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First Woman President of American Bar Association to Receive Honorary Degree May 18

SAN FRANCISCO — Roberta Cooper Ramo, the current President of the American Bar Association, and the first woman to hold that office in the 117 year history of the organization will be the 1996 Commencement speaker at the Golden Gate University School of Law ceremony on May 18, 1996 at 10:00 a.m. in Masonic Auditorium, 1111 California Street, San Francisco.

Since becoming President of the ABA, Ms. Ramo has emphasized the issues of domestic violence, federal funding for legal services to the poor, and affirmative action. She created the ABA National Commission on Domestic Violence, and was appointed by Attorney General Janet Reno and Health and Human Services Secretary Donna Shalala to serve on the newly-created U.S. Advisory Council on Violence Against Women. Her previous work in the ABA included chairing the Law Practice Management Section where she became a recognized expert in firm systems management. Ms. Ramo plans to head a national campaign to educate children about the Constitution, the Bill of Rights and Supreme Court decisions.

Ms. Ramo is a member of the largest law firm in New Mexico, Modrall, Sperling, Roehl, Harris & Sisk. She earned her B.A. *magna cum laude* from the University of Colorado in 1964, and her J.D. from the University of Chicago in 1967. She was a member of the University of New Mexico Board of Regents from 1988-94, and its President from 1991-93. She has also served as President of the New Mexico Symphony and is on the Executive Committee of the Albuquerque Community Foundation. In 1993, she received the Governor's Distinguished Public Service Award for community service in New Mexico.

Roberta Cooper Ramo will receive an honorary Doctor of Laws degree (LL.D.) at the ceremony. The 1996 Judith G. McKelvey Award for Outstanding Achievement by an Alumna/us of the law school goes to Marjorie (Holmes) Randolph, class of 1977, former Vice President and General Counsel of Mervyn's. The law school will award 177 J.D., 33 LL.M in Taxation, and 25 LL.M. in International Legal Studies degrees.

Golden Gate University School of Law is located on the San Francisco campus of Golden Gate University at 536 Mission Street. The University is accredited by the Western Association of Colleges and Universities and the Law School is approved by the American Bar Association.

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