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2009
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Friday, the Fifteenth of May
Two Thousand Nine
Louise M. Davies Symphony Hall
San Francisco
One O'Clock PM

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PROGRAM

GREETING

Alan Ramo, Acting Dean
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WELCOME

Dr. Dan Angel, President
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CONFERRING OF DEGREES

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Hooding of Scientiae Juridicae Doctor (SJD) Candidates
Master of Laws (LLM) in International Legal Studies
Master of Laws (LLM) in Environmental Law
Master of Laws (LLM) in Intellectual Property Law
Master of Laws (LLM) in Taxation
Master of Laws (LLM) in United States Legal Studies
Doctor of Jurisprudence (JD)

ALUMNI WELCOME

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 Justin N. Myers B

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 Jessica Laura Nelson
 Adam Wade Neuffer
 Erik Warren Nicholson C
 Samantha Rose Nilsen ☼☼
 Chris Lee Norris ☼☼ RE

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 Charles C. Olson
 Shelbi Lynn Ovenstone

Mahesh R. Patel
 Patrick Timothy Paton
 Eric J. Patrick ☼
 John Perkins ☼☼
 Rachael Nichole Phillips ☼
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 Monique Annette Preoteasa ●Li C
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Chuan Qin ☼❖

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Lori Jo Withrow ✨IP
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Sarah Elizabeth Wood ◆P
Sarah Louise Wood IP
Unkei Wu
Micah Lanielle Wyatt ✨✨☉

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Christopher Brian Yuen
Joshua K. Yung C

Patricia Mercedes Zerbini

Key to JD Candidates

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|---|--------------------------------------|---|---|
| ✨ | Highest Honors | ● | <i>Golden Gate University
Environmental Law Journal</i> |
| ‡ | Honors | □ | <i>Golden Gate University
Environmental Law Journal
Editorial Board</i> |
| ✨ | Jesse Carter Society | ❖ | <i>Golden Gate University
Law Review</i> |
| ✨ | Honors Lawyering Program (HLP) | ○ | <i>Golden Gate University
Law Review Editorial Board</i> |
| + | JD/MBA | | |
| ◆ | JD/PhD | | |
| ∩ | Public Interest Law Scholars Program | | |

Certificates of Specialization

- | | | | |
|----|---------------------------|----|----------------------|
| B | Business Law | LE | Labor/Employment Law |
| C | Criminal Law | Li | Litigation |
| E | Environmental Law | P | Public Interest Law |
| I | International Law | RE | Real Estate Law |
| IP | Intellectual Property Law | T | Tax Law |

Golden Gate University School of Law and the Class of 2009 wish to recognize the 2009 Graduation Committee for its hard work, enthusiasm, and dedication in helping coordinate Commencement and other graduation events. The 2009 Graduation Committee members are Matthew Barravecchia, Jeff Farr, and Edward Harris.

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

Kara Kristina Thompson
Micah Lanielle Wyatt
*Faculty Award for Academic Excellence
in Civil Litigation*

Carla J. Carriveau
Deena Talat Rasheed
*Faculty Award for Academic Excellence
in Corporate and Commercial Law*

Blair Stacy Greenberg
Emily Snowell Keller
*Faculty Award for Academic Excellence
in Criminal Law*

Donald Sherrill
*Faculty Award for Academic Excellence
in Criminal Litigation*

Reta Marlene Diekman
Caroline Ann Koch
*Faculty Award for Academic Excellence
in Environmental Law*

Alison Mary Bort
*Faculty Award for Academic Excellence
in Family Law*

Andrew David Moody
*Faculty Award for Academic Excellence
in Intellectual Property Law*

Andrea Helene Smaxwell
*Grotius Award for Academic Excellence
in International Law*

Andrea Chiara Cianfrani
*Faculty Award for Academic Excellence
in Labor and Employment Law*

Timothy James Ohara
*Faculty Award for Academic Excellence
in Legal Writing*

Heather M. Wolnick
*Faculty Award for Academic Excellence
in Real Estate Law*

John Patrick Kilty
*Faculty Award for Academic Excellence
in Taxation*

Michelle G. Bethge
*ALI-ABA Scholarship & Leadership
Award*

Laura Kathryn Koch
*Environmental Law Journal Award for
Dedication and Excellence*

Steffanie Ann Bevington
*Honors Lawyering Program Outstanding
Student Award*

Alexander Tucker Jones
*International Academy of Trial Lawyers
Award for Most Outstanding Student in
the Field of Litigation*

Jessica L. Beeler
*Law Review Award for Dedication and
Excellence*

Alexis Anne Wilber
*National Association of Women Lawyers
Outstanding Student Award*

Michael Griffin
Vo Thi Phuong Mai
Outstanding LLM Student Award

Christina Carol Ray
*Outstanding Achievement in Public
Interest Law Award*

Andrew M. Kaufman
*J. Lani Bader Award for Academic
Excellence*

Jessica L. Beeler
Julie Elizabeth Mercer
*Rose Elizabeth Bird Award for
Professionalism and Integrity*

Ariel L. Ungerleider
*Paul S. Jordan Achievement Award for
Service and Contribution*

Jonathan Ryan Babione-Nelson
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Susanna R. Chase
Andrew M. Kaufman
Timothy James Ohara
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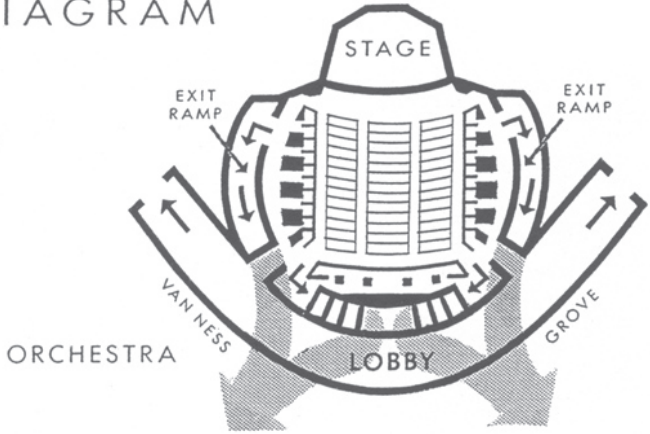
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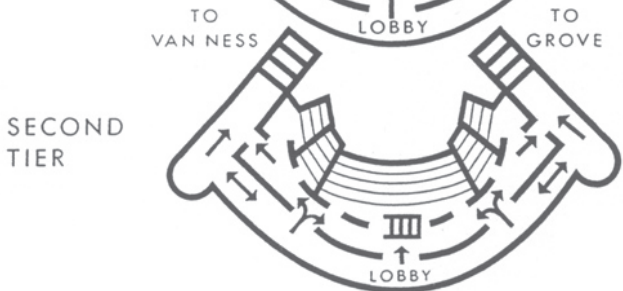
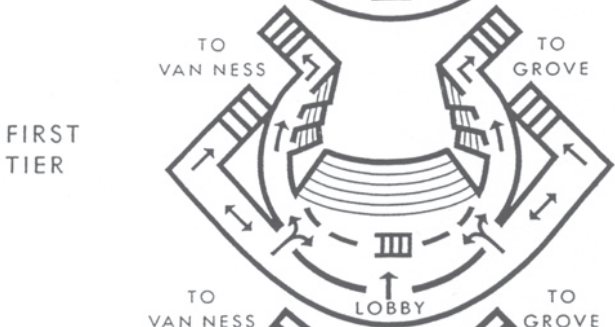
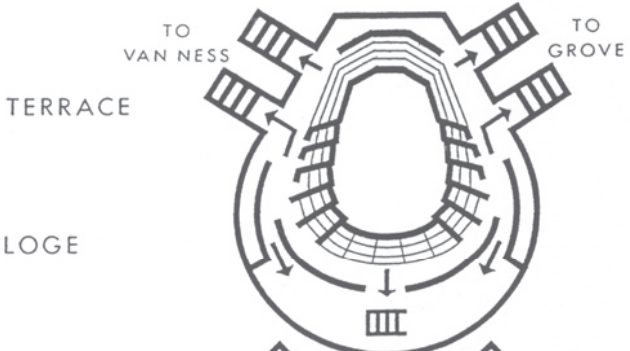
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