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By Lisa Lomba

Meet the Hon. Marshall Whitley, GGU Law's director of the LLM in Taxation Program. This year, Judge Whitley (Ret.), who has served as an adjunct professor in GGU Law's LLM in Taxation Program since 1985, took the helm as its director. His remarkable career extends to both the bench and bar.

"I am honored to lead this widely acclaimed program with unsurpassed training in taxation and estate planning and probate," says the new director. "Our professors, who are practitioners in leading private firms and public agencies, provide our students with the training necessary to be both key assets to employers and distinguished leaders of their own practices."

Whitley served for two decades in the California Courts, presiding over all aspects of criminal and civil trial as well as calendar departments. For 10 years he presided in the Probate Departments for the Superior Court in Alameda County and served as chair for local and statewide judicial probate committees. He was a supervising judge of the court for six years.

Before his appointment to the bench, Whitley spent a decade in private practice, focused on tax and estate planning and litigation in San Francisco. During this time, he served on the Executive Committee for the Taxation Section of the State Bar of California, becoming its chair-elect in 1993, and that same year the recipient of the section's prestigious V. Judson Klein Award. Prior to private practice, he served as a trial attorney for the



Tax Division of the US Department of Justice and as tax counsel for the legislative and executive branches of the Washington, DC, government.

Whitley earned his undergraduate degree in business and accounting from Bowie University, his JD from University of Connecticut School of Law, and his LLM in Taxation from Georgetown University Law School.

"We are delighted that Judge Whitley has stepped into this pivotal leadership role to build on our decades of excellence in educating tax and estate planning lawyers," says Dean Rachel Van Cleave. "Most fortunately for our students, he will also continue to teach in, as well as lead, the LLM in Taxation program. Judge Whitley's regional and statewide reputation and professional network will also benefit our students."

GGU Law's LLM: Top 3 for 3

GGU Law's LLM programs have been voted among the top three in California by *Recorder* readers for three consecutive years.

GGU Law's LLM in Taxation: Top 10 Nationwide

GGU Law's LLM in Taxation has been ranked among the top 10 in the nation by 151 corporate heads of tax departments.