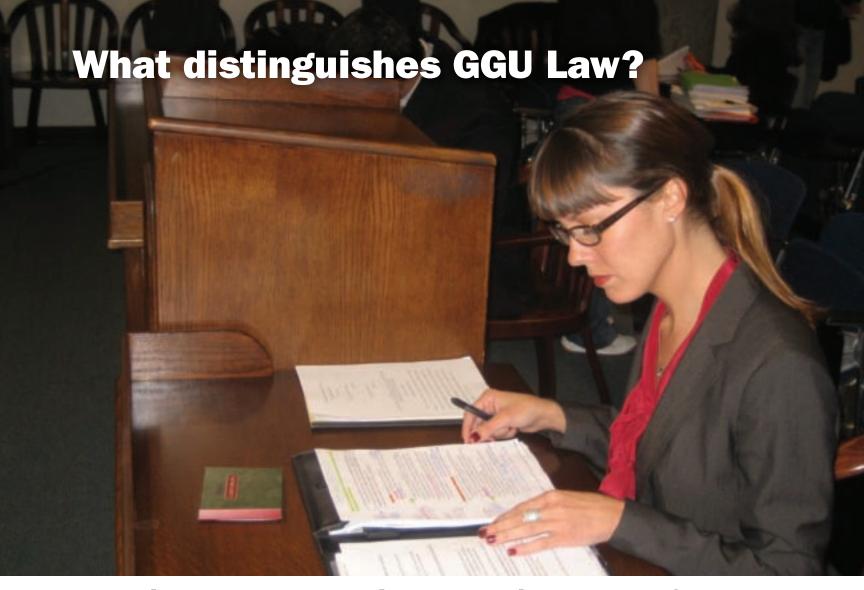
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Dear friends,

As I step down from my position as Dean of this wonderful law school to join the law faculty later this summer, I want to thank our nonpareil staff, faculty, students, and most of all, Dean's Advisory Board and all of our distinguished alumni, for according me the privilege of serving you these past three years. While I look forward to remaining as a tenured professor, the very special relationships between a law school dean and her varied constituencies will remain among my proudest and fondest professional memories.

Over the course of my three "decanal" years, we have seen remarkable growth in our academic programs in and beyond the traditional curriculum, including the highly successful first-year elective program; our novel Summer Trial and Evidence Program (1st STEP), a bootcamp for aspiring litigators in their pre-2L summer; the expansion of our already robust externship opportunities, crowned by our nationally unique Honors Lawyering Program and coupled with our new experiential learning requirement for all students; a sterling ABA review of

> our summer Paris program in international comparative law; and dozens of outstanding conferences and seminars. Among my personal favorites were John Payton's keynote at our Poverty Law Symposium; the dialogue between Justices Reynoso and Grodin at our annual Justice Jesse Carter Distinguished Lecture; the nationally acclaimed Bankruptcy Court/Justice Department Summit to formulate guidelines for the disposition of assets in cases like Madoff and other catastrophic implosions; the lecture by Ninth Circuit Chief Judge Kozinski at the IP Law Center's annual Lecture Series; our online IP Law Book Review; the launch of the Center for Urban Environmental Law (CUEL); and the seminal victories won by our Women's Employment Rights Clinic (in support of basic employment rights for domestic workers) and Environmental Law and Justice Clinic (including halting the construction of fossil fuel plants in California). Meanwhile, programs like our Chief Justice Ronald M. George Distinguished Lecture, the International Women Judges Graduate Fellowship, and our collaboration with the National Association of Women Judges continue to thrive.

Perhaps my fondest memory, however, is that of the emanations of inspiration and solidarity that emerged from this spring's first-ever Dean Judith McKelvey Women's Reunion, a two-day celebration of GGU Law's alumnae honoring the legacy of Judith McKelvey, GGU Law's first woman Dean and one of the first two women deans in the nation. Replete with rich reminiscences of Dean McKelvey and other women trailblazers of the legal profession and the judiciary, the weekend focused on professional networking and mentoring opportunities for newer generations of women in the law, and was highlighted by the stirring, albeit chilling, luncheon keynote address by Dr. Sarah Weddington, renowned litigator of Roe v. Wade, a landmark decision more relevant than ever as we face ever more ferocious attacks on a woman's right to choose even contraception.

In this issue, in addition to celebratory stories of reunions and commencements, you will read several stories related to our robust public interest programs—the Trina Grillo Retreat, featuring national social justice guru Eva Jefferson Paterson as keynote speaker, together with several other distinguished public interest law leaders; the Public Interest Law Foundation auction, which this year raised over \$20,000 to fund public interest opportunities for law students; and a profile of alumnus Laurence Kaldor (JD 95), distinguished pro bono and public interest law pioneer.

Lastly, I want to extend my gratitude and congratulations to Dean Emeritus and Professor Anthony Pagano, Professor Chris Pagano, and Professor Marc Stickgold, who retire this year. Our entire community thanks each of you for your years of service and commitment to our students and congratulate you on the adventures ahead. I also want to take this opportunity to introduce my good friend and distinguished colleague Associate Dean of Academic Affairs Rachel Van Cleave, who will take the helm as Interim Dean in late July.

A graduate of Stanford and UC Hastings, Rachel is a nationally prominent scholar and professor, specializing in the Italian criminal system. Her long-term academic and administrative leadership of the school bode exceptionally well for a highly successful year. In the Fall, she will lead our Fourth Annual Chief Justice Ronald M. George Distinguished Lecture, featuring the Honorable Vaughn Walker and a panel of leading federal and state LGBT jurists from across the country, including the nation's first-ever openly LGBT federal judge, Judge Deborah Batts, appointed to the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of New York by President Bill Clinton.

Under Rachel's leadership, I am confident that GGU Law will continue to set the standard for the highest quality, skills-infused legal education, with continuing leadership and innovative programs in environmental, intellectual property, public interest, litigation, and other areas for which we are so justly known.

It has been my great honor to serve as Dean of Golden Gate University School of Law.

With warm personal regards and best wishes,

Dureilla S. Ramey

14TH ANNUAL TRINA GRILLO
PUBLIC INTEREST AND SOCIAL JUSTICE RETREAT
March 24–25, 2012

EVA JEFFERSON PATERSON: CONNECT THE DOTS, BUILD THE COALITION

More than one hundred lawyers, judges, professors, students, and activists—some from across the country—braved a downpour to hear "icon and goddess" Eva Jefferson Paterson's keynote, and attend three plenary presentations and four panels, hosted this year by Golden Gate University School of Law.

Named in honor of the late Trina Grillo, a social justice advocate who taught at UC Hastings and USF law schools, this annual conference helps students prepare for public interest careers.

Co-sponsored by SALT (Society of American Law Teachers) and a 12-school consortium of Western law programs (including Stanford, UCLA, and the University of Denver), the retreat has evolved from its Santa Clara University law school roots, when professors Eric and Nancy Wright envisioned actually retreating from law school locales. Back then, Cruz Reynoso and others in the social justice community shivered in unheated Marin Headlands barracks en masse, trading comfort for the chance to bond on the beach. Today, regional law schools host the annual conference.

At the conference, this year's Ralph Santiago Abascal Memorial address (named in honor of the pioneering California Rural Legal Assistance (CRLA) lawyer) featured prominent civil rights attorney Eva Jefferson Paterson, who has led both the Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights and the California Civil Rights Commission. Now, she directs the Equal Justice Society, which works to restore constitutional safeguards against discrimination.

After a moment of silence to honor NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund leader John Payton, who had died two days before the conference, Paterson riveted her audience with confessions (surviving "terrifying" debt), political anecdotes (including Ed Lee, Dianne Feinstein, Kenneth Starr, and Bill Clinton), and warnings (regarding the Koch brothers—who head the second-largest privately owned company in the US—and Grover Norquist).

Paterson's three main points? We can advance economic and racial justice through public policy, law students can transform society, and we must adopt strategies beyond the law (such as communication and coalition work) to be successful. She underscored her message with notable cases, including *Dred Scott v. Sandford, Brown v. Board of Education, Loving v. Virginia, McCleskey v. Kemp, Charles James v. San Francisco Fire Department*, and *Citizens United v. Federal Election Commission*, as well as propositions, since it's important to "be the lawyer in a political meeting."

Income and Equality

Paterson cited Warren Buffet ("there is class warfare, and my class is winning") and Elizabeth Warren's explanations of how government favors the wealthy. She also touched upon campaign finance reform and the *Bush v. Gore* decision, which decided the 2004 presidential election, of course, and also resulted in the elevation of Justices Roberts and Alito to the Supreme Court.

Reminding her audience that law students have assisted in many famous legal precedents, Paterson said Thurgood Marshall had apparently played craps and been a "shaky" law student while at Howard, when Charles Hamilton Houston revitalized the law school in 1929—"as Dru has done here"—and took on *Plessy v. Ferguson*.

The Grand Coalition

As in Propositions 209 and 54 and *Perry v. Schwarzenegger* (later *Perry v. Brown*), crafting messages for different audiences united by common purpose is crucial. Groups with LGBT, environmental, choice, or race focus "all share a common vision of the world we're trying to create," and thus need to support each other's work and goals.

Watch highlights of Paterson's keynote address at youtube.com/user/goldengatelaw

If you tell somebody it's going to be okay, you have no idea what an enormous impact that's going to have on them. You can help people find peace of mind. You are going to give clients such a sense of empowerment and such a sense of respect by taking their cases seriously and advocating for them.

- Eva Jefferson Paterson

Fighting Poverty and Inequality: Social Justice Lawyering in a Time of Change

BARRIERS TO JUSTICE FOR THE NEW POOR

After Paterson's keynote address, GGU Law Professor Michele Benedetto Neitz clarified emerging nomenclature: "The 'new poor,' a term longstanding in the lexicon, is now being used differently from its historical antecedents—to describe the formerly middle class in the US, who, because of the recession, have lost their homes and jobs, and now confront a new reality." Neitz added, "at the end of 2011, 46.2 million people were living below the poverty line—the highest rate of poverty in the US in the 52 years the Census Bureau has been publishing these figures. The Brookings Institution estimated that, at the current rate, the recession will have added nearly ten million people to the ranks of the poor by the middle of the next decade—people not accustomed to life below the poverty line."

After panelists described their respective paths to public interest work, they discussed the challenges faced by "foreclosed upon suburbanites, laid off tech workers, and America's ever-growing army of the working poor"—in the words of Jose Padilla, longtime director of California Rural Legal Assistance—in obtaining legal services from an already overtaxed system. They then discussed how legal non-profits might respond to this group.

Padilla stressed the need for more public interest lawyers as well as pro bono help from corporate lawyers. Paul Cohen, Executive Director of Legal Aid of Marin, added older adults on fixed incomes and the mentally ill to "the new poor."

Professor Julie Nice of USF Law addressed how the legal system itself erects structural barriers to economic justice. "Poor people face Fourth Amendment issues every day (warrantless, suspicionless, routine searches) in which the de-constitutionalization of the problems of poverty leads to dual rules of law: one rule for the haves and one for the have-nots." And she compared the current state of poor people to the plight of gays and lesbians 30 years ago: a group lacking protection under the law, with few fundamental rights. Neitz noted it was critical to recognize and speak up about socioeconomic, gender, and racial bias on the bench, especially "if you get a judge who is part of the 1% who doesn't recognize the issues facing the 99%."



/// Left to right: Leeor Neta, Professor Michele Benedetto Neitz, Dean Drucilla Ramey, and Eva Jefferson Paterson.

We can advance economic and racial justice through public policy.

Eva Jefferson Paterson

How do we increase access to legal services for the poor? Cohen emphasized "selective community outreach, medicallegal partnerships, leveling the playing fields for tenants by controlling the calendar, limited-scope legal clinics, and robust pro bono programs," the latter of which can begin with advice and help, and lead later to direct financial support. Reiterating the need to build bridges between public interest and corporate organizations, Neitz urged law students to stay friends with those bound for corporate firms. And Padilla explained how legal aid can germinate into justice (and \$600 cases into multi-million dollar lawsuits) when community outreach—and sharing clients' languages—augments credibility.

Law students can ask professors to consider these two tracks of justice. "Many of us go into academia because we want to be challenged by our students," said Neitz. "Bring us issues from the front lines that we may not see in our case book. Some professors really want to hear what sort of law is critical for you to learn within the confines of doctrinal classes like torts and contracts."

A lively Q&A session grappled with the Occupy movement (discussed in several panels) and the ramifications of working



within and outside of the law. Public-interest-scholar-in-the-making Andrea Durio, who will be starting law school in Fall 2012, was "galvanized" by the panel. Participants attended one of two concurrent panels Saturday afternoon— "The Lawyer Crisis within the Housing Crisis" and "Domestic Worker Organizing and California's Domestic Worker Bill of Rights"—before networking with the whole community at a reception.

Sunday morning brought renewed discussions on these issues. Concurrent panels included "Gideon's Call in the Civil Courts," and "Disaster Relief in a Time of Disasters," featuring GGU Law Professor Rachel Van Cleave, among others.

A NEW MARKET FOR A NEW ECONOMY

In a Sunday afternoon panel, "A New Market for a New Economy," Leeor Neta, Assistant Director of Public Interest Programs at GGU Law, and retreat co-chair, shared practical ideas about the job hunt in this new economy, and strategies on the path to employment. One strategy used successfully by Neta and colleagues: volunteering with an office, then transitioning into a job by offering to fundraise your own salary. "When I started a non-profit, I had two kids at home, but my wife said 'go for it." Neta raised a few hundred thousand dollars in a few years to establish the East Palo Alto Youth Court.

As the Vice Chair in the National Association of Law Placement (NALP) Public Service Section, Neta led a work group that issued a national survey on hiring trends. He shared the group's findings with those eager to learn how to position themselves. The group determined that volunteerism, perseverance, exuberance, commitment, and a strong work ethic were key. "With enough perseverance and persistence, your struggle will become a funny little anecdote you tell later in your career," said Neta.

A complementary plenary, "Funding Social Justice in the New Economy," completed the weekend. Funding social justice work requires an understanding of where to find money and how to get it. SALT Executive Director Hazel Weiser, along with panelists Cynthia Chandler and Naneen Karraker, focused on where to find foundation grants, government monies, fellowships, and donor support—and offered some innovative ways to pursue such opportunities. ///

LAW, LEADERSHIP, AND KENYA

BY MAGISTRATE NJERI THUKU, INTERNATIONAL WOMAN JUDGE GRADUATE FELLOW



There is a Chinese saying "A journey of a thousand miles begins with one step." This sums up my time in the United States and studying for the Masters in International Legal Studies at Golden Gate University. Being here is one step in my journey towards being a judge and serving my country—Kenya.

In Outliers, Malcolm Gladwell explains the phenomenon of people who we see as meteoric successes. He asserts that if you look at the lives of these people you will see that their success more realistically is attributed to many fortunate relationships at a specific time. This applies to me, too. My time at Golden Gate University would not have happened if Dean Ramey had not initiated the fellowship in partnership with the International Association of Women Judges' Executive Director Joan Winship. I would not have come without being released and granted leave to study by the Chief Justice of Kenya, Dr. Willy Mutunga. I also had very good support from the current chair person of the Kenya Women Judges Association, Judge Roselyn Nambuye.

At GGU, I have enjoyed my interaction with the students and faculty in classes. My skill set has increased tremendously, along with my knowledge of American law. I am now more adept at understanding and applying international instruments to the Kenyan context. This is an important skill because Kenya promulgated a new constitution on August 27, 2010. One of the provisions is that international law forms part of Kenyan law; this is a fairly new development and changes the legal landscape for both lawyers and judicial officers.

One of my top priorities upon returning home is to share what I have learned in as many forums as possible. My first inclination is to share my learning with the judicial officers in Kenya. But, as in any justice system around the world, judges and magistrates are just one component of justice systems, which include lawyers, the police, prosecutors, prison wardens, probation officers, social workers, and children's officers. Whenever I am given the opportunity, I plan to share my experiences with and disseminate information to any of these stakeholders.

One of the many wonderful aspects of being a student and magistrate is the connections made during the course of my study. It has been wonderful to learn both from the professors and students on various issues. In the course of my classroom interactions, seeds of friendship were planted that I hope blossom in the coming years. I have also enjoyed visiting courts and seeing firsthand how the justice system works in both criminal and civil settings, as well as from the perspective of mediation and arbitration. It was a thrilling and intellectually challenging opportunity to write papers that address specific difficulties in Kenya and to suggest recommendations or possible solutions.

I look forward to returning to Kenya and sitting on the bench. The litigants who come before me will most likely not know I have been away studying. Even if they knew, their primary concern in coming to court will be getting justice and I shall strive in each case I handle to apply as many skills as I can from my time at Golden Gate University. My aim is to make a positive difference for the litigants who come before me. ///



MOVING MOUNTAINS IN LAW

"Mountains can be moved if people understand how the legal system works and if they put in the time and hard work it takes to pursue a case," said Judge Morgan Christen (JD 86) to Golden Gate Law School's graduating class and their thousand guests gathered in San Francisco's spectacular Davies Symphony Hall. Judge Christen, appointed by President Barack Obama to the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit, reminded new graduates that one person can make a difference in any one of our three branches of government. She recounted the story of Clarence Gideon (Gideon v. Wainwright), charged in 1961 with theft of \$25.28 from a vending machine, whose request to the court that an attorney be appointed to defend him was refused. After unsuccessfully representing himself and lacking the know-how to subpoena witnesses supporting his defense, Gideon was convicted and sentenced to a five-year term in a Florida state prison. Undeterred, Gideon dug into the prison's legal resources and began filing habeas petitions pro se. The United States Supreme Court accepted his handwritten petition for certiorari, ultimately reversing his sentence and articulating a constitutional right guaranteeing free legal representation to all indigent criminal defendants charged with felonies.

Judge Christen noted the Supreme Court's designation of this right to free counsel as an "obvious truth" deriving from the Sixth and Fourteenth Amendments, but that it took nearly 200 years after the adoption of the Bill of Rights for the right to counsel in criminal cases to be recognized. If such monumental change could originate in Clarence Gideon's unschooled arguments penciled on prison stationery, Judge Christen reasoned, the possibilities for the latest crop of well-trained GGU law graduates to move mountains are limitless.

As a GGU law student, Judge Christen took the advice of Dean Emerita Judith McKelvey to accept a six-month externship in Alaska, prosecuting misdemeanor cases. After the externship, she returned to GGU to finish her law degree, then took a post-graduate clerkship in the Alaska Superior Court. What started as a year-long clerkship in Alaska became permanent when she joined what would become the national law firm K&L Gates LLP, where she became a partner and worked as a litigator until her appointment to the Alaska Superior Court in 2001. She was appointed to the Alaska Supreme Court in 2009 and confirmed to the Ninth Circuit in December 2011.

Judge Christen still looks back on her now decades-old Alaska "adventure" with some surprise, not having imagined that she would find herself on the bench, or still in Alaska. She advised the graduates to focus on working hard, fostering collegial relations with co-workers, taking time to feel gratitude for living in a country that values the rule of law, and being flexible about pre-conceived ideas of what their lives and careers should look like.

Judge Christen's last point mirrored a theme of the graduation festivities: the unexpected and unplanned steps new lawyers take on the road to career and personal success. Dean Ramey encouraged graduates to heed columnist Anna Quindlen's advice to "major in unafraid," and to remember that "fortune favors the bold."

Student-selected speakers Cayetana Diaz, who earned her LLM in US Legal Studies, and Rajiv (RJ) Pal, graduating with a JD, expressed nostalgia for the Golden Gate community. Diaz spoke wistfully of the law library's role as a gathering spot, and Pal said of his "bright and driven" classmates that there was "no one else he would have rather gone through hell with." Prominent alumna Nancy O'Malley (JD 83), who serves as District Attorney for California's Alameda County, was presented with an honorary Doctor of Laws degree for her significant support of Golden Gate Law.

Notable new entrants to the GGU alumni community are 2012 graduates Sarah Einhorn, who received the J. Lani Bader Award for Academic Excellence; Milo Manopoulos Beitman, recipient of the Paul S. Jordan Award for Service and Contribution; and Crystal Cole Matson, who was the recipient of both the Jordan Award and Rose Elizabeth Bird Award for Professionalism and Integrity.

Professors received distinguished honors as well. Peter Keane was presented with the John A. Gorfinkel Award for Outstanding Professor. Associate Dean Eric Christiansen presented Associate Professor Benedetta Faedi Duramy, a multilingual native of Italy, with the Jesse W. Carter Award for Faculty Scholarship. Her prolific and substantive scholarship encompasses war crimes tribunals, rape laws, and gender issues in armed conflict.

At last, the proud graduates were given the opportunity to receive their degrees and stand on what student speaker RJ Pal called "the other side of law school," where they will no doubt have great adventures and move mountains. ///

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/// Rajiv J. Pal (JD 12)



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/// Class of 2012



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Publications

Deborah Behles

Associate Professor

Clinical Staff Attorney, Environmental Law and Justice Clinic

"An Integrated Green Urban Electrical Grid" William & Mary Environmental Law and Policy Review—(2012)

Roger Bernhardt

Professor

"Lawyers in Real Estate Transactions" (co-author Robert Kehr) Property & Probate Magazine, March/April, 2012

Leslie Burton

Director of LLM US Legal Studies

Book review of *Great Legal Traditions: Civil Law*, Common Law, and Chinese Law in Historical and Operational Perspective, by John W. Head (Carolina Academic Press 2011).

60 Kansas Law Review, May, 2012

Chris Okeke

Professor

Director of SJD & LLM in International Legal Studies "Re-Assessing the Contributions of the Soviet Union in the Training of Third World Lawyers during the Second Half of the Twentieth Century: A Critical Examination of Socialist Legal Education" *International Law Journal*, March, 2012

Wes Porter

Associate Professor

Director, The Litigation Center

White Collar Crime: RICO , published by Thomsen Reuters. Available at http://store.westlaw.com/white-collar-crimerico-2011-2012/181000/40778127/productdetail

Stephen A. Rosenbaum

Adjunct Professor

"Clinique ToGo: Changing Legal Practice in One African Nation in Six Days" *International Journal of Clinical Legal Education*, 2012

Marci Seville

Professor

Director, Women's Employment Rights Clinic (WERC)

Hina Shah

Associate Professor

Director, Elfenworks Center for Employment Justice at WERC

Seville and Shah co-authored "Domestic Worker Organizing: Building a Contemporary Movement for Dignity and Power" *Albany Law Review*—(2012)

Practice-Related Publications

Angela Dalfen

Associate Dean of Admissions

"So Your Paralegal Wants to Apply to Law School" was published in *The Recorder*.

William Gallagher

Professor

Co-Director, The Intellectual Property Center

Chester Chuang

Associate Professor

Gallagher and Chuang, co-editors of *The IP Law Book Review*, published Edition 2, Volume 2. Reviews are written by a distinguished panel of IP scholars and practitioners.

Available at gguiplc.com/the_ip_law_book_review

Dean Drucilla Ramey

"Post-Feminist Legal Profession? Not So Fast" was published in *The Recorder*.

Jon Sylvester

Professor

Associate Dean of Graduate Law Programs "The Parties Can Decide Who Decides, but Only If 'They' Make it Really, Really Clear!" was published in *The Recorder*.

Presentations and Appointments

Deborah Behles

Associate Professor

Clinical Staff Attorney, Environmental Law and Justice Clinic

Behles presented at the Public Interest Environmental Law Conference in Eugene, Oregon on the topic of California Energy Developments.

Karen Gebbia

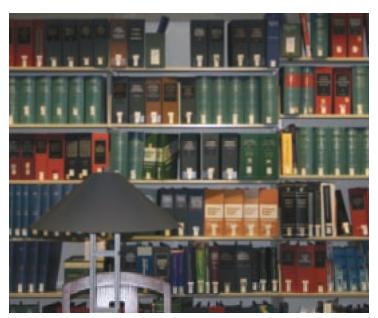
Professor

Gebbia moderated "Ponzi Schemes, Securities Fraud and Other Fraudulent Enterprises: From "A" (asset forfeiture and avoiding powers) to "B" (bankruptcy) to "C" (coordinating multiple court proceedings)," for the ABA's Business Bankruptcy Committee. http://apps.americanbar.org/dch/committee.cfm?com=CL160000

Leeor Neta

Assistant Director of Public Interest Programs Law Career Services

Neta was appointed to chair the National Association of Legal Professionals (NALP) Public Service Section for 2012-2013. Neta has also been appointed to the California State Bar's Standing Committee on Delivery of Legal Services for 2012-2015.



Wes Porter

Associate Professor

Director, Litigation Center

Porter now serves on the Executive Committee of BASF's Criminal Justice Section and, in February 2012, served as a moderator/ panelist for a BASF event entitled "White Collar Crime Year in Review." Porter also presented at the "White Collar Criminal Defense College" held at Stetson University College of Law in 2012, serving as the white collar crime federal prosecutor for several demonstrations at the conference.

Chris Okeke

Professor

Director of SJD & LLM in International Legal Studies

Okeke presented "Education As An Indispensable Panacea for the Development of Society: A Call to the Obinofia Elite for Positive Action" at a one-day Special Enlightenment Seminar on the theme "The Importance of Education in National Development" held at St. John's Central School, Obinofia Ndiuno, Enugu State, Nigeria.

Susan Rutberg

Professor

Director of Externship Programs

Rutberg presented and facilitated "Learning from Our Students," a workshop with BACE colleagues Nancy Stuart (Hastings) and Nira Geevargis (USF) at the Externships 6 Conference, 2012.

Neha Sampat

Associate Dean of Law Student Services Sampat presented at the Berkeley Law Disability Rights Symposium in March, 2012 on the topic of the discriminatory impact of bar

exam accommodation denials for applicants with ADHD.

Rachel Van Cleave

Professor

Associate Dean of Academic Affairs

Van Cleave presented "Luogo e Spazio, Place and Space: Gender Quotas and Democracy in Italy," at the Fifth Annual Feminist Legal Theory Conference, and at "Applied Feminism & Democracy" at the University of Baltimore School of Law in 2012. ///

Bita Daryabari (MS 96) Gives \$1 Million to Support Middle Eastern Students

Bita Daryabari's gift will advance the educational opportunities for Middle Eastern students pursuing degrees in business and law.

Golden Gate University is proud to announce a \$1 million gift from human rights advocate and philanthropist Bita Daryabari (MS 96) to create the Bita Daryabari Endowed Fund for Middle Eastern Students. The gift will support a fellowship for a lawyer at the School of Law as well as scholarships for students in the Ageno School of Business.

Daryabari is excited to establish the first ever endowed scholarship fund for Middle Eastern Students at GGU. "This is the beginning of something historic for GGU," she says. "It is, for me, a singular source of joy and pride to be involved in this endeavor with the university."

Dean Drucilla Ramey is delighted. "Bita helps us advance the role of women in the legal profession, especially women from the Middle East. We are very grateful for Bita's generosity."

Born in Iran, Daryabari immigrated to Missouri as a teenager in the 1980s. She attended California State University, East Bay, where she studied computer science. After graduating from GGU, Daryabari accepted a position at GammaLink Inc., a pioneer in the computer fax and networking industry. Her next career move landed her at MCI Communications.

GGU is just one of the many Bay Area communities benefiting from Daryabari's philanthropic efforts. She founded Pars Equality Center, an organization that offers legal and social services to protect the rights of Iranian-Americans. She also established the Unique Zen Foundation, whose mission is to educate and empower women in Middle Eastern communities. In 2008, UZF partnered with Relief International to build a women's center in Palestine. There, women learn necessary job skills to improve their lives and better their families. That



/// Bita Daryabari (MS 96)

same year, Daryabari made significant contributions to the world of academia. GGU named her Alumna of the Year in 2008, and Stanford University unveiled its Bita Daryabari Endowment in Persian Letters. Her donation enables Stanford to hire professors, offer courses and organize conferences around Persian literature, poetry, and art.

The Bita Daryabari Endowed Fund for Middle Eastern Students will award scholarships to students born in the Middle East with financial need in the Ageno School of Business and the School of Law. Every other year the endowment will fund a fellowship for a Middle Eastern lawyer with five to ten years experience practicing law. The fellowship will pay partial tuition and living expenses for a master of laws degree at Golden Gate. ///

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Women's Reunion

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On an exceptionally warm bright weekend, April 20-21, 2012, GGU Law women spanning generations gathered to honor Dean Emerita Judith McKelvey and to share their stories, lives and remarkable achievements in the legal profession. For the first ever Dean Judith McKelvey Women's Reunion, more than 40 distinguished women in law, most of them GGU Law alumnae, served as moderators, panelists, and mentors—bringing the history of women in the legal profession nationally and locally to life by sharing the wisdom of their rich and diverse paths in the profession with more than 140 guests.

Alumnae came from as far as Washington D.C., Maryland, Colorado, Florida, Texas, and Alaska to reconnect with classmates and forge new relationships. The weekend began with a cocktail reception at the Omni Hotel and a brief program. Dean Drucilla Ramey welcomed alumnae from near and far and thanked event co-chairs Hon. Lee Baxter (Ret.) (JD 74, LLD 08), Karen Kadushin (JD 77), and Marjorie Randolph (JD 77), presenting them with special gifts to honor their contributions. (Co-chair Ariel Ungerleider (JD/MBA 09) and Hon. Nancy O'Malley (JD 83) were unable to attend.) The Dean also warmly welcomed Justice Joan Dempsey Klein and Saturday keynote speaker Sarah Weddington of *Roe v. Wade* renown.

With Dean McKelvey unable to join the weekend's festivities, alumnae expressed their appreciation to her on camera at Friday's cocktail reception and in a guest book. Dean McKelvey will receive a DVD containing these tributes, as well as an interview of the Hon. Dorothy Nelson discussing Dean McKelvey's accomplishments during her tenure as only the second woman dean of an ABA accredited law school, along with a copy of the personal tribute given during the luncheon by Marjorie Randolph, and a copy of the Saturday morning plenary panel "Women Giants in the Law." This panel, moderated by event co-chair Hon. Nancy O'Malley, featured Justice Joan Dempsey Klein, the Hon. Abby Abinanti, Hon. Judith Ford, Hon. Louise Renne, and Joanne Garvey, considered the founding mothers of women



in the legal profession in California. This often poignant panel discussed the adversity and overt discrimination the women faced. Abinanti thus encouraged everyone in the audience to remember their manners and treat everyone with respect. She then generated a roar of appreciation from the audience by admitting her biggest regret is never having learned to say no to Dean Drucilla Ramey.

Following the plenary panel, attendees had a choice among four concurrent panels, with many struggling to choose. The substantive panels ranged from a discussion of whether women attorneys today have, or need, a collective identity to continue advancing in the legal profession, to encouraging attendees to consider a path to the judiciary, a career in politics, or a nontraditional use of their degree. The thought-provoking (continued on Page 20)



/// Dr. Sarah Weddington

A CELEBRATION OF GGU LAW'S WOMEN

HONORARY JUDGES COMMITTEE

Chair: Hon. Lee D. Baxter (JD 74, LLD 08)

COMMITTEE OF 100 CO-CHAIRS

Co-Chairs: Karen Kadushin (JD 77) Hon. Nancy O'Malley (JD 83) Marjorie Randolph (JD 77) Ariel Ungerleider (JD/MBA 09)

PROGRAM

Women Giants in the Law

Moderator: Hon. Nancy O'Malley (JD 83) District Attorney of Alameda County

Hon. Abby Abinanti, Chief Judge, Yurok Tribe
Commissioner (Ret.), San Francisco Superior Court

Hon. Joan Dempsey Klein, Senior Presiding Justice, California Court of Appeal

Hon. Judy Ford (Ret.), Alameda County Superior Court

Joanne Garvey, Partner, Sheppard Mullin Richter & Hampton LLP

Hon. Louise Renne, Partner, Renne Sloan Holtzman Sakai LLP Former San Francisco City Attorney

You Ought To Be a Judge

Moderators: Hon. Lee Baxter (JD 74, LLD 08) (Ret.) San Francisco Superior Court and Magistrate Sandra Snyder (JD 76) U.S. District Court, Eastern District of California

Hon. Diana Becton (JD 85) Presiding Judge, Contra Costa County Superior Court

Hon. Loretta M. Giorgi (JD 85) San Francisco Superior Court

Hon. Tamara Hall (JD 97) Los Angeles Superior Court

Traditional Degree, Untraditional Career

Moderator: Karen Kadushin (JD 77) Dean Emerita Monterey College of Law Nikki Dinh (JD 10) Asian Pacific Islander Legal Outreach

Simona Farrise (JD 93) The Farrise Law Firm

Karen Hawkins (JD 79, MBA 81) Director, Office of Professional Responsibility,

U.S. Department of the Treasury, Internal Revenue Service

Jan Nussbaum (JD 85) Golden Gate University School of Law

Ariel Ungerleider (JD/MBA 09) America's Cup Event Authority

Catherine Yanni (JD 81) JAMS Dispute Resolution

Feminism is Dead, Long Live Feminism

Moderator: Dean Drucilla Ramey

Hon. Lela Harris (LLM 98) City of San Francisco

Hon. Elizabeth Hendrickson (JD 79) Commissioner, Alameda County Superior Court

Hon. Mary Ann O'Malley (JD 85) Contra Costa County Superior Court

Cindy Ossias (JD 83) California Department of Insurance

Laura Stevens (JD 84) Law Offices of Laura Stevens



Making the List: Appointments and Elective Office

Moderator: Julie Soo (JD 96) Senior Staff Counsel, California Department of Insurance San Francisco Commission on the Status of Women

Kirsten Keith (JD 93) Mayor, Menlo Park

Candidate, San Mateo County Board of Supervisors

Carol Kingsley (JD/MBA 81) Kingsley Mediation Services San Francisco Police Commission

Rebecca Prozan (JD 03) San Francisco District Attorney's Office Former Legislative Aide to Supervisor Bevan Dufty

Dean Judith McKelvey Tribute:

Marjorie Randolph (JD 77)

Keynote Address: Dr. Sarah Weddington

Mentor Meetup

Table 1: Private Practice Leaders: Kathryn Ringgold (JD 70) and Cecily Dumas (JD 83)

Table 2: Public Interest Leader: Barbara Bryant (JD 80)

Table 3: Government Leader: Katherine McDonald (LLM 01)

Table 4: Firm Leader: Stacey Snowman

Table 5: Untraditional Leader: Marie Galanti (JD 03)

Table 6: Corporate Leader: Ghada Saliba-Malouf (JD 92)

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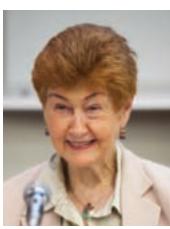
/// Marge Randolph (JD 77), Dean Ramey



/// Dean Ramey, Hon. Lee Baxter (JD 74, LLD 08)



/// Karen Kadushin (JD 77), Dean Ramey



/// Joanne Garvey



/// Kathryn Ringgold (JD 70), Diana Halbron



/// Hon. Diana Becton (JD 85), Hon. Sandra Snyder (JD 76), Hon. Loretta Giorgi (JD 85), Hon. Tamara Hall (JD 97)



/// Hon. Louise Renne



/// Hon. Judy Ford



/// Hon. Nancy O'Malley (JD 83)

A CELEBRATION OF GGU LAW'S WOMEN







/// Marge Randolph (JD 77)

/// Linh Tu, Amy Tu

/// Hon. Joan Dempsey Klein, Dean Ramey



/// Hon. Sandra Snyder (JD 76), Marian Snyder



/// Hon. Lela Harris (LLM 98), Cindy Ossias (JD 83); Dean Ramey, Hon. Elizabeth Hendrickson (JD 79), Hon. Mary Ann O'Malley (JD 85), Laura Stevens (JD 74)



/// Karen Hawkins (JD 79, MBA 81), Jan Nussbaum (JD 85), Ariel Ungerleider (JD/MBA 09), Karen Kadushin (JD 77), Simona Farrise (JD 93), Nikki Dinh (JD 10), Catherine Yanni (JD 81)



/// Hon. Abby Abinanti



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workshops were clearly inspirational and aspirational for many alumnae, especially the more recent graduates.

The highlight of the weekend program was the luncheon at the City Club featuring keynote speaker Dr. Weddington. Her speech touched on a range of topics from the current state of women's reproductive rights and remembrances of strong, smart outspoken women we have lost, to wry anecdotes of her time as a woman attorney in Texas and then in President Jimmy Carter's White House. Her address encompassed the overall tone of the reunion, from celebrating the hard-fought victories for women over the years to acknowledging the need to remain vigilant against attempts to undermine these advances.

The success of the inaugural Dean Judith McKelvey Women's Reunion is a fitting tribute to our current Dean, Drucilla Stender Ramey, GGU Law's second woman dean. The event, coupled with the newly-created Dean Judith McKelvey Women's Scholarship and the Dean Judith McKelvey Fund for Women, has been her labor of love and will cement her legacy as a visionary leader of the law school. The funds will also allow the law school to continue Dean Emerita McKelvey's advocacy for the advancement of women in the legal profession. Fittingly, at the plenary panel, Baxter presented a very surprised Ramey with a token of appreciation that reflects both her leadership and personal style: a crystal high heel slipper engraved with the words, "Absolutely Fabulous." ///

Thank You!

Dean Judith McKelvey Women's Scholarship Dean Judith McKelvey Fund for Women

Platinum (\$50,000) Robert F. Shaw, M.D. Marjorie Randolph, 77

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To contribute to either the Dean Judith McKelvey Women's Scholarship or the Dean Judith McKelvey Fund for Women, please contact Virgina Gray at 415.442.7829 or vgray@ggu.edu.

Thanks to all of our alumni for reminding us, once again, what makes GGU Law so special. ///

















Dean Drucilla Ramey

With heavy hearts, we acknowledge that you will complete your time as the dean of the law school in July of this year. Your visionary leadership, your generous spirit, and your inimitable fashion sense will be greatly missed. As you step down as dean, we wish to express our profound gratitude for the many tangible and intangible improvements you have made to GGU Law.

Under your guidance, and with your endless support, the law school has been transformed in recent years. We have been inspired by your vision of a law school that is focused and diverse, intellectual and practical, rigorous and caring. And we have been motivated by your boundless energy and limitless ideas on behalf of GGU Law.

Because of your hard work and encouragement, we have a greater ability than ever to offer our students an outstanding legal education. During your tenure as dean, the law school has expanded its full-time faculty, increased its experiential learning opportunities, implemented curricular and program assessment, added cutting-edge changes to the first-year curriculum, and increased support for pro bono activities. Your support of faculty scholarship has resulted in a 300% increase in scholarly productivity. Under your leadership, the faculty-authored book *The Lone Dissenter* was completed. You also brought national recognition to the school by hosting the SALT Poverty Law Conference. This conference resulted in the publication of another book, *Vulnerable Populations and Transformative Law Teaching*, which included editing and articles by GGU Law faculty members. The many GGU Law conferences held during your tenure, such as the ABA White Collar Crime and Business Bankruptcy Conference, have brought prominent experts including federal judges, academics, and practitioners to GGU Law, enhancing our national reputation as a center for academic excellence.

You have played a particularly important role for our women students and alumnae with your impressive history of championing diversity and women's rights. With appreciation for your contributions to the legal community, *The Recorder* recently recognized you as one of 20 Women Leaders in the Law. Your fundraising expertise was particularly important to the Women's Employment Rights Clinic. GGU Law's proud women faculty, staff, alumnae, and students appreciate the creative energy and organizational skills you have put into our first-ever Women's Reunion this spring.

Your most lasting legacy may be the creation of a number of important academic centers to supplement our practice-oriented programs, including our world-class clinics and Honors Lawyering Program. Your singular vision and fundraising have brought us the Center on Urban Environmental Law, the International Women Judges Graduate Fellowship, the Intellectual Property Law Center, the Litigation Center, and the Summer Trial and Evidence Program. Your inauguration of the well-respected Ronald M. George Distinguished Lecture Series was just one of the innumerable public events that enriched the life of GGU students by bringing nationally prominent attorneys, funding, and visibility to the law school.

You demonstrated principled leadership by advocating within the ABA for guidelines that protect tenure. Your unrivaled reputation in the local legal community and among nationally prominent members of the bench and bar has reflected well on the law school and will be the enduring hallmark of your deanship at GGU Law.

But you have brought more than just substantial resources and caring guidance to your faculty. You have inspired each of us to think creatively and abundantly about improving the quality of the education we provide to our students. You have imbued hope and inspired excellence through your example. We are heartened that future generations of law students will know you as a teacher and benefit from the strong institution that is your legacy as dean.

The law school will forever be marked by your caring and inspired stewardship. Thank you for all you have done to advance GGU Law.

Your colleagues and friends, The GGU Law Faculty



/// Jessica Stender, Jeffrey Toobin, Dean Ramey

/// Dean Ramey, Lauren Speeth

/// Dean Ramey, Justice Joseph Grodin, Jim Brosnahan, Justice Cruz Reynoso

PERSONAL TRIBUTES

"She took us to new heights by sharing her passion for social justice."

- Professor Marci Seville

Professor Robert Calhoun

When I sort through the many things I admire most about Drucilla Ramey, I guess what stands out above all the rest is the remarkable courage of her convictions that she exhibits together with her steadfastness in acting upon those convictions.

My experience with this aspect of Dru's character dates back to the time when we were students together at law school. Back then, there was an eating club in New Haven (Mory's) that catered only to male members of the Yale community. Dru led a group of women who tried to reason with the management about changing their policy and, when they remained intransigent, led that same group on a sit-in at the place until they agreed to change their rules. Of course, they did. They were among the first to learn you don't mess with Dru when she is on the side of right.

Looking back, this was only the beginning of her long career of championing diversity and women's rights, a career that led the San Francisco Chronicle to describe her as "one of San Francisco's most tireless advocates at promoting diversity at law firms."

As Dean, she became an inspiration to our women law students and alumnae but really her élan and dauntless spirit was an inspiration to all of us in the GGU Law community. As Dean she continued her principled leadership by advocating within the ABA against guidelines that would undermine tenure protections for faculty and deans and, of course, she did the same within the GGU community by leading the way with bold curricular and programmatic change and battling to establish a sound financial footing for GGU Law to be able to realize these goals.

Someone once said, "Some heroes' capes are invisible." Dru's is not invisible; it's just another one of her fashion statements. She's our hero and we will miss her. ///

Associate Professor Wes Porter Director of the Litigation Center

Dru brought energy and enthusiasm to all law school events over the past three years through her involvement and presence. If the law school, the faculty, or any collection of our law students were involved, then Dru made an appearance. Our students truly felt their dean was not only aware of, but engaged in, the events that students (and new faculty) made part of their law school experience.

Whether it was a too-late Friday night litigation event, a faculty scholarship event, a recent graduate's family cookout, or even a 3-on-3 basketball tournament on a Sunday afternoon, Dru showed up. Her presence—often marked by a shiny, colorful suit, high heels, and (of course) matching hat—was a consistent expression of support throughout her deanship. These events took on importance because the dean made them priorities among her many responsibilities.

At events, sometimes she spoke, sometimes she deferred, sometimes she stayed throughout, and sometimes she exited gracefully, likely off to her next appearance. Dru let us all know she cared and was interested in whatever we made part of our law school experience at GGU. Dru was interested in whatever was important to us—and we took note every time.

Unlike students and new faculty at other schools, at GGU Law during the last three years, we knew our dean, worked closely with her, and enjoyed her lively stories and sage advice. We could count on her unwavering support and encouragement, and, because she made making an appearance her priority, the students from her tenure as dean will always remember Dru. ///



/// Judge Thelton Henderson, Dean Ramey, John Payton

/// Former Chief Justice Ronald M. George, Dean Ramey

/// Justice Dana Fabe, Justice Morgan Christen, Justice Joan Dempsey Klein, Chief Justice Christine Durham, Justice Janice Holder, Chief Justice Barbara Madsen, Leah Ward Sears

Professor Marci Seville, Director of the Women's Employment Rights Clinic

When GGU announced that Dru was becoming our Dean, the most common question I got around town was "Will you all be wearing hats now?" We couldn't quite keep up with Dru's sense of style, but she took us to new heights by sharing her passion for social justice and her profound belief in the work we do in the Women's Employment Rights Clinic (WERC) and the Environmental Law and Justice Clinic (ELJC).

As practitioners in WERC and ELJC, we are strongly connected with many legal and community-based organizations in the Bay Area. Our programs are sustained financially not only by the law school, but also by alumni donations, foundations, and cy pres contributions. Visibility and outreach are thus important for us. And did we ever get visibility and outreach with Dru. She never failed to champion our work—and the community partnerships forged through our Externship Clinics—during her frequent presentations at high profile events in the legal community. When asked to approach alumni or other donors to help the Clinics, her response was always an immediate "Sure. What to do you need and when?" We had her unwavering support.

Dru's final message to the students captures better than I can how the Clinic faculty and staff feel about her: "Your nonpareil talents, smarts, moxie, generosity of spirit and sheer sí se puede determination infuse everything you do."

Hats off to you Dru! ///

Professor Kimberly Stanley, Associate Dean & Director, LLM Tax

When I was part of the search committee looking for a new dean of the law school in 2008, a sentiment I heard expressed by several of the references I spoke with about Dru Ramey was that she is an "inspiring leader." I must admit that I was a little bewildered about that statement, because I don't think I had ever really worked for a boss who was "inspiring" before. I now know what they meant and agree completely. Dru was inspiring for several reasons. First, she is collaborative in every sense of the word. There were dozens of occasions when I and others were drawn into the process of making an important decision that made me feel as though my ideas

were valued and useful. Dru's ability to listen and draw good ideas from a wide circle of talent brings out the best in people. It made us feel that we were all involved in making the law school a better place. Second, Dru always gave credit to others when the law school succeeded, even when it was largely due to her personal efforts. To be sure, we have a wonderful staff of administrators and faculty, but Dru brought a new vision and sense of the possible at GGU Law, for which she alone should be credited. She never stood in our way and always gave us the encouragement and means to try new things. Finally, Dru is a truly courageous leader. Because of Dru's foresight, the GGU Law Faculty was the first in the nation to officially oppose ABA proposals that would weaken faculty tenure rights, and now we have been joined in that effort by over 50 other law schools. Dru was a strong and singular advocate on behalf of the law school. There have been many occasions when I found myself saying a silent "You go, girl!" as Dru laid out forceful and persuasive arguments on our behalf. Her courage to say hard things in difficult situations, always with aplomb and wit, was, in a word, inspiring. ///

Professor Jon Sylvester, Associate Dean of Graduate Law Programs

Dru's support of our LLM and SJD programs was unflagging. These programs are special for several reasons, not least of which is the fact that they bring us nearly all of our international students, and they are the basis for most of the Law School's international connections. Dru clearly understood the "bottom line" of these international connections, but she also understood their invaluable aspects. A good citizen of the world, she single-handedly raised the money to start the International Women Judges Graduate Fellowship Program, which brings women jurists from developing countries to pursue advanced law degrees at Golden Gate thus promoting women's interests, the rule of law, and development itself.

The same forward thinking, justice-focused way of looking at the world is at the bottom of the other issue on which Dru has impressed me most. She was a champion of "diversity" long before that term was coined to avoid unpleasant references to racial injustice. Dru is a bona fide champion of racial justice and, unlike many who would make the same claim, she actually sees racial injustice in its many and often subtle forms. Hers will be very big shoes to fill—although only figuratively, of course. ///

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On March 30, at the Minna Gallery in San Francisco, GGU Law held the 2012 GGU Law Public Interest Law Foundation (PILF) Auction, welcoming more than 300 guests, including students, alumni, staff, professors and community supporters. Event highlights included a silent auction with more than 100 items up for bid and an exciting live auction featuring auctioneer Ed Brown, who whipped the crowd into a friendly frenzy as they bid on vacation homes, Bar Prep classes, and a dinner with GGU Law Dean Drucilla Stender Ramey, prepared and hosted at her home.

At the fundraiser, PILF inaugurated the Drucilla Stender Ramey Public Interest Achievement Award, and presented this year's award to its namesake, Dean Ramey, for her numerous contributions to public interest programs at GGU Law. Dean Ramey's visionary leadership has resulted in greater national recognition for GGU Law and its public interest efforts.

The proceeds of GGU Law's annual PILF Auction go to scholarships for GGU Law students pursuing public interest and public sector careers. Scholarships enable recipients to benefit from unpaid internships in areas of law like international LGBT rights, legal services for those in prison, environmental justice, and non-profit arbitration and mediation.

The annual Auction is entirely student managed and staffed. Student volunteers contribute hundreds of hours each semester to the planning, execution and evaluation of the Auction.

Finally, the event itself received generous in-kind donations from several sources. Gabriele Muselli donated delicious and diverse hors d'oeuvres and sweets. Guests also enjoyed lively DJ services thanks to GGU 3L Steve Benker-Ritchey, along with a chance to win an iPad 3 via one of several raffles. Other in-kind support came from Absolute Graphics and photographer Julie Mikos. Thanks to everyone who made this GGU Law tradition so successful.

Planning for the 2013 GGU PILF Auction is already underway. Event organizers invite alumni to donate auction items, sponsor a scholarship, and attend the event. To keep abreast of 2013 PILF Auction planning efforts, find us on Facebook by searching "GGU PILF" or email us at ggu.pilf@gmail.com. ///

by Kristi Schulenberg, GGU Law Student, PILF

Kristi Schulenberg is student at Golden Gate University (GGU) and a Public Interest Scholar and Co-Chair of the GGU Public Interest Law Foundation. She intends to pursue a legal career in public interest, specifically criminal defense and/or immigration law with a focus on the unique issues of LGBT individuals. Through GGU's Honors Lawyering Program, Kristi served as a full-time intern with Justice Now, a non-profit organization that provides legal services to people in California's women's prisons. She worked primarily with prisoners who were masculine identified and/or transgender, providing legal resources and medical services advocacy. Kristi is currently interning with the San Francisco Immigration Court.

Public Interest Law Foundation Raises More Than \$20,000 For Public Interest Scholarships















The GGU School of Law Public Interest Law Foundation (PILF) is a non-profit, student-run organization that assists law students pursuing careers in public interest law. Students are thus able to pursue non-paid internships in the public and non-profit sectors. PILF accomplishes its work by raising funds through its signature event, the PILF Auction held each spring. This year's Auction was particularly successful, raising more than \$20,000 for GGU Law student scholarships. To support PILF, email ggu.pilf@gmail.com.

LAURENCE KALDOR (JD 95) A GOOD, HONEST, PASSIONATE ATTORNEY



Laurence Kaldor's story is one of overcoming adversity while dedicating his life to public service. At age 16, Kaldor miraculously survived an airplane crash. He lost his left leg, his right eye and his

father. Stamina and determination helped him endure more than one hundred surgeries and years of rehabilitation. He has since lived his life with a commitment to helping others. Kaldor has almost exclusively used his legal career for pro bono service and community work.

Kaldor's passion for justice inspired him to study law at Golden Gate University in San Francisco where he earned his J.D. in 1995. He is a member of both the California and New York State Bars. While at GGU, Kaldor received invaluable advice from Professor Bob Calhoun, one of his most respected law professors. Calhoun advised him to get into court, while still in school, and garner as much practical experience as possible in preparation for the real world. During his last year of law school, Kaldor participated in a Student District Attorney training program in Juvenile Court. Calhoun further advised, "Stick with it. There is and there always will be room for one more good, honest, and passionate attorney." Under the mentorship of the Assistant District Attorney, Kaldor had the opportunity to prosecute dozens of cases. Graduating from GGU, he was prepared and ready for any courtroom.

"There is and there always will be room for one more good, honest, and passionate attorney."

- Advice from Professor Bob Calhoun

Kaldor's community service has been a life-long commitment. Kaldor has worked as a pro bono attorney, litigator, and counselor, helping hundreds of indigent clients throughout the community. He concentrates on domestic violence cases and dispute resolution. In 2002 he began his volunteer service for the Harriet Buhai Center for Family Law. Harriet Buhai gave Kaldor the opportunity to help victims of domestic violence and work with people experiencing financial hardships and/or physical handicaps, all of whom he felt deserved fair and unbiased representation.

Throughout his substantial pro bono and judge pro tem work for the Los Angeles County Superior Court, Kaldor brings a sense of fairness to the community. Judicial clerks have commented on his unique combination of efficiency and compassion. Since 2009, he has served more than 500 hours as a judge pro tem in both Family Court and Traffic Court. Kaldor has been awarded the distinguished Plaque of Appreciation from the Judges of the California Superior Court in 2009, 2010, and 2011, for serving more than 40 days per year as a volunteer judge. In October 2011, Kaldor completed the Los Angeles County Bar Association's Trial Advocacy Training Program. In January 2012, he began prosecuting jury trials as a Volunteer Deputy City Attorney.

He has also counseled hundreds of rehabilitated and reformed individuals from the Los Angeles Mission and Skid Row. In 2010, the State Bar of California awarded him the Wiley W. Manuel award for pro bono legal services performed.

Kaldor's service to the community is not limited to his legal philanthropy. He is also a member of the Rotary Club of Woodland Hills, Democratic Action Alliance, Jewish Labor Committee, Los Angeles County Democratic Party, Stumps R Us, Mutual Amputee Aid Foundation, National Women's Political Caucus, Valley Grassroots for Democracy Club, Kennedy Democratic Club, Santa Clarita Democratic Club, Southern California Armenian Democrats, Stonewall Democratic Club, Valley Democrats United, Yes We Can Democratic Club, San Fernando Valley Republican Club, and Democratic Advocates for Disability Issues.

Today, Kaldor is running for judicial office in the 2012 elections for the Superior Court in the County of Los Angeles. As a testament to his civic contributions, he is the only judicial candidate in L.A. County in the 2012 elections to

have the full support and endorsement of the Los Angeles County Federation of Labor, AFL-CIO (also known as "the COPE" endorsement). This labor body is the second largest in the country, representing hundreds of thousands of workers in more than 300 unions. Kaldor is looking forward to this next chapter of service within the California Judiciary. ///



/// Laurence and his family

Frederick W. Bradley (JD 65) is a realtor with Coldwell Banker in Roseville, Rocklin and Lincoln, CA.

John F. Barg (JD 74) was named a Northern California Super Lawyer.

Duane Ruth-Heffelbower (JD 74) is co-chair of the Association for Conflict Resolution Family Section.

Denise K. Mills (JD 77) was named *Best Lawyers*' 2012 Denver Family Law Lawyer of the Year.

Jan M. Lecklikner (JD 78) received the Defender of the Year award for 2011 from the California Public Defenders Association.

Carol A. Bergman (JD 79) is director of government relations and public affairs at The Legal Services Corp. in Washington, DC.

Judith H. Cohen (JD 79) was appointed to preside over the Department of Child Support Services cases by the Marin County Superior Court.

Carl T. Ferrentino (JD 79) is deputy council at NYS Environmental Facility Corp. in Albany, NY.

Patricia A. Mau-Shimizu (JD 79) was named executive director of the Hawaii Bar Association in Honolulu, Hawaii.

Michael C. Osborne (JD 80) is a partner at Archer Norris in Walnut Creek.

Virginia Palmer (JD 80) is a partner at Wendel, Rosen, Black & Dean LLP in Oakland.

James W. Vitalone (JD 81) is senior vice president at Oberon Securities LLC in New York, NY.

Catherine A. Yanni (JD 81) was elected president of the Academy of Court-Appointed Masters in San Francisco.

Cordia L. Farrell (JD 82) is the co-founder, an advisory board member and instructor in the Professional Fiduciary Management Certificate Program established at UC Riverside in January 2011.

Nancy E. O'Malley (JD 83) was named to the California State Advisory Committee on Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Protection by Governor Jerry Brown. **Daniel Dell'Osso (JD 84)** was named the San Francisco *Best Lawyers* Personal Injury Litigation Lawyer of the Year for 2012.

Matthew P. Guasco (JD 84) has been appointed to the Ventura County Superior Court bench by Governor Jerry Brown.

Diana Becton (JD 85) was elected to the board of directors of the National Bar Association Judicial Council and is District 14 director of the National Association of Women Judges.

Morgan Christen (JD 86) was confirmed by the United States Senate in December 2011, for a seat on the US Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit.

Wesley D. Hurst (JD 87) joined the office of Polsinelli Shughart in Los Angeles.

Frank J. Romano (JD 87) wrote an article titled "My Confrontation with Mr. Fayyad, Prime Minister of the Palestinian Authority" for Salem-News.com.







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Nathan H. Bernstein (JD 92) is vice president and senior trial counsel with Fidelity National Financial in Los Angeles.

Raymond F. Moats (JD 92) was elected education chair for the Ohio Creditors' Attorneys Association for the remaining 2011-2012 term.

Thomas J. Murray (JD 92) is a partner at Kern, Noda, Devine & Segal in San Francisco.

Scott T. Temby (JD 92) is a planning commissioner in Highland, UT.

Samuel B. Johnston (JD 93) is a new associate at Lozeau Drury LLP in Oakland.

Kirsten Keith (JD 93) was profiled in *The San Mateo Daily Journal*.

Darrin T. Mish (JD 93) was a featured expert on the TV show "The New American Dream."

John L. Baxter (JD 94) was featured in an article titled "Special Service Utah's Vets: Justice or Free Pass?" in *City Weekly*.

Joseph A. Hoffman (JD 94) was profiled in an article in the *Mountain Democrat* in May.

Alison L. Dixon (JD 95) was recognized by Cambridge Who's Who for demonstrating dedication, leadership and excellence in immigration law.

Esther C. Moore (JD 95) wrote an article titled "Berkeley Pitch Mixer: Another Step Forward" for women2.org.

Victoria J. Parks Tuttle (JD 95) is a deputy county counsel in Santa Barbara County.

Robert C. Platt (LLM 95) is an investment property specialist at CRE Consultants in Naples, FA.

Dierk A. Herbermann (JD 96) is the vice president and sales manager at the McGuire Real Estate offices in Tiburon and Mill Valley, CA.

Carolyn West (JD 96) is president of East Bay Trusts & Estates Lawyers in Oakland.

Daphne D. Edwards (JD 97) is assistant district attorney for Alamance County in Graham, NC.

Tamara Hall (JD 97) was profiled in *The Daily Journal* on Oct. 24, 2011.

Frances Heller (JD 98) is on the board of directors of Zafgen Inc. in Cambridge, MA.

David Bovino

David Bovino (JD 07) of The Law Offices of Bovino & Associates, located in Aspen, Colorado, won a \$22 million dollar verdict against the Palo Alto Foundation Medical Group on behalf of their client, Robyn Frankel. Frankel had suffered migraines and shortly after a series of non-invasive tests, a cerebral angiogram was ordered and performed at Stanford Hospitals & Clinics. In trial, it was determined that the test was unnecessarily risky, and that the risks far outweighed any potential benefit. The victory was especially significant because the case was dismissed with prejudice before Bovino & Associates reevaluated it, determined it to be meritorious, and subsequently managed to void and vacate the dismissal with prejudice, effectively resurrecting it and winning justice for their client. ///



/// David Bovino (JD 07)

Shahrad Milanfar (JD 98) is a mediator and partner at Becherer Kannett & Schweitzer in Emeryville.

Mauricio S. Beugelmans (JD 99) is a partner at Hand Baldachin & Amburgey LLP in New York, NY.

Robert A. Impallomeni (JD 99) is an estate investigator and deputy public guardian for the City & County of San Francisco.

Ralph W. Kasarda (JD 99) argued before the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals and prevailed in *CDAA v. Brown*.

Andrea K. Leisy (JD 99) is managing partner at Remy Moose and Manley in Sacramento.

Scott R. Smithline (JD 00) is assistant director for policy development at the Department of Resources, Recycling and Recovery in Sacramento.

Matthias Berger (LLM 02) spoke at an ABA Roundtable titled "15 Years of Community Trademark in the EU – Still Open for Business?" on March 28 in Arlington, VA.

Shane M. Cahill (JD 03) is a senior associate at Long & Liveit LLP in San Francisco.

Phillip A. Cameron (JD 03, LLM 04, SJD 07) is director of international law programs at the Shanghai Institute of International Trade in China.

Barry E. Janay (JD/MBA 03) and his wife Lauren welcomed daughter Sophie Claire Janay on July 7, 2011.

Kevin J. Perkins (LLM 03) is an associate at Carmel & Naccasha in San Luis Obispo, CA.

Spojmie A. Nasiri (JD 03) spoke on legal aspects of immigration at an immigration law workshop sponsored by the Contra Costa County Bar Association on March 14 in San Ramon.

Christopher P. Dobbins (MBA 04, JD 04) is on the Oakland School Board, District 6 and was appointed to the Joint Powers Authority for the Oakland Coliseum Commission.

Boting Ruan (LLM 04) is the regional general counsel for HTC Corp. based in Shanghai, China.

Antoniya Balkanska (LLM 06) is the vice president of The Standing Against Global Exploitation Project in San Francisco.

THANK YOU

Dean Emeritus and Professor Anthony Pagano, Professor Chris Pagano, Professor Marc Stickgold

Your GGU Law colleagues thank you for your legacy of service and dedication to GGU Law's students and community.

Enjoy the adventures ahead!

Barbara M. Brenkus (JD 06) is assistant general counsel for MCM Construction Inc. in North Highlands, CA.

Paul Hogarth (JD 06) wrote an article titled "Why 'Narrow' Prop 8 Decision is Good for Marriage Equality" that was featured on beyondchron.org on February 8.

Sean Kenney (JD 06) has become chair of the Bay Area Young Tax Lawyers.

Kimberly L. Lutes-Koths (JD 06) is a deputy public defender in San Francisco.

Richard Nazareth (JD 06) co-founded and is a managing partner at Cuenant & Nazareth, P.A. in Fort Lauderdale, FA.

Dominic H. Porrino (JD 06) owns Hilliard & Porrino PC in Oakland.

Jan P. Seelinger (LLM 06) is an attorney at CMS Hasche Sigle in Germany.

Holly D. Bressett (JD 07) is deputy director, central region for the Sierra Club Beyond Coal Campaign in Madison, WI.

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Frank R. Fernandez (JD 07) is a partner at Macdonald Fernandez in San Francisco.

Hilary K. Hedemark (JD 07, LLM 10) is a broker with Coldwell Banker in San Mateo.

Carolyn M. Lee (JD 07, LLM 08) is an associate at Abkin Law LLP in San Francisco.

Matthew A. Wood (JD 07) was interviewed in *The Recorder* on April 25.

Sanaz Alasti (SJD 08) is an assistant professor in the Criminal Justice Program at Lamar University in Beaumont, TX.

Richard F. Hector (JD 08) is director of intellectual property at Amunix in Mountain View.

Philip D. Batchelder (JD 09) was featured in an article in *The Daily Journal* on Dec. 9, 2011.

Micol A. Benet (JD 09) owns Benet Law in San Francisco.

Federico Brocero (LLM 09) is the founder of Italian Real Estate Service in San Francisco.

Carla J. Carriveau (JD 09) is a securities compliance examiner at the US Securities and Exchange Commission in San Francisco.

Sun Joo Chung (LLM 09) owns the Law Offices of Sun J. Chung in Santa Clara County.

Natalie Delagnes (LLM 09) is a partner at Delagnes Linder & Duey LLP in San Francisco.

Stephen Flynn (LLM 09) is a partner at Flynn Williams LLP in San Rafael.

Yvonne Y. Li (JD 09) is the program attorney for the Capacity Building Project at One Justice in San Francisco.

Dana Rizayeva (LLM 09) is a lecturer at two universities in Kazakhstan and is conducting doctoral research in the field of international taxation law.

Lynn Searle (LLM 09) owns the Law Offices of Lynn Searle in San Francisco.

Francis J. Torrence (LLM 09) is an attorney at Wilson Elser in San Francisco.

Karl R. Vorsatz (LLM 09) owns the Law Office of Karl R. Vorsatz in Burlingame.

Elizabeth A. Winberry (JD 09) is an associate at Berra Stross & Wallacker in San Mateo.

Sonia T. Ahmad (JD 10) is an attorney at the Law Offices of Peter L. Kutrubes in Walnut Creek.

Karen P. Buitrago (JD 10) is a supervising attorney for the Family Law Assisted Self Help program in San Francisco.

Seth J. Cohen (LLM 10) is an associate at Berliner Cohen in San Jose.

Patrick M. Fahey (LLM 10) owns the Law Offices of Patrick M. Fahey in San Francisco.

Johanna T. Gomez (LLM 10) owns the Law Offices of Johanna T. Gomez in San Rafael.

Lindsey K. Koch (JD 10) is a professional recruiter for Inside Edge Legal in Los Angeles.

Otis C. Landerholm (JD 10) was featured in an article on PRWeb on December 24, 2011.

Olivia Majorkiewicz (LLM 10) joined Baker & McKenzie in Warsaw, Poland in January.

Warren V. Nguyen (LLM 10) owns Nguyen & Crew in San Jose.

James H. Oddie (LLM 10) is a partner at Oddie Lynn & Grisanti PC in San Francisco.







Jennifer A. Redding (JD 10) works at the Santa Clara County Public Defender's office and won her first jury trial in March.

Assaad M. Stephan (LLM 10) owns the Law Offices of Assaad M. Stephan in San Mateo.

Michelle M. Zetah (JD 10) works at WTAS LLC in San Francisco.

Judith A. Buranday Vasan (JD 11) spoke at The State Bar of California's Fourth Annual Fair Housing and Public Accommodations Symposium on April 20 in Irvine, CA.

Erica M. Corns (JD 11) is assistant district attorney at the San Francisco District Attorney's Office in San Francisco.

Ian P. Fuentecilla (JD 11) is an associate attorney with Van De Poel, Levy and Allen, LLP in Walnut Creek.

In Memoriam

Richard C. East (JD 52)

died September 3, 2010.

Attilio P. Ruggiero (JD 56)

died November 17, 2010.

Nick L. Elchinoff (JD 57)

died October 16, 2011.

Lee E. Erickson (JD 75)

died February 19, 2012.

John Lewis (JD 76)

died September 22, 2011.

Charlotte P. Martinez (JD 79)

died October 12, 2011.

Steven J. Leiber (JD 84)

died January 28, 2012.

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Dana A. Gold (JD 11) owns Gold Law Offices in Walnut Creek.

Givelle F. Lamano (JD 11) has established the Law Offices of Givelle Lamano, a criminal defense law firm in San Francisco.

Caitlin R. Maurer (JD 11) is an associate at Kern, Noda, Devine & Segal in San Francisco.

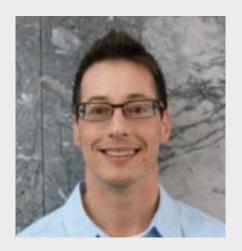
Nancy E. McGee (JD 11) is a staff attorney with the Homeless Action Center in Oakland.

Christina B. O'Keefe (JD 11) is the admissions and marketing director of San Francisco Law School in San Francisco.

Jerry L. Shindelbower (JD 11) is an attorney at Finnegan, Marks, Theofel & Desmond in San Francisco.

Lauren M. Young Epstein (JD 11) is a board member of the Women Lawyers of Alameda County.

Matt Wood (JD O7) EEOC Issues Landmark Decision on Transgender Rights



Transgender Law Center Staff Attorney Matt Wood's client Mia Macy, a veteran and former police detective, was denied a job as a ballistics technician at the Walnut Creek, California laboratory of the federal Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives (ATF). Among a small number of people in the country with specialized training and experience on the ATF's ballistics computer system, Ms. Macy applied for the position as male (she was in the early stages of transitioning from male to female) and was told that the job was hers pending a routine background check. After disclosing her gender transition mid-way through the hiring process, Ms. Macy was told that funding for that position had been cut. She later learned that someone else had been hired for the job.

Matt helped Ms. Macy file a discrimination complaint with ATF, arguing that the agency's decision not to hire her violated Title VII. ATF refused to process the complaint properly, asserting that Title VII did not cover discrimination against transgender people. Matt appealed this determination to the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC), which issued a decision on April 20, 2012, holding that Title VII's prohibition against sex discrimination includes discrimination against transgender employees. This is the first time the EEOC has held that transgender people are protected from discrimination by federal law. ///



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SEPT 27 IP LAW DISTINGUISHED SPEAKER SERIES

6:30pm to 7:30pm, GGU Law, 536 Mission Street, San Francisco. GGU Law welcomes Professor Justin Hughes, of Yeshiva University, Cardozo School of Law. In addition to his scholarly career, Prof. Hughes is a special adviser to the Obama administration on Copyright and International IP Law. Reception to follow. Contact: Intellectual Property Law Center Co-Directors, Professors Marc Greenberg and William Gallagher, iplaw@ggu.edu, 415.369.5293.

OCT 12 GGU LAW RECEPTION AT THE CALIFORNIA STATE BAR ANNUAL MEETING

5:00pm to 7:00pm, Portola Hotel & Spa, Monterey. Contact: Deanna Bruton, dbruton@ggu.edu, 415.442.7824.

OCT 17 GGU ALUMNI AWARDS LUNCHEON

11:30am to 2:00pm, Four Seasons Hotel, 757 Market Street, San Francisco. Our annual luncheon honoring members of the GGU community who have achieved excellence. Contact: Deanna Bruton, dbruton@ggu.edu, 415.442.7824.

OCT 26 ANNUAL IP LAW AND POLICY CONFERENCE

All day, GGU Law, 536 Mission Street, San Francisco. This conference brings together experienced Intellectual Property Law practitioners and academics to discuss current issues in the world of IP law. CLE available. This year, GGU Law welcomes Professor Shubha Gosch, University of Wisconsin School of Law, and others. Contact: Intellectual Property Law Center Co-Directors, Professors Marc Greenberg and William Gallagher, iplaw@ggu.edu, 415.369.5293.

NOV 9 ENVIRONMENTAL LAW SYMPOSIUM

All day, GGU Law, 536 Mission Street, San Francisco. This year's symposium theme is "City as Habitat: A Place for Urban Wildlands." Contact: Professor Paul Kibel, pkibel@ggu.edu, 415.442.6685.

DEC 7 SWEARING-IN CEREMONY

12:00pm to 1:00pm, PG&E Auditorium, 77 Beale Street, San Francisco. Contact: Stacey Sorensen, ssorensen@ggu.edu, 415.442.7812.

JAN 26 BEAT THE CLOCK MCLE AND NETWORKING PROGRAM

All day, GGU Law, 536 Mission Street, San Francisco. Contact: Mateo Jenkins, mjenkins@ggu.edu, 415.442.6541.

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