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GGU Law faculty are distinguished by myriad achievements that enhance our students' experience and success in school and in the profession. In and beyond the confines of the classroom, GGU Law professors provide students with practical experience and close mentoring. We are pleased to share some 2012 highlights that reflect the practicality and substance, the theory and practice, for which we are so justly known.

RACHEL VAN CLEAVE, Interim Dean

Engaging the Legal Academy in Disaster Response

Seattle Journal for Social Justice, 2012

Dean Van Cleave's portion of this co-authored article explores how a seminar on disaster-related issues provides a rich context for learning about social justice and the role of lawyers.



Promoting Experiential Learning at Golden Gate University School of Law Through Curriculum Reform

Reforming Legal Education, 2012

Dean Van Cleave's chapter in this book provides a case study for curriculum reform that addresses the Carnegie report's call for skills-infused learning and GGU Law's students' desire for more practice-rich learning experiences.

First Annual Professor Bernie L. Segal Criminal Mock Trial Competition: In Vino Veritas - November 2-4, 2012

The highly successful First Annual Professor Bernie L. Segal Criminal Mock Trial Competition, held over three days, featured 12 law schools from across the country, 21 trials, 70+ judges/evaluators, a full 12-person jury for the final trial in Sonoma, 5 Bay Area courthouses, 3 receptions, 30+ GGU litigation student volunteers, 2 extremely hard-working Baxter Fellows, and 1 exhausted, exceptionally skillful Director of the GGU Litigation Center, Associate Professor Wes Porter. The reviews are in and they are extremely positive, including this [article in the #1 advocacy blog](#).



Also, this fall, GGU Law's mock trial team took first place at the San Francisco Trial Lawyers Association (SFTLA) competition at the Ninth Circuit. [Read more about the Litigation Center](#)

NEHA SAMPAT, Dean of Student Services

The Aspiring Attorney with ADHD: Bar Accommodations or a Bar to Practice?

Hastings Race and Poverty Law Journal, 2012

This article, co-authored with GGU Law's former Disability Services Coordinator, explores the challenges faced by students with ADHD who request accommodations for bar exams. The authors explore how the bar's requirement for a childhood diagnosis and history disadvantages populations underrepresented in the legal profession, and put forth recommendations for state bars, law schools, and the ABA to end this discriminatory practice.



The Fourth Annual Chief Justice Ronald M. George Distinguished Lecture LGBT Issues in the Judiciary - October 29, 2012

**-2012 Distinguished Lecturer: Former Chief Judge Vaughn Walker,
U.S. District Court for the Northern District of California**

Panelists:

-Judge Vaughn Walker

-Justice Virginia Linder, Oregon Supreme Court

-Presiding Judge Tonya Parker, 116th Civil District Court, Dallas, Texas

-Moderator: Keith Wetmore, Chair Emeritus, Morrison & Foerster, LLP



Students, alumni, distinguished professors and jurists, and attorneys from A-list firms provided an eager audience for former Chief Judge Vaughn Walker's remarks at the 2012 lecture and panel, sponsored by numerous firms, professional associations, and corporations, including lead sponsors Thomson Reuters and Morrison & Foerster LLP. Judge Walker's compelling lecture on the case of Prop 8 in California was followed by a lively panel during which the jurists discussed a variety of LGBT issues in the courts, including their own experiences as LGBT members of the judiciary. [Watch the lecture and panel \(in 5 parts\).](#)

CHESTER CHUANG, Associate Professor and Co-Editor of *The IP Law Book Review*

Offensive Venue: The Curious Use of Declaratory Judgment to Forum Shop in Patent Litigation

George Washington Law Review, 2012

Accused patent infringers often file declaratory judgment actions to forum shop. In this article, Chuang presents new evidence confirming this phenomenon as well as data demonstrating that such actions are 2.4 times more likely to be transferred, suggesting that these plaintiffs are often unable to hold onto their chosen forums, leading to wasteful litigation and impeding innovation.



The 11th Annual Conference on Recent Developments in IP Law & Policy October 26, 2012

Rough Justice: Extending the DMCA's Take-Down Model - Emerging Liability Standards and Challenges for Online Business: Timothy Cahn and Ryan Bricker, Kilpatrick Townsend, LLP

Juror Responses to Music Copyright's Lay Listener Test: Jamie Lund, Visiting Professor at GGU Law

IP and IT in the Cloud: David Tollen, Adeli and Tollen, LLP

SOPA/PIPA and Online Copyright: Eric Goldman, Professor, Director of the High Tech Law Institute at Santa Clara University School of Law

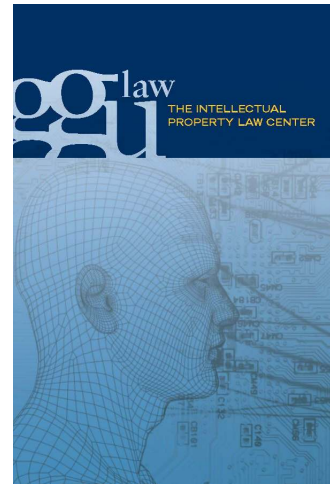
Data Privacy: Sharon A. Anolik, McKesson and John Tomaszewski, TRUSTe

Inside In-House: An Interview with Salesforce.com Attorney Alica Del Valle: with Marc Greenberg, GGU Law Professor and Co-Director of the IP Law Center

The IP Law Book Review

The only peer-reviewed journal of its kind, the IP Law Book Review keeps readers current on contemporary voices and issues by reviewing current books in the area. Reviewers are IP scholars and practitioners, and the journal editors are GGU Law Professors William Gallagher and Chester Chuang.

[Learn about GGU Law's Intellectual Property Law Center](#)



HINA SHAH, Associate Professor and Director of Elfenworks Center for Employment Justice at WERC and

MARCI SEVILLE, Professor and Director of Women's Employment Rights Clinic

Domestic Worker Organizing: Building a Contemporary Movement for Dignity and Power

Albany Law Review, 2012

Using a historical lens, Shah and Seville analyze the contemporary domestic worker movement's success and momentum in transforming cultural attitudes toward favoring the legal protection of domestic workers. The article includes an analysis of contemporary organizing models used in New York and California for domestic labor reform and discusses the next frontier in domestic worker organizing: building transnational unity and power.



[Learn more about WERC.](#)

WES PORTER, Associate Professor and Director of the Litigation Center

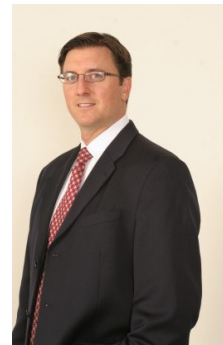
White Collar Crime in Practice: Wes Porter Featured in Educating Tomorrow's Lawyers

Porter's course on White Collar Crime was profiled on the University of Denver's site dedicated to advancing the American legal system through practice-rich education. Porter was one of only ten law professors, and the only tenure-track fellow of ETL, invited to participate in a conference on the "Educating Tomorrow's Lawyers" initiative (ETL), where he moderated a panel.

White Collar Crime: RICO

Thomson Reuters, 2012

Porter's book explores the intersection of white collar crime and a controversial and very broad criminal statute, RICO (the Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organizations Act). Porter's book discusses the history and development of RICO and the key legal concepts and important elements of RICO criminal offenses, particularly in the white collar crime context.



MICHELE BENEDETTO NEITZ, Professor

Socioeconomic Bias in the Judiciary

Indiana State Law Review, forthcoming

ABA Journal

Judicial Ethics Forum

Judges hold a prestigious place in our judicial system, and they earn double the income of the average American household. Neitz examines the ethical implications of what Ninth Circuit Chief

Judge Alex Kozinski recently called the "unselfconscious cultural elitism" of judges, which can manifest as implicit socioeconomic bias. Neitz details how the ABA Model Code of Judicial Conduct (the "Code"), designed to regulate the behavior of judges, fails to effectively eliminate implicit socioeconomic bias. Neitz recommends innovative revisions designed to strengthen the Code's prohibition against bias, as well as improvements to judicial training materials.

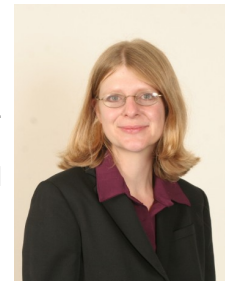


**DEBORAH BEHLES, Associate Professor and Clinical Staff Attorney
Environmental Law and Justice Clinic**

An Integrated Green Urban Electrical Grid

William & Mary Environmental Law and Policy Review, 2012

Behles explores the vision of a new green urban grid that relies on decentralized generation and storage, energy efficiency, and demand response. While much research focuses on the development of aspects of the green grid, such as energy efficiency, without consideration of how these resources should be integrated Behles' article details why integrating these components is essential to meeting renewable policy goals and outlines steps that regulators and policymakers can take to encourage the development of this integrated green urban grid.



**CHRIS OKEKE, Professor and Director of SJD and LL.M Programs 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, 2012

Okeke's article employs a rich critical examination of the Soviet Union's training of lawyers to examine the broader implications of socialist legal education in the twentieth century.

