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GOLDEN GATE UNIVERSITY
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CLASS OF
2015
COMMENCEMENT



Thursday, the Twenty-First of May

Two Thousand Fifteen

Louise M. Davies Symphony Hall

San Francisco

Eleven O'Clock AM

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PROGRAM

GREETING

Rachel Van Cleave, Dean
GOLDEN GATE UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW

WELCOME

Dr. Dan Angel, President
GOLDEN GATE UNIVERSITY
Mark Anderson (JD 89), Chair
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ALUMNI WELCOME

Dan L'Abbe (BA 94)
PRESIDENT, GGU ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

STUDENT FAREWELLS

GRADUATE LAW PROGRAMS CLASS OF 2015: Maryam Ghanbari
JD PROGRAM CLASS OF 2015: Saba Maher

COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS

Justice Jon Streeter
CALIFORNIA'S FIRST DISTRICT COURT OF APPEAL

ROBERT CALHOUN AWARD

OUTSTANDING PROFESSOR

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PROFESSOR OF LAW

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FACULTY SCHOLARSHIP

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Laurel Elizabeth O'Connor
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ROSE ELIZABETH BIRD AWARD

PROFESSIONALISM AND INTEGRITY

Dorothea Sara Josephine Galdo
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SERVICE AND CONTRIBUTION

Dorothea Sara Josephine Galdo
CLASS OF 2015

CONFERRAL OF ACADEMIC AWARDS

Rachel Van Cleave, Dean

HONORARY DEGREE

Karen L. Hawkins (JD 79)

CONFERRAL OF DEGREES

Rachel Van Cleave, Dean

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

CLOSING REMARKS

Rachel Van Cleave, Dean

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Chinyere Christiana Okpala	

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Golden Gate University School of Law and the Class of 2015 wish to recognize the 2015 Graduation Committee for its hard work, enthusiasm, and dedication in helping coordinate Commencement and other graduation events. The 2015 Graduation Committee members are Marjan Bedar (JD), Ashley Dalton (JD), Emily Levitan (JD), Teresa Pedrizco Romero (JD), Chriselle Raguro (JD), Onuma Sooksee (LLM) and Audrey Tam (JD).

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Key to JD Candidates

⋈ Highest Honors

‡ Honors

✳ Jesse Carter Society

✳ Honors Lawyering Program (HLP)

✦ JD/MBA

□ JD/PhD

◆ Pro Bono Honor Society

○ Moot Court Board

● *Golden Gate University Environmental Law Journal*

❖ *Golden Gate University Law Review*

■ *1st STEP*

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*Academic Excellence in Corporate
and Commercial Law*
Howard "Casey" Crittenden

Academic Excellence in Criminal Law
Timothy Daniel O'Connor

*Academic Excellence in
Environmental Law*
Justin Peter Hedemark

*Academic Excellence in
Family Law*
Ashley N. Dalton
Richard Hideyoshi Miyasaki

*Academic Excellence in Intellectual
Property Law*
Alec Arthur James Wheatley

*Grotius Award for Academic Excellence
in International Law*
Kenneth Allen Breiten

*Academic Excellence in Labor and
Employment Law*
Chriselle Joyce Raguro

Academic Excellence in Litigation
Lori P. Mullins

Academic Excellence in Tax Law
William G. Doyle

*Scribes American Society of
Legal Writers Award*
Angela Rose Breslin
Jacob Denton Colvin
Catherine Kelly Murray
Frank Zeccola

Outstanding LLM Student Award – Tax
Theodore S. Broomfield

*Outstanding LLM Student Award – US
Legal Studies*
Juliet Peignier

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Allan Brotsky Pro Bono Award
Larissa Anne Moshier-Jones
Kristina Dolgin

*Dean's Award for Scholarship and
Leadership*
Cheri M. Hawkins
Sami Najm

*Gregory Allen Egertson Award for
Outstanding Staff Member*
Jonathan Chu

*Honors Lawyering Program Outstanding
Student Award*
Erik Sullivan Faussner
Chriselle Joyce Raguro

*International Academy of Trial Lawyers
Award for Most Outstanding Student in
the Field of Litigation*
Jory Daniel Linzer Zalona

*Law Review Award for Dedication and
Excellence*
Ilon F. Oliveria

*Most Significant Contribution to the
Litigation Center Award*
Jacob Denton Colvin
Sylvia T. Nguyen

*National Association of Women Lawyers
Outstanding Student Award*
Erica Lynn Morris

*Outstanding Achievement in
Public Interest Law Award*
Kristina Dolgin

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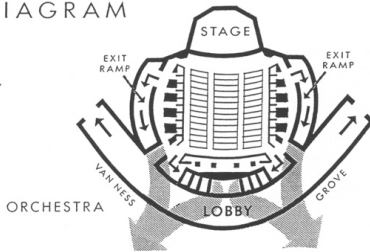
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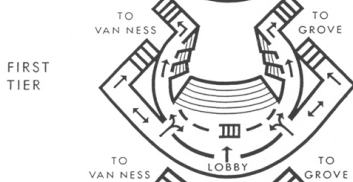
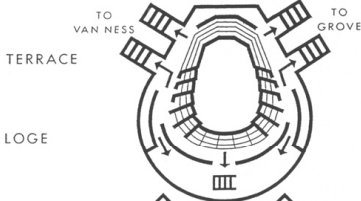
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