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Drucilla Stender Ramey is a renowned leader in the San Francisco Bay Area and national legal communities. Prior to becoming the second woman to serve as Dean of the School of Law, on August 1, 2009, she was Executive Director of the National Association of Women Judges for four years and Executive Director and General Counsel of the Bar Association of San Francisco (BASF) for 17 years. Under her leadership, both organizations saw great growth in prominence, membership, and financial resources, and BASF became the nation's leader in providing pro bono legal services and in efforts to enhance diversity in the legal profession.

"Dru Ramey has been one of the great contributors to the legal community in Northern California and throughout the country for years. She will take what has already been accomplished at Golden Gate Law School and elevate it to a new level that will benefit the students, faculty, and alumni."

—James J. Brosnahan, Senior Partner, Morrison & Foerster

Dean Ramey is a former tenured Professor at Golden Gate Law School and former civil rights litigator at the Mexican American Legal Defense and Educational Fund. She has chaired the ACLU of Northern California and the San Francisco Commission on the Status of Women and served as a Co-founder and Board leader of California Women Lawyers, the California Minority Counsel Program, and the Immigrant Legal Resource Center. Her honors have included the American Bar Association Margaret Brent Women Lawyers of Achievement Award, the American Jewish Committee Judge Learned Hand Award, the National Bar Association Wiley Branton Award, and the California Women Lawyers Fay Stender Award. She received her BA magna cum laude from Harvard University and her JD from Yale Law School.

—I am thrilled to be returning to Golden Gate University School of Law, an institution that is deeply committed, as I am, to educational excellence, public service, and a fair, accessible system of justice."

—Dean Drucilla Stender Ramey

"Dru has a well-deserved national reputation as a person with vision and incredible energy and the ability to inspire people on her team."

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Chief Justice Ronald M. George is a graduate of Princeton University’s Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs and Stanford Law School. From 1965 to 1972, he served as a Deputy Attorney General in the California Department of Justice, where he represented the State of California in six oral arguments before the US Supreme Court. He also appeared in many cases before the Supreme Court of California, including the prosecution of Sirhan Sirhan for the assassination of Senator Robert F. Kennedy.

George was appointed to the Los Angeles Municipal Court by California Governor Ronald Reagan in 1972, the Los Angeles County Superior Court by Governor Edmund G. Brown, Jr. in 1977, the Court of Appeal for the Second Appellate District by Governor George Deukmejian in 1987, and the California Supreme Court by Governor Pete Wilson in 1991 as an Associate Justice. In 1996 he became the 27th Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of California.

As Chief Justice, George chairs the Judicial Council of California and the Commission on Judicial Appointments and co-chairs the California-Federal Judicial Council. His honors have included the Bar Association of San Francisco Champion of Justice Award, the American Bar Association John Marshall Award, the American College of Trial Lawyers Samuel E. Gates Award, the Legal Writing Institute Golden Pen Award, the American Judicature Society Opperman Award for Judicial Excellence, the Consumer Attorneys of California Justice of the Year Award, the William H. Rehnquist Award for Judicial Excellence, and the American Jewish Committee Judge Learned Hand Award.

Chief Justice George is a former President of the California Judges Association, former President of the Conference of Chief Justices, and former Chair of the National Center for State Courts Board of Directors. He currently serves on the Steering Committee of the Georgetown University Law Center Sandra Day O’Connor Project on the State of the Judiciary.

The Ronald M. George Lecture is free and open to the public. Tickets are not required, but RSVPs are recommended; contact Andrew Wharton at 415-442-6608 or awharton@ggu.edu.

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—California Chief Justice Ronald M. George
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