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# Golden Gate University School of Law



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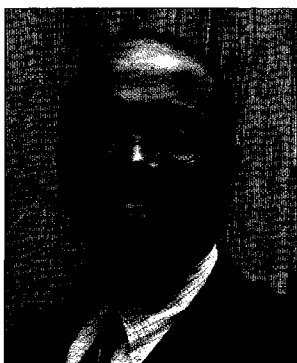
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## A Message from the Associate Dean for Graduate Programs



This is an exciting time in legal education, mainly because of the many important changes taking place in legal practice. Our profession is growing both broader and deeper in this era of internationalization, increasing specialization, and interdisciplinary and multi-jurisdictional practice. Investing in a concentrated program of post-JD study can be more valuable now than ever before. Earning an advanced law degree is not just a means to an end; it can equip you to succeed and prepare you to continue learning throughout your professional life.

At Golden Gate University School of Law, we are committed to providing high-quality support for all of our students. We are particularly proud of a faculty known for excellent classroom teaching, for producing both practical and academic research, and for a wide range of practice and consulting experience. Our institutional and individual networks of relationships cover much of the globe.

Since its founding in 1901, Golden Gate University School of Law has been located in the heart of downtown San Francisco, one of the world's most beautiful cities. The San Francisco Bay Area is also a diverse and multicultural metroplex, and the gateway to the Pacific Rim. We are fully committed to our traditions of access, diversity, innovation, and opportunity. Our graduate programs are especially designed to meet the individual needs and objectives of our students—who come from across the United States and from more than 60 other countries.

We offer LLM degrees in environmental law, intellectual property law, international legal studies, taxation, and US legal studies. Individuals who have successfully completed an LLM degree at Golden Gate University or elsewhere may apply for admission to our SJD program. Candidates successfully completing this terminal degree program earn an SJD in international legal studies, reflecting our conviction that, in the modern era, true mastery of any field of law requires significant international and comparative study.

If you have questions that are not addressed in the following pages or on our website at [www.ggu.edu/law](http://www.ggu.edu/law), please do not hesitate to contact us directly. We appreciate your interest in Golden Gate University School of Law. It would be a pleasure to welcome you into one of our programs.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jon Sylvester". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Professor Jon H. Sylvester  
Associate Dean for Graduate Law Programs

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# Golden Gate University School of Law

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## A Center for Graduate Legal Education

Golden Gate University (GGU) School of Law is a center for graduate education, offering five Master of Laws (LLM) degrees and one Doctor of Juridical Science (SJD) degree.

The graduate law programs at GGU give you a firm background in the field in which you work or wish to learn more. Your JD (or equivalent from a non-US school) opens the door to more concentrated work in a variety of fields as shown on the following pages.

Whether you work full time and wish to attend classes in the evening or you plan to attend classes full time, the graduate law programs at GGU provide you with the academic study and practical knowledge you need to be effective in your chosen field of law.

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## LLM in Environmental Law

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- Environmental Law and Policy
- International Environmental Law
- Natural Resources and Wildlife Protection
- Skills Training and Mentoring in Environmental Practice

*For more information, see pages 4–11.*

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## LLM in Intellectual Property Law

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- Copyright, Entertainment, and Sports Law
- Internet and High-Technology Law
- Patent and Biotechnology Law
- Trademark and Unfair Competition Law

*For more information, see pages 12–19.*

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## LLM in Taxation

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- Business Taxation
- Estate Planning
- General Taxation

*For more information, see pages 20–27.*

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## LLM in United States Legal Studies

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*Concentrations in:*

- Corporate & Commercial Law
- Immigration Law
- Labor & Employment Law
- Litigation & Lawyering Skills
- Property Development/Real Estate Law
- US Legal Practice

*For more information, see pages 28–31.*

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## LLM & SJD in International Legal Studies

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- Comparative Legal Systems
- International Dispute Resolution
- International Economic Law
- International Law
- Private International Law/Conflict of Laws

*For more information, see pages 32–39.*

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# LLM in Environmental Law

The LLM program in environmental law provides students from all nations a unique opportunity to study US and international environmental law. The program also provides the opportunity to work with attorneys in the field or with Golden Gate University's innovative Environmental Law and Justice Clinic. A variety of people study together in our program, including recent law graduates who want to practice environmental law or pursue a scholarly focus in environmental law, practicing attorneys who wish to enter environmental practice or a different environmental law specialty, and international students who wish to explore the development of environmental law in the United States.



# Environmental Law



## Alan Ramo

Director, LLM in Environmental Law Program, Professor of Law, and Co-director, Environmental Law and Justice Clinic

## Message from the Program Director

Welcome to the Golden Gate University School of Law LLM in Environmental Law Program. This program provides a unique opportunity to combine advanced study of US and international environmental law with the practical experience of handling complex environmental cases through our innovative Environmental Law and Justice Clinic.

Our program features a blend of academic study, writing, and practical skills training. LLM students can choose from a broad range of environmental law courses, including Water Law, Ocean and Coastal Law, Regulatory Takings and Environmental Law, Land Use Regulation, International Trade and Environmental Protection, and Environmental Law and Justice Seminar. Students may also work closely with Golden Gate faculty and

practicing attorneys in researching, investigating, and preparing publishable papers on leading environmental issues in Golden Gate's *Environmental Law Journal*.

The program provides opportunities to develop professional skills and create bonds with practitioners in the field. Our mentoring program places students in government agencies, private firms, and public interest organizations for credit.

Come join our well-respected faculty and dedicated students working in this exciting and ever-changing field of law.

## Overview

The environmental law program features a blend of academic study, writing, and practical skills training. The program is open to full-time and part-time students, who must complete 24 units within four years.

The Environmental Law and Justice Clinic represents residents of low-income communities and communities of color burdened by environmental hazards. LLM candidates have the option of working in the clinic on cases chosen specifically for them. Through this work, they confront cutting-edge pollution and regulatory issues, while gaining valuable practical experience.

Each year, Golden Gate University School of Law sponsors a symposium on current environmental law issues. Golden Gate University's *Environmental Law Journal* includes presentations at this symposium.

## Required Courses

Complete course descriptions are on our website: [www.ggu.edu/law/courses](http://www.ggu.edu/law/courses).

All students must take one semester of the Environmental Law LLM Seminar (3 units) and complete a satisfactory thesis/analytical paper as part of the course requirement for the seminar.

Students must also take at least two of the four core courses listed below:

Environmental Law and Policy (3 units)  
International Environmental Law Seminar (3 units)  
Public Natural Resources and Land Law (3 units)  
Toxics Law and Policy (3 units)

**See next page for elective courses.**

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## Recognition by *US News & World Report*

*US News and World Report* consistently ranks the GGU environmental law program in the top 20 among ABA-accredited law schools. In the 2006 listings, Golden Gate ranked in the top 20 in the United States and third in California.



# Environmental Law Courses

The courses offered in the program cover several aspects of environmental law. For a full description of these courses, please see the website at [www.ggu.edu/law/courses](http://www.ggu.edu/law/courses).

## Environmental Law and Policy

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**Environmental Law and Policy** is an introductory course examining several major federal environmental statutes. It focuses on the federal Clean Water Act, the Clean Air Act, the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), and the Endangered Species Act. Students explore federal regulatory strategies, including technology-based requirements, environmental assessment, and enforcement methods, as well as alternatives to traditional regulation, such as market-based incentives and information disclosure law. Related courses include:

- California Environmental and Natural Resources Law
- Energy, Electricity Deregulation, and Environmental Law
- Land Use Regulation
- Toxics Law and Policy

## Natural Resources and Wildlife Protection

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In these courses students explore the legal regimes protecting federal public lands and natural resources; California's unique environmental natural resources; our oceans and coastal environment; and water rights and water supply.

- California Environmental and Natural Resources Law
- Ocean and Coastal Law
- Public Natural Resources and Land Law
- Water Law

## Skills Training and Mentoring in Environmental Practice

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- **Environmental Law & Justice Clinic and Seminar** (see facing page.)
- **Environmental Law Clinic.** Students work as externs with governmental agencies, environmental organizations, public interest groups, or private attorneys active in the field of environmental law.
- **Environmental Practice.** This course covers the legal preparation in support of enforcement actions and defenses, environmental compliance, discovery, and environmental ethics. The emphasis is on drafting complaints, conducting discovery, and participating in environmental negotiations and mediation.

## International Environmental Law

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Students interested in the global aspects of environmental protection may choose from among these courses that analyze cutting-edge legal developments in human rights, the environment, globalization, and corporate responsibility and examine the legal relationship between international trade rules and policies to protect the natural environment. They clarify the primary law and equity issues embedded in global climate change challenges and the state, federal, and international laws and institutions that have been created to address environmental issues.

- International Environmental Law Seminar
- International Human Rights & Environment
- International Trade & Environmental Protection

# Environmental Law & Justice Clinic

Golden Gate University School of Law was one of the first law schools to establish an environmental justice clinic. Working in the on-site Environmental Law & Justice Clinic (ELJC), students provide free legal services and education about environmental justice issues to San Francisco Bay Area residents, community groups, and public-interest organizations. Students have opportunities to directly represent people in low-income communities and communities of color disproportionately affected by environmental degradation. Students receive 3 to 6 units, based on the number of hours they work.

Founded in 1994, the clinic has won awards from a variety of individuals and community groups, most recently in 2006 from the Clinical Legal Education Association for excellence in a public interest project. Outcomes from the clinic's work have included:

- A consent decree and settlement obtaining compliance with the Clean Water Act and RCRA at the Treasure Island Naval Base
- The rejection of a proposed new fossil fuel power plant and the shutdown of an aging fossil fuel power plant, both located in predominantly minority communities in Southeast San Francisco
- A settlement for a grassroots Latino community, assuring that waste recycling activities comply with environmental laws and providing for a \$500,000 investment in community education, job retraining services, and a community center
- Cal-OSHA findings of willful violations and a \$100,000 penalty for injury to a worker handling toxins at a chemical facility
- A consent decree and settlement halting air pollution permit violations at a power plant
- Settlement resulting in \$9 million to mitigate diesel emissions due to port expansion
- Revealing to the public secret environmental studies for a San Francisco airport runway project

## Clean Air Accountability Project

The Clean Air Accountability Project is an exciting ELJC program with a focus on enforcing clean air laws and the public accountability of environmental agencies. Directed by Associate Professor Helen Kang, the project has been instrumental in forcing the EPA and local air agencies to improve their air quality plans, implement their rules, and prosecute violators. Students partner with Kang and the clinic staff to prosecute lawsuits, comment on administrative rule-making, and advise community organizations on their right to clean air.

## Grants Recognizing the Clinic's Work

The Environmental Law & Justice Clinic has received grants from the US Department of Education, the US Corporation for National Service, the US Environmental Protection Agency, the American Bar Association, the As You Sow Foundation, the Richard and Rhoda Goldman Fund, the Rose Foundation, the San Francisco Foundation, and the California Wellness Foundation.

Visit the clinic web pages at:  
[www.ggu.edu/law](http://www.ggu.edu/law)



### Professional Skills Training

GGU's environmental program excels at skills training, as demonstrated by its **first-place** finish in the 2005 California State Bar's Environmental Negotiation Competition. Twenty-six teams of students from 18 schools competed.

**"The Environmental Law and Justice Clinic presents students with valuable opportunities to make contacts and work directly with environmental activists and attorneys. A student clinician develops cases and legal theories; drafts briefs, discovery, and other legal documents; attends regulatory and court hearings; and interacts with opposing counsel and regulatory staff. I attribute my success today in large part to the skills and contacts I gained through the ELJC."**

—Layne Friedrich

Co-founder and General Partner, Lawyers for Clean Water, San Francisco  
JD, 1997

# Environmental Law—Professional Mentoring

## Unique Practical Opportunities

A key feature of the LLM in Environmental Law Program is the opportunity for students to work with leading professionals in the environmental field as part of the School of Law's off-site Environmental Law Clinic.

Often the best legal education is a student's insightful reflection on his or her own experience. While working in the field, clinic students attend a seminar to analyze their experience and learn additional practice skills. They receive course credit that may be used to meet the LLM degree requirements.

Through the Environmental Law Clinic, Golden Gate law students have worked in government agencies, including:

- US Environmental Protection Agency
- California Attorney General's Office
- San Francisco City Attorney's Environmental Enforcement Department

Students have also worked with public interest organizations, including:

- Earthjustice
- Communities for a Better Environment
- Sierra Club

Students may also arrange externships in the private arena with leading environmental practitioners representing litigants in toxic tort cases and companies seeking compliance advice.

**"Mentoring can help students strengthen their abilities and match their talents to rewarding career paths. By partnering with a mentor, students can gain insight into the things they need to do to maximize their legal skills, the variety of career paths available to environmental lawyers, and the day-to-day working experience they should expect in those career paths. It is difficult for anyone to know which career suits him or her, but a mentor can shed light on promising paths and help to ward off less-rewarding options."**

—Arthur Haubenstock, Former GGU Adjunct Professor and Attorney, Pacific Gas & Electric Company



## Professional Mentoring Features

Students work closely with leading environmental practitioners and gain valuable contacts and insight into environmental litigation through:

- The Environmental Law Clinic, which provides externship opportunities in the field
- The on-site Environmental Law & Justice Clinic (see page 7)
- Small seminars taught by local practitioners
- Ongoing panels, brown-bag lunches, and symposia that bring together students and environmental lawyers in small, intimate settings

## Professional Mentoring Combines the Practical and the Theoretical

Golden Gate's faculty is distinguished for its ongoing involvement with the surrounding community.

LLM students are able to integrate their own practical experience into the classroom.

The mentoring program combines theoretical analysis with practical experience. In the process, students evolve their own analytical approaches and develop innovative research projects.

# Environmental Law Faculty

## Full-Time Faculty



**Alan Ramo**  
Program Director

BA, Stanford University; JD, Boalt Hall School of Law, University of California, Berkeley; MJ, Graduate School

of Journalism, University of California, Berkeley

Professor Alan Ramo joined Golden Gate University School of Law in 1994. Over the previous nine years, he was the legal director and later general counsel for Communities for a Better Environment, a public-interest advocacy organization, where he contributed to numerous precedents in air pollution law and policy. Professor Ramo served as an advisory member of two Cal-EPA committees, including the environmental justice working group in Cal-EPA's comparative risk project, and as a consultant to the Department of Health Services on environmental justice and electromagnetic forces. He also served on the advisory group for the San Francisco Health Summit in 1996. He is a founder of the Western States Legal Foundation, an organization that specializes in environmental issues relating to nuclear power and nuclear weapons, and a member of the advisory board of the Impact Fund, which funds public interest litigation. In December 2000, Professor Ramo received the Wells Family Award in the area of Urban Renewal from the Environment Now foundation. He is a member of the State Bar of California.

**Courses taught:** *Environmental Law & Justice Clinic/Seminar; Environmental Law & Policy; LLM in Environmental Law Seminar*



**Helen Kang**  
Associate Professor of Law and Director, Clean Air Accountability Project

BA, Yale College; JD, Boalt Hall School of Law, University of California, Berkeley

Professor Helen Kang has devoted her legal career to environmental enforcement, first as trial attorney with the Environmental Enforcement Section of the US Department of Justice and then as a partner in a San

Francisco law firm specializing in environmental law. Since joining the Environmental Law and Justice Clinic at Golden Gate University School of Law in 2000, she has continued her successful representation of grassroots and environmental groups, emphasizing solutions that best serve their organizing strategies. With assistance from Professor Kang and her student clinicians, the clinic's clients have been able to reduce air pollution from industrial facilities in their communities through lawsuits and advocacy.

**Course taught:** *Environmental Law & Justice Clinic*



**Clifford Rechtschaffen**  
Director, JD in Environmental Law Program; Professor of Law; Co-director, Environmental Law & Justice Clinic

AB (*summa cum laude*), Princeton University; JD, Yale Law School

Before joining Golden Gate, Professor Cliff Rechtschaffen practiced environmental law with the California attorney general for seven years and clerked for Federal District Court Judge Thelton E. Henderson. He is the coauthor of *Environmental Justice: Law, Policy, and Regulation* (2002, with Eileen Gauna), *Reinventing Environmental Law and the State/Federal Relationship* (2003, with David Markell), and *The Environmental Common Law: A Practical Guide to Heroic Litigation* (forthcoming 2006 with Denise Antolini). He has also written a number of articles about environmental justice, environmental enforcement, and right-to-know laws. In 2005 he received a Fulbright fellowship to teach international environmental law in Slovenia, and in

2006 he received the Golden Gate University School of Law Jesse W. Carter Faculty Scholarship Award.

**Courses taught:** *California Environmental & Natural Resources Law; Civil Procedure; Environmental Law Clinic; Environmental Law & Policy; Environmental Practice; Public Natural Resources Law & Policy; Toxics Law & Policy*

## Visiting Faculty



**Brent Plater**  
Litigation Staff Attorney, Environmental Law and Justice Clinic

BS, University of Michigan; MPA, Harvard University;

JD, Boalt Hall School of Law, University of California, Berkeley

Brent Plater is a graduate of the University of Michigan's School of Natural Resources and Environment, the University of California, Berkeley's Boalt Hall School of Law, and Harvard University's Kennedy School of Government. Before joining the Environmental Law and Justice Clinic, he served as the Bay Area Director for the Center for Biological Diversity, a non-profit organization dedicated to protecting endangered species and wild places around the world. He currently serves on the national Sierra Club's Wildlife and Endangered Species Committee and teaches environmental law to undergraduates at San Francisco State University. Plater is a member of the Chaldean American Bar Association.

**"Too often environmental considerations are reduced to the raw letter of law, dry arithmetic figures, and alarming statistics. The GGU environmental law faculty gives environmental law soul during seminars, gives it flesh thanks to the clinic, and gives it depth in class. The outstanding quality of the program will provide you with the best legal tools to dissect inherently ethical values and to build the finest argumentative reasoning."**

—Pauline Abadie

LLM (with honors) in Environmental Law, 2003

Upon completing her LLM she worked under a research contract with the French Ministry of Ecology and Sustainable Development (the equivalent of the US EPA).

# Environmental Law Faculty

## Adjunct Faculty

### William Burns

Associate Professor, International Environmental Policy Program, Monterey Institute of International Studies

BS, Bradley University; PhD, University of Wales-Cardiff Law School

In addition to his faculty duties at the International Environmental Policy Program at the Monterey Institute of International Studies and his adjunct faculty work at GGU, William Burns serves as editor-in-chief of the *Journal of International Wildlife Law & Policy* and co-chair of the American Society of International Law's International Environmental Law Group. He previously served as assistant secretary of state for the State of Wisconsin and worked in the non-governmental sector for 20 years, including as executive director of the Pacific Center for International Studies, a think tank that focused on international wildlife law. He has published over 75 articles in academic journals and co-edited three books.

**Course taught:** *Ocean and Coastal Law*

### Robert Byrne

Deputy Attorney General, California Department of Justice

BA (high honors), Rutgers University; JD, Seton Hall University School of Law; LLM (with honors), Golden Gate University School of Law

Robert Byrne works with the Natural Resources Law Section of the Attorney General's Office, where he represents state agencies responsible for enforcing California's environmental laws. Byrne served four years with the US Department of Justice's Energy Task Force, which was formed during the state's energy crisis in 2000-01 to investigate and prosecute violations of state and federal laws, including antitrust laws, by the electricity and natural gas industries. His practice includes complex civil and criminal litigation in state and federal courts. Prior to joining the Attorney General's Office, Byrne was a senior associate with Mudge Rose Guthrie Alexander and Ferdon in New York City, and general counsel of a Florida financial institution where, among other duties, he supervised the remediation and disposal of environmentally contaminated commercial real estate.

**Course taught:** *Energy, Electricity Deregulation and Environmental Law*

### Danielle Fugere

Legal Director & Global Warming Campaign Director, Bluewater Network

BA, University of California, Berkeley; JD, Boalt Hall School of Law, University of California, Berkeley

Danielle Fugere has been practicing environmental law on behalf of nonprofit, grassroots groups for more than 12 years, most recently as managing partner of the law firm Environmental Advocates. Fugere's litigation work has helped to secure broad compliance with environmental laws; industry conversions to cleaner and more environmentally sound technologies; and settlements to redress harm to the environment. Her most recent settlement required the City and County of Los Angeles to conduct a \$2.1 billion upgrade of the city's sanitary sewer system. Fugere has consulted on forestry issues over the past five years, and continues to serve as an advisor to the Executive Committee of the Environmental Section of the State Bar of California. She served on the board of directors of Bluewater Network for nearly two years and recently resigned to accept the position of global warming campaign director and legal director for Bluewater Network.

**Courses taught:** *Environmental Law Clinic; Environmental Practice*

### Kristin Henry

Staff Attorney, Sierra Club

BA, Boston University; JD, Golden Gate University School of Law

Kristin Henry graduated from Golden Gate University School of Law in 2002, winning the Award for Excellence in Environmental Law and a certificate of specialization (with distinction) in environmental law. She participated in two environmental law competitions while at GGU, advancing to the final round of the Negotiations Competition and to the quarter finals of the Moot Court Competition. Henry joined the Sierra Club's Environmental Law Program as a law student intern and then became the program's first Environmental Law Fellow. Her practice focuses on forest and clean water litigation. She earned her undergraduate degree in environmental policy and analysis and worked as a campaign director with the Public Interest Research Group before attending law school.

**Course taught:** *Environmental Law Moot Court Competition*

### Aaron Isherwood

Senior Staff Attorney, Sierra Club

BA, University of Chicago; JD (Order of the Coif), University of Oregon

Aaron Isherwood began his career as a law clerk for Oregon Supreme Court Justice Robert Durham. He is now a senior staff attorney for the Sierra Club, where he has practiced law since 1999. Prior to working for the Sierra Club, Isherwood worked with the San Francisco-based law firm Shute, Mihaly & Weinberger LLP.

**Course taught:** *Public Natural Resources and Land Law*

### Paul Stanton Kibel

Director, Policy West; Of Counsel, Fitzgerald Abbott & Beardsley

BA, Colgate University; JD, Willamette University College of Law; LLM, Boalt Hall School of Law, University of California, Berkeley

Prior to his work at Policy West and Fitzgerald Abbott & Beardsley, Paul Kibel worked for the Pacific Environment & Resources Center and the California State Coastal Conservancy. In 1999, Routledge Press published a collection of his essays titled *The Earth on Trial: Environmental Law on the International Stage*. Kibel has also published articles in the *Georgetown International Environmental Law Review*, *Stanford Environmental Law Journal*, *Berkeley Journal of International Law*, *NYU Environmental Law Journal*, and Oxford University's *Journal of Environmental Law*. He is faculty editor for the *Golden Gate Environmental Law Journal*.

**Courses taught:** *International Trade & Environmental Protection; Urban Environmental Law & Policy*

### Cynthia Koehler

Director, Marin Municipal Water District

BA, Pomona College; JD University of Oregon School of Law

Cynthia Koehler is a consulting attorney for Environmental Defense and other environmental groups on water-related issues. In 2004 she was elected to the Marin Municipal Water District and was previously legal director of Save the Bay. She has worked as senior attorney at the Natural Heritage Institute and as assistant regional counsel for the Environmental Protection Agency.

**Course taught:** *Water Law*

**Iryna Kwasny**

Staff Attorney, Environmental Law Foundation

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Iryna Kwasny has served as the director of Riverlaw, an alliance of the Environmental Law Foundation, Friends of the River, and the South Yuba River Citizens' League, formed to study California's watersheds, train citizens to monitor the work of the state and regional water quality control boards, and use state and federal environmental and other laws to protect and preserve the water quality of California's rivers. She previously was a senior associate at Heller, Ehrman, White and McAuliffe; a trial attorney with the US Department of Justice Environment and Natural Resources Division; and a trial attorney with the US Department of Justice Tax Division.

**Course taught:** *California Environmental & Natural Resources Law*

**Norman LaForce**

Attorney, Fortune, Drevlow, O'Sullivan & Hudson

BA, University of Illinois; JD, Georgetown University Law Center

After graduating from law school, Norman LaForce clerked for United States District Judge Jesse W. Curtis of the Central District of California. He then went into civil litigation practice in the San Francisco Bay Area. His practice is in tort matters, with an emphasis on complex and high-exposure trauma cases.

**Course taught:** *Land Use Regulation*

**Alex Levinson**

Deputy Director, Environmental Law Program, Sierra Club

BA, Harvard University; JD, Stanford University Law School

Alex Levinson was the first staff lawyer ever hired by the Sierra Club (in 1991) and served as the first director of the Sierra Club's Environmental Law Program. Before joining the Sierra Club, he worked on several political campaigns and practiced criminal defense trial law. Following law school, Levinson clerked for the Hon. Mariana Pfaelzer in federal district court in Los Angeles.

**Course Taught:** *Public Natural Resources and Land Law*

**Robin Salsburg**

Staff Attorney, Technical Legal Assistance Center

BA, Stanford University; JD (*summa cum laude*), Golden Gate University School of Law

Robin Salsburg is a staff attorney at Technical Legal Assistance Center (TALC), specializing in second-hand smoke issues. She drafts model ordinances for cities and counties throughout the state; provides legal assistance to community organizations, public health departments, and government attorneys; and researches policy approaches to emerging issues such as drifting smoke in multi-unit residences. Prior to joining TALC, Salsburg was an environmental law fellow with Shute, Mihaly & Weinberger, where she represented community groups and government agencies in land use and environmental litigation. She also served as a legal research attorney in the Law and Motion Department of the San Francisco Superior Court.

**Course taught:** *Environmental Negotiations*

**David Sandino**

Acting Chief Counsel, Department of Water Resources

AB, University of California, Davis; JD, University of Santa Clara; LLM, University of London, King's College

David Sandino specializes in environmental law, water law, energy law, government law, and administrative law. He previously served as deputy county counsel for Yuba County. He has been an adjunct professor at Golden Gate University School of Law since 1994 and has taught a comprehensive course on water law for University of California Extension at Davis. Through a 1999–2000 Fulbright fellowship he taught international environmental law at the Moscow State Agricultural Academy in Russia. He is a member of the editorial board of the *California Environmental Law Reporter* and has written numerous articles on the environment and water.

**Courses taught:** *Energy, Electrical Deregulation, & Environmental Law; Water Law*

**Andrew W. Schwartz**

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Prior to joining Shute, Mihaly & Weinberger, Andrew Schwartz spent 22 years in the San Francisco City Attorney's Office, where he was head of land use and environmental litigation. His practice areas are regulatory takings, eminent domain, real estate, redevelopment, development impact fees, and land use and

real estate litigation. He is a frequent participant in takings cases as counsel for parties and as *amicus curiae*. In June 2005, the US Supreme Court issued a unanimous decision in Schwartz's favor in *San Remo Hotel v. City and County of San Francisco*, deciding that takings claimants who litigate in state court under the Just Compensation Clause of the state constitution are not entitled to relitigate their takings claims in federal court under the federal constitution. Schwartz received the Daily Journal California Lawyer of the Year Award for 2006.

**Course taught:** *Regulatory Takings and Environmental Law*

**Christopher Sproul**

Attorney, Environmental Advocates

BA, MA, University of California, Santa Barbara; JD, Boalt Hall School of Law, University of California, Berkeley

Currently an attorney with Environmental Advocates in San Francisco, Christopher Sproul was formerly a staff attorney for the Environmental Protection Agency. He clerked for a US District Court judge in Los Angeles following law school.

**Courses taught:** *Environmental Law Clinic; Environmental Practice*

**Martin Wagner**

Managing Attorney, International Program, Earthjustice

BA, Whitman College; JD, University of Virginia School of Law

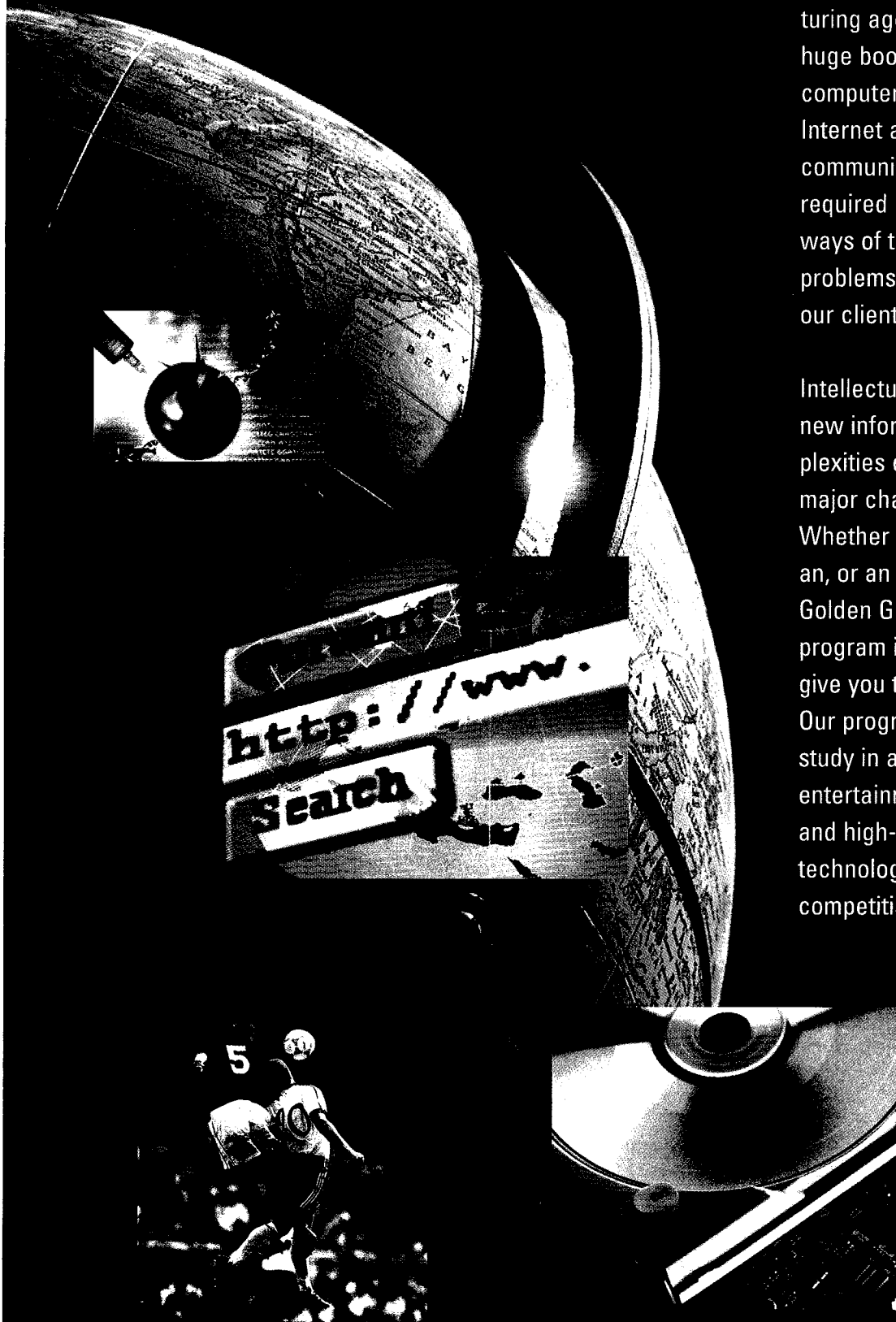
Martin Wagner is a nationally known expert in international environmental law. Before joining Earthjustice in 1996, he clerked for the Hon. Robert Beezer on the US Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit and spent five years litigating environmental citizen suits and civil rights actions and using international mechanisms for the protection of human rights. Wagner is treasurer and attorney for the *Asociación Interamericana para la Defensa del Ambiente*. Before going to law school, he was a Peace Corps volunteer in Senegal, West Africa. He is fluent in French, Spanish, and Pulaar/Fulani.

**Courses taught:** *International Environmental Law; International Trade and Environmental Protection*

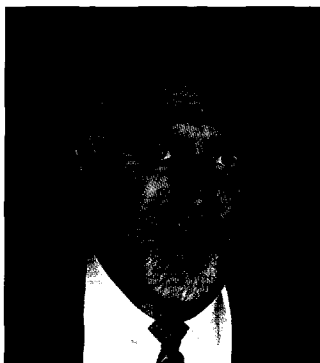
# LLM in Intellectual Property Law

The recent transition from the manufacturing age to the information age got a huge boost from the explosive power of computer technology and the rise of the Internet as a dominant form of interactive communication. For lawyers, this has required us to learn new tools, and new ways of thinking about old and new problems, in order to meet the needs of our clients engaged in this new world.

Intellectual property is at the core of this new information age. Mastering the complexities of intellectual property law is a major challenge facing attorneys today. Whether you are a new attorney, a veteran, or an attorney from another country, Golden Gate University's LLM degree program in intellectual property law will give you the tools to meet this challenge. Our program allows you to focus your study in areas as diverse as copyright; entertainment, and sports law; Internet and high-technology law; patent and biotechnology law; and trademark and unfair competition law.



# Intellectual Property Law



**Marc H. Greenberg**  
*Associate Professor of  
Law and Director, LLM  
Program in Intellectual  
Property Law*

## Message from the Program Director

Central to the practice of law in the new millennium is an understanding of the principles of intellectual property (IP) law. In an age dominated by the development, distribution, and protection of information and ideas, lawyers play an essential role in supporting those endeavors.

The LLM in Intellectual Property Law Program is taught by experienced practitioners and full-time faculty members who specialize in IP law and emphasizes a practical approach to this dynamic field. The program offers students the opportunity to draft agreements and litigation documents; learn negotiating tips and strategies; and delve deeply into the areas of patent, trademark, and copyright—with semester-long courses in both domestic and international IP law.

With five courses offered in entertainment, sports, and art law, the program offers an unprecedented level of instruction in legal issues relating to the creative arts. Students also get up-to-the-minute instruction in new fields such as biotechnology law, Internet and software law, and content licensing for the Web.

Our goal is to provide students who complete this LLM program with a solid base of knowledge and practical skills that will allow them to ably represent clients and to make a positive contribution in all areas of IP practice. Come join us in the study of this fascinating, ever-changing field of the law!

## Courses

The program is open to full-time and part-time students, who must complete 24 units within three years of matriculation. Not all courses are offered every semester. Complete courses descriptions are on our website: [www.ggu.edu/law/courses](http://www.ggu.edu/law/courses).

### Required Courses

Intellectual Property Law Survey (3 units)  
Internet and Software Law (3 units)

### One of the following:

Copyright Law of the US (3 units)  
Patent Law of the US (3 units)  
Trademark Law of the US (3 units)

### Elective Courses

Advanced Film and Television Law (3 units)  
Air, Space, and Telecommunications Law (3 units)  
Art and the Law (2 units)  
Biotechnology Law (3 units)  
Content Licensing (2 units)  
Copyright Law of the US (3 units)  
Cyberlaw and Privacy (2 units)

Directed Study (1–3 units)  
E-Commerce Law (2 units)  
Entertainment Law (3 units)  
Film and Television Law (2 units)  
Intellectual Property Law LLM Seminar (3 units)  
Intellectual Property Litigation: Copyright and Trademark (2 units)  
International Intellectual Property Law (2 units)  
International Patent Law (3 units)  
Negotiating and Drafting Contracts in the Entertainment Business (2 units)  
Patent Application Process from A to Z (3 units)  
Patent Law of the US (3 units)  
Patent Litigation (3 units)  
Principles of Valuation (1 unit)  
Sports Law (2 units)  
Thesis (4–6 units)  
Trademark Law of the US (3 units)

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# LLM in Intellectual Property Law at a Glance

## Specialized Training Critical to a Successful Practice

The **LLM in Intellectual Property Law Program** is designed to build an understanding of IP from the ground up. Students are encouraged to begin with the IP Survey course, and to branch out from there to one or more of the four specialization areas listed here. The program features an unprecedented depth in these areas, with all courses taught by veteran practitioners. The courses emphasize practical applications of this knowledge, and many include instruction in drafting and other practice tools. For course descriptions, visit [www.ggu.edu/law/courses](http://www.ggu.edu/law/courses).

### **Copyright, Entertainment, and Sports Law**

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These areas of IP law focus on content, works of creative expression, and the protection of the rights of athletes, celebrities, and artists. An extensive range of increasingly sophisticated courses in these areas allows LLM students to sharpen and deepen their understanding of the issues in these fields of the law. The LLM in IP Program offers an unprecedented number of entertainment-related courses, with more planned for the future. Courses include:

- Advanced Film and Television Law
- Air, Space, and Telecommunications Law
- Art and the Law
- Content Licensing
- Copyright Law of the US
- Entertainment Law
- Film and Television Law
- Intellectual Property Law LLM Seminar
- Intellectual Property Litigation: Copyright and Trademark
- International Intellectual Property Law
- Negotiating and Drafting Contracts in the Entertainment Business
- Principles of Valuation
- Sports Law

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## Internet and High-Technology Law

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The explosive growth of the Internet as a means of information exchange, creative expression, and financial and related business transactions requires lawyers to keep apace of these changes as well as how the legal system responds to and incorporates them into existing legal systems, both in the United States and the rest of the world. The course offerings in the LLM in IP Program prepare attorneys to address and master these issues. Courses include:

- Air, Space, and Telecommunications Law
- Content Licensing
- Cyberlaw and Privacy
- E-Commerce Law
- Intellectual Property Law LLM Seminar
- Intellectual Property Litigation: Copyright and Trademark
- International Intellectual Property Law
- Internet and Software Law
- Principles of Valuation

## Patent and Biotechnology Law

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From business method patents, to cloning, to “enhanced” agriculture, patent law is occupying an increasingly critical role to the development of new technologies as well as engaging lawyers, politicians, and scientists in serious debate over the extent to which advances in technology and biology will change our lives. Lawyers knowledgeable in these areas will be at the forefront of those changes. The LLM in IP Program offers students sophisticated and challenging courses to update their skills in these important areas. Courses include:

- Biotechnology Law
- Intellectual Property Law LLM Seminar
- International Patent Law
- Patent Application Process from A to Z
- Patent Law of the US
- Patent Litigation
- Principles of Valuation

## Trademark and Unfair Competition Law

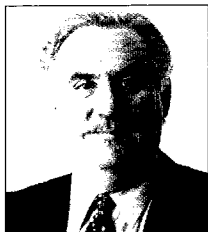
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The reliance on brand names has never been greater than today, as participants in a global marketplace must rely on the quality assurance of brand names when obtaining goods and services from companies around the world. The need for protection of those brand names is an area of law that is growing at a tremendous rate, and lawyers must have extensive knowledge of the cutting-edge issues in this field in order to properly serve the needs of their clients. The course offerings available to IP LLM students will prepare them to handle domestic and international issues relating to trademark and unfair competition, as well as the litigation of related disputes. Courses include:

- Intellectual Property Law LLM Seminar
- Intellectual Property Litigation: Copyright and Trademark
- International Intellectual Property Law
- International Patent Law
- Principles of Valuation
- Trademark Law of the US

# Intellectual Property Law Faculty

## Full-Time Faculty



**Marc H. Greenberg**  
*Program Director*

*AB, University of California, Berkeley; JD, Hastings College of the Law, University of California*

The LLM in Intellectual Property Law Program is directed by Associate Professor Marc Greenberg, a veteran intellectual property and business attorney. Before joining the full-time law faculty at Golden Gate University, he was an adjunct professor, teaching IP courses for eight years. A founding partner of San Francisco's Nelsen & Greenberg, his 20 years in private practice were focused on advising new-technology companies, as well as transactional work and litigation in website development, e-commerce, licensing, copyright, trademark, and entertainment law.

**Courses taught:** *Entertainment Law; IP Law LLM Seminar; IP Law Survey; Internet and Software Law*

**"International students like myself come to GGU to take advantage of world-class research, educational and training facilities, particularly in the growing field of intellectual property. I chose GGU mainly for its unmatched selection of courses in entertainment law and for its ideal location both near Silicon Valley and right in the heart of San Francisco, which houses a diverse and robust arts culture. I look forward to returning to Canada to share the wealth of insights that I have acquired here."**

—Leila Banijamali  
LLM in IP Law, 2005



**William T. Gallagher**  
*Associate Professor of Law*

*BA, University of California, Berkeley; MA, University of Chicago; JD, University of California, Los*

*Angeles; PhD, Boalt Hall School of Law, University of California, Berkeley*

Professor William Gallagher specializes in intellectual property litigation, including patent, trademark, copyright, trade secret, unfair competition, and complex licensing litigation. He taught intellectual property law for six years in the high-tech law program at Santa Clara University School of Law and has been a visiting professor of intellectual property law at Vytautas Magnus University School of Law in Kaunas, Lithuania.

**Courses taught:** *Intellectual Property Law Survey; Intellectual Property Litigation: Copyright and Trademark*



**Christian N. Okeke**  
*Associate Professor of Law*

*LLM (summa cum laude), Kiev State University, Ukraine; Doctor in de Rechtsgeleerdheid (SJD equivalent), Free*

*University of Amsterdam*

Professor Christian Okeke is a former deputy vice-chancellor of Enugu State University of Science and Technology and pioneer dean of the Schools of Law of Nnamdi Azikiwe University, Awka, and Enugu State University of Science and Technology, Enugu, all in Nigeria. Before joining Golden Gate, Professor Okeke taught law for 25 years at Nigerian and other African universities. He also practiced international, trade, and investment law for 18 years. He is a solicitor and advocate of the Supreme Court of Nigeria and a member of the Nigerian, African, and Commonwealth bar associations. Professor Okeke also teaches courses in the international legal studies program.

**Course taught:** *Air, Space, and Telecommunications Law*

## Adjunct Faculty

### Sharon A. Anolik

*Blue Shield of California*

*BA, University of California at Santa Cruz; JD, Golden Gate University School of Law*

Sharon Anolik is the privacy official for Blue Shield of California. Prior to Blue Shield, Anolik specialized in privacy matters for Deloitte & Touche, LLP. Anolik has previously served as associate general counsel and chief privacy officer to Ask Jeeves, Inc., where she focused on privacy and policy matters, as well as Internet and intellectual property issues. She is a published author and frequent speaker.

**Courses taught:** *Cyberlaw & Privacy; Trademark Law of the US*

### Michael Ashburne

*Law Offices of Michael Ashburne*

*BA, Michigan State University; JD, University of California at Berkeley*

Michael Ashburne is an entertainment attorney in private practice who has specialized in the representation of music, film, and literary clients for over 30 years. Ashburne is a founder of the Black Entertainment and Sports Lawyers Association and frequently appears on panels for such organizations as California Lawyers for the Arts, San Francisco Bar Association, and the American Bar Association. Ashburne teaches music business courses at San Francisco State University's Music/Recording Industry program and has written a book called *Sampling in the Record Industry*.

**Courses taught:** *Entertainment Law; Negotiating and Drafting Contracts in the Entertainment Business*

### Stephen L. Baker

*Law Offices of Stephen Baker/Baker Sports Management*

*BA, Tufts University; JD, Cornell Law School*

Stephen Baker is a nationally known sports attorney whose client list currently contains approximately 20 professional football players. Baker has also represented numerous basketball, baseball, and broadcasting clients. His practice provides contract negotiation, off-field marketing, public relations work, and the creation and guidance of charitable programs.

**Course taught:** *Sports Law*

### Justin T. Beck

*Of Counsel, Mount & Stoelker, PC*

*BA, Stanford University; JD (magna cum laude), University of San Francisco*

Justin Beck has litigated numerous patent, copyright, and other technology cases. Prior to joining his present firm, he was a partner at Skjerven Morrill LLP, where he was head of the litigation department. He has also served as corporate counsel at Fairchild Camera and Instrument Corporation and at MDS Qantel.

**Courses taught:** *Copyright Law of the US; Patent Litigation*

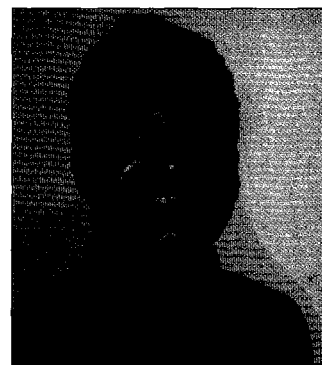
### Tony Berman

*Founder, Berman Entertainment and Technology Law*

*AB, New York University; JD, New York Law School*

Tony Berman is an entertainment and Internet law attorney in San Francisco. His primary practice areas involve negotiation of entertainment contracts, including recording, publishing, digital distribution, webcasting, podcasting, television, film and multimedia agreements. Berman is editor-in-chief of *Multimedia & Entertainment Law Online News (MELON)* and a contributing editor to *Entertainment Industry Contracts*, published by Matthew Bender.

**Course taught:** *Negotiating and Drafting Contracts in the Entertainment Business*



**"Joining the LLM in Intellectual Property Law Program at GGU was one of the best decisions I ever made. The courses were enlightening and interesting and provided me with a lot of useful information. After I completed the LLM, finding a job was no problem, and I am able to do exactly what I always dreamed of."**

—Ben Vollrath  
Attorney, Trademark and Copyright Law, Germany LLM in IP Law, 2003

# Intellectual Property Law Faculty

## Michael A. Glenn

Founder, Glenn Patent Group

BS, University of Arizona; JD, San Mateo Law School

Michael Glenn is a registered patent attorney and has broad experience both in private practice with Townsend and Townsend and Crew of San Francisco and in industry, having served as Intel Corporation's chief intellectual property counsel. He is a former chair of the State Bar of California Intellectual Property Section. Glenn maintains offices in Menlo Park, California, where his practice is limited to patent and patent-related matters, especially in the areas of computers, software, and semiconductors.

**Course taught:** *International Intellectual Property Law*

## Anne Hiaring

Law Offices of Anne Hiaring

BA, Reed College; JD, Hastings College of the Law, University of California; LL.M (with honors), Golden Gate University School of Law

Anne Hiaring has specialized in trademark and copyright law since 1981. She has chaired programs on intellectual property topics and has served as president of the San Francisco Intellectual Property Law Association, chair of the State Bar of California Intellectual Property Law Association, and speaker and moderator at numerous International Trademark Law Association programs.

**Course taught:** *International Intellectual Property Law*

## Dennis Mandell

Senior Vice President, Houlihan, Lokey, Howard & Zukin

BA, California State University, Fullerton; MS Taxation, Golden Gate University

Dennis Mandell specializes in forensic accounting litigation services, special investigations of corporate fraud, and business valuations, as well as dispute analysis and corporate advisor services. His publications include "SOX Forensic Investigations of Potential/Alleged Financial Misconduct" and "Current Issues in the Valuation of Purchased IPR&D."

**Course taught:** *Principles of Valuation*

## Virginia H. Meyer

Adjunct Professor, Golden Gate University School of Law

AB, Randolph-Macon Woman's College; MS, Villanova University; JD (cum laude), Widener University

Virginia Meyer is a registered patent attorney who specialized in intellectual property law as a private practitioner for 25 years. She is now president and IP counsel for a Bay Area biomedical research corporation. In addition to teaching at Golden Gate University, Meyer teaches a course each year in substantive US patent law at the Swiss Federal Institute in Zurich.

**Courses taught:** *Biotechnology Law; Patent Application Process from A to Z; Patent Law of the US*

## Robert B. Morrill

Partner, Sidley Austin Brown & Wood, LLP

BS (with honors), University of Nevada; LLB (cum laude), Harvard University

Robert Morrill has helped technology companies effectively manage their intellectual property, antitrust, and business tort disputes for more than 30 years. Specializing in litigation, arbitration, and mediation of patent, copyright, trade secret, and trademark cases, his intellectual property trial practice encompasses complex licensing and contract issues, as well as infringement and misappropriation.

**Courses taught:** *Intellectual Property Law Survey; Patent Litigation*

## Ted Parker

Partner, Berg & Parker, LLP

AB, University of Rochester; JD, Cornell Law School; MMus, Manhattan School of Music

Ted Parker handles a broad range of commercial legal matters, including intellectual property law. He has expertise in entertainment law with a focus on motion picture production and distribution. Parker is a member of the Bar Association of San Francisco, the Beverly Hills Bar Association, the State Bar of California (Litigation and Intellectual Property sections) and the American Bar Association.

**Course Taught:** *E-Commerce Law*

## Christopher Reggie

Law Offices of Christopher Reggie

BA (two, with honors), University of California, Berkeley; JD, Harvard Law School

Christopher Reggie's focus is entertainment, intellectual property, and corporate law. Reggie worked in-house at major studios, including Lucasfilm Ltd., and negotiated the full spectrum of agreements from preproduction and finance agreements to talent contracts and distribution agreements. He is also a filmmaker whose short film, *Payback*, received cable distribution across the country.

**Courses taught:** *Advanced Film and Television Law; Film and Television Law*

## Warren E. Small

Law Offices of Warren E. Small

BS, Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute; MS, Naval Postgraduate School; MA, Auburn University; MA, Stanford University; JD, Golden Gate University School of Law

After spending 25 years in the US Navy as a commissioned officer, Warren Small earned his JD, specializing in international law. He joined the adjunct law faculty at Golden Gate University in 1996 to complement his private practice, which focuses on intellectual property law, corporate law, and international and domestic patent licensing procedures. He is a member of the State Bar of California.

**Courses taught:** *Copyright Law of the US; International Patent Law*

## Kenneth Vierra Jr.

Partner, Lynch, Gilardi & Grummer

BA, University of Maryland; JD, Golden Gate University School of Law

Kenneth Vierra's practice is devoted primarily to the career management of professional athletes. He is a registered contract advisor with the National Football League Players' Association and a member of the American Bar Association Sports Law Committee, the Association of Defense Trial Attorneys, the Labor and Employment Section of the State Bar of California, the San Francisco Bar Association, and the San Francisco Intellectual Property Law Association.

**Course taught:** *Sports Law*

# ANNUAL CONFERENCE ON INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY LAW

**Sponsored by Golden Gate University School of Law**

Each year during the fall term, the IP Law Program at Golden Gate University School of Law sponsors a conference addressing issues of interest and concern to the IP legal and business communities. Each conference features a unique mix of panels of educators and practitioners in the area of intellectual property law.

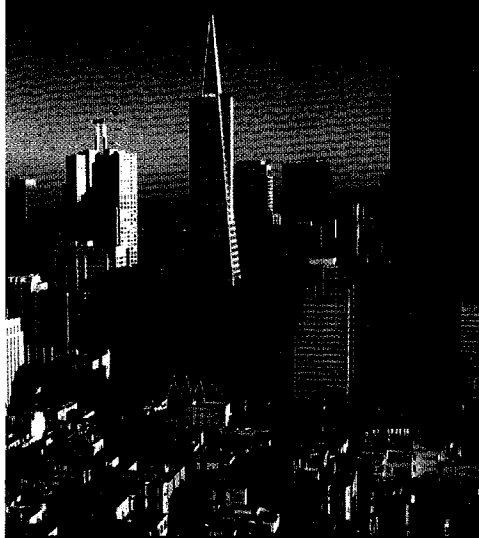
Previous conferences have focused on current IP issues; licensing law; new developments in patent, trademark, and copyright law; and the regulation, valuation, and protection of content.

**For more information**, visit the IP pages of the law school website at **[www.ggu.edu/law](http://www.ggu.edu/law)**

# LLM in Taxation

An LLM degree in taxation from Golden Gate University School of Law is highly respected because of our outstanding curriculum and experienced faculty. The program offers a comprehensive study of tax law, including real estate, partnership, corporate, and international tax law, as well as a full course of specialized study in estate planning. Courses are designed to prepare lawyers for the substantive, procedural, and technical aspects of a tax practice as they develop an in-depth understanding of the policies underlying tax laws.

Students may tailor the program to their needs by attending full time or part time. Classes are held on a semester basis, with the fall semester classes scheduled August–December, spring semester classes scheduled January–May, and summer semester classes scheduled June–August. Classes are held Monday through Thursday.





**Kimberly Stanley**  
*Associate Dean and  
Director, LLM in Taxation  
Program*

## Message from the Program Director

Welcome to the Golden Gate University School of Law LLM in Taxation Program. Whether you are a new law school graduate, an attorney looking for a new area of specialization, or an experienced tax practitioner seeking to broaden your knowledge of tax law, the LLM program in taxation at Golden Gate University School of Law will provide you with that knowledge and expertise.

The LLM program in taxation is one of the preeminent graduate tax law programs in the West, and it is the only program available to students in the San Francisco Bay Area. The program offers advanced instruction in four core areas: business taxes, estate planning, employee benefits, and general taxation. The program is taught by experienced practitioners, judges, government attorneys, and full-time professors who specialize in tax

law, and it emphasizes both an academic and a practical approach to tax law.

Courses cover fundamental legal principles in federal, state, and local tax law, as well as the policies underlying them. In addition, you will have opportunities to develop drafting and negotiating skills, keep up on current legislative and regulatory proposals, and understand cutting-edge tax strategies. Opportunities also exist for clinical fieldwork, independent study, and extended research and writing for scholarly publication.

Graduate students who complete this LLM program leave with a comprehensive base of knowledge and important practical skills that allow them to confidently represent clients in the demanding field of taxation. We welcome you to the study of this fascinating, ever-changing field of law!

## Courses

The program is open to full-time and part-time students, who must complete 26 units within five years of matriculation. Not all courses are offered every semester. Complete course descriptions are on our website at: [www.ggu.edu/law/courses](http://www.ggu.edu/law/courses).

### Required Courses

Characterization of Income & Expenditures  
Corporate Taxation  
Federal Tax Procedure  
Professional Responsibility for Tax Practitioners  
Timing of Income & Expenditures

### Elective Courses

Advanced Corporate Tax  
Advanced Estate Planning  
Advanced Tax Research  
Bankruptcy Taxation  
California Property Tax  
Consolidated Returns  
Directed Study in Taxation  
ERISA I and ERISA II  
Estate & Gift Taxation  
Estate Planning  
Estate Planning for the Blended Family  
Executive Compensation  
Federal Collection Practices  
Federal Income Taxation of Limited Liability Companies & S Corporations  
Federal Tax Crimes  
Income Taxation of Trusts & Estates

International Taxation  
IRS Internship  
Judicial Externship  
Marital Taxation  
Multinational Estate Planning  
Partnership Tax  
Practical Accounting for Tax Attorneys  
Principles of Valuation  
Probate Procedures & Litigation  
Real Estate Taxation  
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# LLM in Taxation at a Glance

## Specialized Training Critical to a Successful Practice

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### **Required Courses**

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- Characterization of Income and Expenditures
- Corporate Taxation
- Federal Tax Procedure
- Professional Responsibility for Tax Practitioners
- Timing of Income and Expenditures

## **Business Taxation**

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- Advanced Corporate Tax
- Bankruptcy Taxation
- California Property Tax
- Consolidated Returns
- Federal Income Taxation of Limited Liability Companies and S Corporations
- International Taxation
- Partnership Tax
- Practical Accounting for Tax Attorneys
- Principles of Valuation
- Real Estate Taxation
- State and Local Taxation
- Tax Exempt Organizations
- Tax Shelters
- Taxation of Damages
- Taxation of Mergers and Acquisitions
- Transfer Pricing

## **General Taxation**

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- California Property Tax
- Estate and Gift Taxation
- Federal Tax Crimes
- Marital Taxation
- Partnership Tax
- Practical Accounting for Tax Attorneys
- Principles of Valuation
- Real Estate Taxation
- State and Local Taxation
- Tax Aspects of Charitable Giving
- Tax Litigation
- Tax Policy
- Tax Research
- Tax-Aid Clinic

## **Estate Planning**

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- Advanced Estate Planning
- Estate and Gift Taxation
- Estate Planning
- Estate Planning for the Blended Family
- Executive Compensation
- Income Taxation of Trusts and Estates
- Judicial Externship
- Marital Taxation
- Multinational Estate Planning
- Principles of Valuation
- Probate Procedure and Litigation
- Tax Aspects of Charitable Giving
- Tax Exempt Organizations

**"I wanted to enter the estate planning field but did not take any tax courses in law school. Returning to school to obtain my LLM in tax from GGU has allowed me to get specialized tax law training to prepare me for my new career. I really appreciated the professors' specialized expertise—they conveyed not only theoretical principles but also solid practical advice on how to approach a problem."**

*—Elizabeth Crinnion  
LLM in Taxation, 2004*

# LLM in Taxation Faculty

## Full-Time Faculty



**Kimberly Stanley**  
Program Director

*BS (magna cum laude), Brigham Young University; JD (with honors), George Washington University National Law Center; LLM*

*Taxation, Georgetown University Law Center*

The LLM in Taxation Program is directed by Associate Dean Kimberly Stanley, a veteran tax attorney with wide-ranging experience in both the public and private sectors. Professor Stanley began her career as a law clerk at the United States Tax Court and then served six years as an appellate attorney for the US Department of Justice Tax Division in Washington, DC. She then moved to the private sector, joining the San Diego office of Gray, Cary, Ware & Freidenrich as an associate in the tax practice group. She was a founding partner of Lautanen & Stanley, a small boutique law firm specializing in state and federal tax controversy and litigation. In her 20 years of practice, Professor Stanley represented clients large and small before the taxing agencies and developed expertise in a wide array of tax issues. She joined the School of Law faculty in July 2003.

**Courses taught:** *Characterization of Income and Expenditures; Federal Income Taxation; Tax Shelters*



**Marci Kelly**  
Professor of Law

*BA (cum laude), Vassar College; JD, University of Virginia; LLM (Tax), New York University*

Professor Marci Kelly previously practiced tax law in New York City and clerked for a judge of the US Tax Court. She has been a faculty member at the University of Puget Sound and a visiting or adjunct professor at University of Washington School of Law, William Mitchell College of Law, University of San Francisco School of Law, and University of Notre Dame School of Law. She is the author of several articles and book chapters and a frequent lecturer. She has served as chair of the Education Committee of the State Bar of California.

**Course taught:** *Federal Income Taxation*



**Allan H. Cadgene**  
Professor of Law

*BA, Stanford University; JD, Yale University*

Professor Allan Cadgene has taught at Golden Gate

University since 1976. He is a specialist in tax law, real estate development, and the arts. He lectures on tax incentives for rehabilitation to the National Society for Historic Preservation and is an advisor to nonprofit arts organizations. Before joining Golden Gate, he was a member of the tax department at Orrick, Herrington & Sutcliffe.

**Courses taught:** *Federal Income Taxation; Real Estate Taxation*

## Adjunct Faculty

**Barton W.S. Bassett**  
Partner, Fenwick & West LLP

*BA, University of California, Davis with honors; JD (magna cum laude, Order of the Coif), Hastings College of the Law, University of California*

As a partner in the Tax Group of Fenwick & West, Barton Bassett specializes in planning and controversy issues relating to the US federal taxation of international and domestic transactions. He co-authors a quarterly article focusing on international tax controversies for the *Journal of Taxation of Global Transactions*. He has lectured for professional and industry groups on various topics relating to the provisions of Subpart F, the application of the business purpose standard, transfer pricing, and double taxation conventions.

**Course taught:** *International Taxation*

**Basil Boutris**  
Partner, Vaught & Boutris, LLP

*BA (summa cum laude, Phi Beta Kappa), University of California, Berkeley; MBA, Haas School of Business; JD, Boalt Hall School of Law, University of California, Berkeley*

Basil Boutris' practice emphasizes tax, business and estate planning, and related litigation. He represents individuals and businesses with tax controversy matters before all federal and state taxing authorities. He also does extensive tax and estate planning for his clients to minimize income and estate taxes and protect assets. Boutris has served as vice-chair of the Executive Committee of the State Bar of California Tax Section and two-time former chair of the Santa Clara County Bar Association Tax Section. He writes and lectures extensively and has published articles in *The California Tax Lawyer*, Continuing Education of the Bar publications, and other prestigious legal journals. He is a member of the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals, US District Court for the Northern and Central Districts of California, and US Tax Court.

**Course taught:** *Bankruptcy Taxation*

**Michael Burnstein**

*Special Counsel, Heller Ehrman*

*BS, JD/MBA, St. John's University; LLM, New York University School of Law*

Michael Burnstein has a practice emphasizing wealth management and tax-exempt organizations. He served as an attorney-advisor to the Hon. Maurice B. Foley of the US Tax Court, 1995-97. During that time, Judge Foley's chambers decided *Estate of Schauerhamer v. Commissioner* (Section 2036 applied to family limited partnerships) and *Bob Jones University v. Commissioner*, (museum spun off by school with racially discriminatory policy held exempt under Section 501(c)(3)), among many other cases. Burnstein is a member of the American Bar Association Section of Taxation; State Bar of California; New York State Bar Association; Bar Association of San Francisco; National Committee on Planned Giving; and the San Francisco Estate Planning Council. He is a member of the US Tax Court.

**Courses taught:** *Income Taxation of Trusts and Estates; Tax Aspects of Charitable Giving*

**Michael Daw**

*Acting Co-Director, Law Library, Golden Gate University School of Law*

*BA, JD, Valparaiso University; MLIS, San Jose State University*

Michael Daw was previously in private practice, first in Cleveland, then in San Francisco, where his areas of practice included taxation, pension plan qualification (ERISA), and litigation support, especially in landlord-tenant matters. He returned to school for his library degree after 13 years of law practice.

**Courses taught:** *Advanced Tax Research; Tax Research*

**Matthew S. Kramer**

*Attorney/Advisor, Internal Revenue Service (IRS), Office of Chief Counsel (International), Advanced Pricing Agreement Program*

*BA (magna cum laude), University of Michigan; MA, Indiana University; PhD, University of California, Berkeley; JD, Boalt Hall School of Law, University of California, Berkeley*

Matthew Kramer specializes in researching and analyzing legal and economic issues relating to transfer pricing, intangible valuations and transfers, and other international taxation issues. He advises the US Competent Authority regarding negotiating strategies with treaty partners. He also has expertise in negotiating transfer pricing obligations and agreement drafting between the IRS and multinational corporations, and previous experience as an associate with the tax department of Baker & McKenzie.

**Course taught:** *Transfer Pricing*

**Jayne Lee**

*Probate Department of the Alameda County Superior Court*

*BA, Yale University; JD, UCLA School of Law; JSM, Stanford Law School; LLM (with honors), Golden Gate University School of Law*

Jayne Lee served as the articles editor of the *Stanford Law Review* and is the recipient of numerous awards. After law school, she taught at Stanford Law School as its youngest Spaeth fellow. She served as a deputy city attorney for San Francisco, where she litigated tobacco cases and represented the city at the state and national levels. She also served as general counsel of a major technology company in China. She has pub-

lished articles in *Stanford Law Review* and in textbooks used by more than 100 law schools and universities.

**Courses taught:** *Judicial Externships; Multinational Estate Planning*

**Dennis Mandell**

*Senior Vice President, Houlihan, Lokey, Howard & Zukin*

*BA, California State University, Fullerton; MS Taxation, Golden Gate University*

Dennis Mandell specializes in forensic accounting litigation services, special investigations of corporate fraud, and business valuations, as well as dispute analysis and corporate advisor services. His publications include "SOX Forensic Investigations of Potential/Alleged Financial Misconduct" and "Current Issues in the Valuation of Purchased IPR&D."

**Course taught:** *Principles of Valuation*

**Harry Maring**

*Principal, The Maring Law Firm*

*BA, Vanderbilt University; JD (cum laude), Cumberland School of Law, Samford University; LLM New York University School of Law*

Harry Maring has extensive experience in estate taxation and planning; tax litigation; and in all areas of tax, corporate, and business planning for individuals and entities. He is a frequent author and speaker on various estate planning topics, including many activities for Continuing Education of the Bar. He serves on the boards of directors and subcommittees of several Bay Area nonprofit organizations and is a past member of the board of Big Brothers/Big Sisters of San Francisco and the San Francisco Public Library Foundation—Financial and Corporate Research. Maring is admitted to practice before the US Supreme Court; the US Tax Court; the Fifth, Ninth, and Eleventh Circuit Courts of Appeals; the US District Court for Northern California; the US District Court for Alabama; and all state courts in California and Alabama.

**Course taught:** *Estate Planning for the Blended Family*

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—Thomas Vaughns  
LLM in Taxation, 2004



# LLM in Taxation Faculty

## John R. Messenger

Partner, Reed Smith LLP

BS (cum laude), University of Idaho; JD University of Idaho

With 32 years of practice concentrated in tax controversies and complex litigation, John Messenger has in-depth experience in the tax controversy process, state and local taxation and trial and appellate advocacy. He has handled tax controversies before administrative bodies and federal and state courts, from the US Supreme Court to local boards of equalization. He has been responsible for resolving major tax controversies involving income taxes, severance taxes, excise taxes, sales and use taxes, and property taxes. He has managed complex litigation matters, including oil and gas tax cases. He is a member of the state bars of California, Alaska, and Washington.

**Course taught:** California Property Tax

## Joshua Rosenberg

Professor of Law, University of San Francisco

BA, Case Western Reserve University; JD, LL.M., New York University

Joshua Rosenberg is the coauthor of leading texts in partnership, corporate, and business taxation. He is a full-time faculty member at the University of San Francisco School of Law and has taught law at New York University and Boalt Hall. He has published in many journals including *Stanford Law Review*, *California Law Review*, *Michigan Law Review*, and *Virginia Law Review*. He has served as a consultant on legislation and administration to major law firms and to the federal government.

**Courses taught:** Advanced Corporate Tax; Corporate Taxation; Partnership Tax; Tax Policy

## Paul N. Stam

Executive Director, Morgan Stanley Private Wealth Management

BA, University of California, Irvine; JD (cum laude), Western State University College of Law; LLM in Taxation (with honors), Golden Gate University; MS, College for Financial Planning

Paul Stam is executive director in Morgan Stanley's Private Wealth Management Division in its Los Angeles and San Francisco offices. Previously he was a senior vice president/wealth strategist at Bank of America's Private Bank, after having practiced law for 10 years. Most recently, he was a partner at the regional law firm of Kring & Brown, LLP in Irvine, California. Stam is a frequent lecturer and speaker on estate and tax planning issues and general financial planning.

**Course taught:** Multinational Estate Planning

## Russell Stanaland

Owner, Stanaland & Company

BS Accounting, University of Florida; MS Tax, Golden Gate University; JD, Golden Gate University School of Law; LLM, New York University

Russell Stanaland is the owner of Stanaland & Company, a CPA firm that specializes in estate planning and advising closely held businesses. He is a member of the California bar, California Board of Public Accountancy, California Society of Certified Public Accountants, and the American Association of Attorneys and Certified Public Accountants.

**Course Taught:** Timing of Income and Expenditures

## Robert E. Steiger

State Tax Counsel, Chevron Corporation

BA, University of California, Irvine; JD, Hastings College of Law, University of California; LL.M., Golden Gate University School of Law

Robert Steiger has expertise in the ramifications of legal entity reorganizations, tax credit utilization, AMT minimizations, business/non-business income analysis, VAT minimization, and property taxation. He specializes in contract negotiations, audits, compliance issues, and corporate GAAP tax provision analysis. Steiger has served as senior tax manager for Cypress Semiconductor Corporation; and as director for state tax research and planning, tax counsel for state and local taxes, and manager of state and local taxes for Verizon Wireless/AirTouch Communication.

**Courses taught:** California Property Tax; State and Local Taxation

## Jon R. Vaught

Partner, Vaught & Boutris, LLP

BA, University of California, Berkeley; JD, University of California, Davis; LL.M., Golden Gate University School of Law

Jon Vaught is certified as a specialist in taxation law by the State Bar of California Board of Legal Specialization. His practice emphasizes counseling and litigation in the areas of tax, estate planning, probate, and trust administration, asset protection, and business law. He is a member of, and has practiced extensively in, all four of the US District Courts in California, the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals, and the US Tax Court, and he has had several of his cases published by these courts.

**Courses taught:** Estate Planning; Estate and Gift Taxation; Advanced Estate Planning

## Joseph Walsh

Professor, Golden Gate University

BS, MBA, University of California, Berkeley; JD, Hastings College of Law, University of California; LL.M., New York University

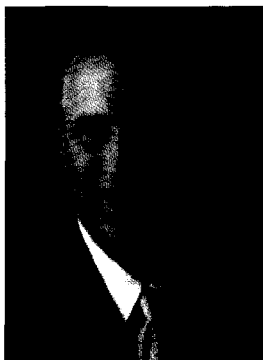
Joseph Walsh specializes in tax timing and partnerships. He is a CPA and was a certified specialist in taxation from 1983 to 1999. He was coach of the 1995-99 Arthur Andersen Tax Challenge Competitors and also teaches full time in the Golden Gate University School of Tax.

**Courses taught:** Practical Accounting for Tax Attorneys; Professional Responsibility for Tax Practitioners

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—Donald Hegstrom, Current Student, LLM in Taxation Program

## Distinguished Adjunct Faculty



**Hon. Stephen J. Swift**  
*Judge, US Tax Court*

*BA, Brigham Young University; JD, George Washington University Law School*

Bar Association Section of Taxation. He is a long-time advisor to the Tax Section of the State Bar of California and a frequent lecturer and panelist at tax conferences throughout the country.

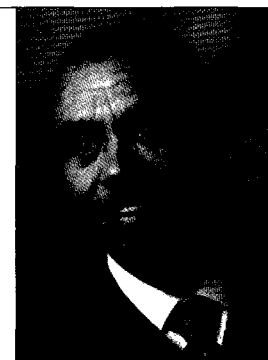
**Courses taught:** *Federal Collection Practices; Federal Tax Procedure*

Judge Stephen J. Swift is one of 19 judges presently serving on the US Tax Court. He was appointed to the court in 1983 and reappointed in 2000. Earlier, Judge Swift worked in Washington, DC, as an attorney for the Tax Division of the US Department of Justice. In 1974, he moved to San Francisco where he practiced law, first as an assistant US attorney for the Tax Division, US Attorney's Office, and then in private practice as vice president and senior tax counsel for Bank of America. During much of his time in San Francisco, he has been an adjunct professor in the LL.M. in Taxation Program at GGU.

Judge Swift is a member of the State Bar of California, the Bar Association of the District of Columbia, and the American

Judge Marshall Whitley was appointed to the bench in April 1993. He is currently an Alameda County Superior Court judge and supervising judge of the probate department. He presides over all probate litigation in the county. Prior to becoming a judge, he was a partner with the firm of Tierney and Whitley in San Francisco, where his roughly 10 years of private practice was concentrated in federal and state tax controversies and commercial litigation. Judge Whitley has authored numerous articles and has held leadership positions with a number of local bar, state bar, and state judicial organizations.

**Courses taught:** *Federal Tax Procedure; Judicial Externships; Probate Procedure and Litigation; Tax Litigation*



**Hon. Marshall Whitley**  
*Judge, Alameda County Superior Court*

*BS, Howard University; JD, University of Connecticut; LL.M., Georgetown University*

**Robert A. Wexler**  
*Principal, Silk, Adler & Colvin*

*AB (magna cum laude, Phi Beta Kappa), Brown University; JD, Columbia University School of Law*

Robert Wexler practices in the areas of nonprofit organizations, public and charitable foundations, and charitable giving. Before joining Silk, Adler & Colvin, Wexler represented commercial and nonprofit clients, including healthcare institutions, in tax and business matters. He is editor of the Exempt Organizations Department of the *Journal of Taxation*. He is also an adjunct professor at the Institute of Nonprofit Organization Management of the University of San Francisco, serves as a member of the board of directors of the Tenderloin Neighborhood Development Corporation, and is a member of the Taxation Section of the American Bar Association.

**Course taught:** *Tax Exempt Organizations*

**Robert W. Wood**  
*Founder, Robert W. Wood Professional Corporation*

*BA, California State University, Humboldt; JD, University of Chicago Law School*

Robert Wood specializes in state, federal, and international tax issues. He is a certi-

fied specialist in taxation by the State Bar of California. Wood has authored 28 books regarding taxation and is a nationally recognized expert in the area of taxation of damages and settlement payments. He is also the founder and editor-in-chief of the *M & A Tax Report*.

**Course taught:** *Taxation of Damages*

**Davis G. Yee**  
*Attorney, Office of Chief Counsel for the IRS*

*BS, University of California at Davis; JD, Northwestern School of Law of Lewis and Clark College; LL.M., Georgetown University Law Center*

Davis Yee provides legal advice to the IRS on a variety of tax issues and serves as its representative before the US Tax Court. He began his legal career as a judicial clerk to the Hon. Charles Z. Smith of the Washington State Supreme Court and as an associate in the San Francisco office of Wilson, Elser, Moskowitz, Edelman & Dicker, LLP, handling civil litigation matters. He later served as an attorney-advisor to the Hon. Peter J. Panuthos of the US Tax Court. He has received awards from the Attorney-CPA Foundation and various standing committees of the American Bar Association. He is a real estate broker licensed in California and a member of the State Bar of California.

**Courses taught:** *Marital Taxation; Real Estate Taxation*

**Paul Zamolo**  
*Associate Area Counsel, IRS Office of Chief Counsel*

*AB (with honors), MPP, University of California, Berkeley; JD, Boalt Hall School of Law, University of California, Berkeley*

Paul Zamolo is responsible for managing IRS attorneys who litigate tax cases before the US Tax Court. He was previously a trial attorney for the IRS Office of District Counsel, San Francisco, and deputy regional counsel (tax litigation) for IRS Regional Counsel (Western Region). Prior to working with the IRS, he was an associate at Thiessen, Gagen & McCoy in Danville, CA.

**Courses taught:** *Federal Income Taxation of Limited Liability Companies and S Corporations; Federal Tax Procedure; Income Taxation of Trusts and Estates*

# LLM in US Legal Studies

The LLM in US Legal Studies Program serves law graduates and attorneys from the United States and abroad. Growth in international trade and the awareness that we live in an interdependent world has led law graduates from more than 60 nations to the program. Increasingly, English is the language of contracts, negotiations, and correspondence; principles of US law stand beside international treaties and EU law as the bases

for business agreements and the resolution of disputes. Examples from US law provide models for new initiatives in developing nations.

At Golden Gate, we believe that providing lawyers from all nations with the chance to work together promotes mutual understanding. Students from the United States benefit from the presence of international students; all are enriched when attorneys from other nations join our community. The ethic we share is that lawyering is an honorable profession. Those who serve the rule of law can work together to help the people of all nations.



# LLM in US Legal Studies



**Anthony Pagano**  
*Director, LLM in US  
Legal Studies Program;  
Dean Emeritus; and  
Professor of Law*

*BS, Fordham University;  
JD, University of  
Michigan*

## Program Director

Professor Anthony Pagano joined the law faculty at Golden Gate in 1970 after teaching here part time for two years. Prior to that, he practiced with Morrison Foerster in San Francisco and in the legal department of Crown Zellerbach. He served as dean of the School of Law from 1988 to 1999. During his tenure as dean, he began the LLM programs in US legal studies and environmental law, as well as the LLM and SJD programs in international legal studies, while expanding the LLM program in taxation.

**Courses Taught:** *Community Property; Wills and Trusts*

## Program Co-Director

Program Co-director Christine Pagano began teaching in the LLM program in international legal studies in 1994, following a 30-year university teaching career. After completing law school and practicing public interest law for several years, she returned to Golden Gate to help design curriculum and administer the LLM programs for international students. She is currently advisor to students in the LLM in US Legal Studies Program.

**Courses Taught:** *Introduction to the US Legal System; Literature and the Law; Mediation Skills Training; Legal Methods*



**Christine C. Pagano**  
*Co-director, LLM in US  
Legal Studies Program*

*BS Ed, Fordham  
University; MA,  
San Francisco State  
University; JD, LLM,  
Golden Gate University*

## Overview

Since 1997, when the program began with five students, more than 300 lawyers and law graduates have received an LLM in United States legal studies at Golden Gate. Most come to gain a basic understanding of US law, and many decide to take a bar examination in California or New York.

In addition to bar preparation, the LLM in US Legal Studies Program offers the law graduate opportunities to work in a US legal setting. Placements include our in-house Women's Employment Rights Clinic; Environmental Law and Justice Clinic; field clinical placements in law offices, courts, and public agencies in the San Francisco Bay Area; and paid law clerk positions through our curricular practical training and optional practical training programs. The program is open to full-time and part-time students, who must complete 24 units within three years of matriculation.

## Required Courses

Since the LLM program is flexible and designed to help the student meet individual goals, there are no required courses for JD graduates of ABA- or California-accredited law schools. Students choosing a concentration must satisfy the concentration requirements.

Lawyers and law graduates from other nations are required to take the following courses:

- Introduction to the US Legal System (3 units)
- Graduate Legal Writing and Research or Writing and Research I (2 units)
- Directed Study, Thesis, Curricular Practical Training, or Clinic (1-3 units)

## Elective Courses

The remaining units may be taken in a concentration or in an individually designed program. Students may choose any course offered in the law school or up to 6 units from our partner law schools in the Bay Area Consortium.

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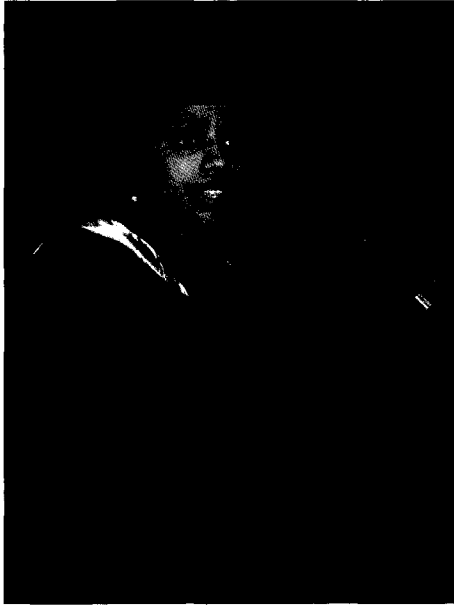
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# United States Legal Studies



## Practical Training

Many international students work in paid law-related positions while in school and for a year after graduation. To qualify for clerk positions in law firms, public interest agencies, and nongovernmental organizations, attorneys must have a basic grasp of US law and research methods.

Courses, research fellowships, and clinical programs offered through the LLM in US Legal Studies Program prepare international students for work in US legal settings.

## Concentrations

Graduate law students appreciate the opportunity to specialize in an area of law. Often the US law graduate wants the extra edge that advanced study in a practice area can offer. Lawyers from other nations may want to prepare for a US bar exam and seek specialized knowledge. By taking one or more concentrations, the LLM in US legal studies student can meet both goals.

- Corporate & Commercial Law
- Immigration Law
- Labor & Employment Law
- Litigation & Lawyering Skills
- Property Development and Real Estate Law
- US Legal Practice

Students who choose a concentration must take at least 16 units from a list of courses set by the concentration advisers. Graduates of US law schools generally choose all of their courses from the concentration area, but they may also choose up to 10 units from among the general course offerings. Foreign law graduates complete required courses, plus the concentration.

## Sample Schedules

Sample two-semester program for a foreign lawyer choosing a concentration in US legal practice (recommended for those planning to take a US bar examination):

### Fall

Evidence (4 units)  
Graduate Legal Research (2 units)  
Introduction to the US Legal System (3 units)  
Property (3 units)

### Spring

Constitutional Law (3 units)  
Curricular Practical Training, Clinic, Directed Study, or electives (5 units)  
Professional Responsibility (2 units)  
Solving Legal Problems (2 units)

Many students choose to extend their LLM study to three semesters, allowing more time for Curricular Practical Training, a thesis, or a second concentration. Through advising, students tailor the program to fit their needs and interests.

Below is a sample schedule for a double concentration in US legal practice and corporate/commercial law.

### Fall

Business Associations (4 units)  
Graduate Legal Research (2 units)  
Introduction to the US Legal System (3 units)  
Property (3 units)

### Spring

Antitrust (3 units)  
Civil Practice Clinic (2 units)  
Constitutional Law (3 units)  
Evidence (4 units)

### Summer

Curricular Practical Training (1 unit)  
Professional Responsibility (2 units)  
Sales (2 units)

### Fall

Curricular Practical Training (1 unit)  
Federal Income Taxation of Individuals (3 units)  
Securities Regulation (3 units)

## Elective Courses by Concentration

### Corporate & Commercial Law

Accounting for Lawyers  
Alternative Dispute Resolution  
Antitrust  
Banking and Financial Institutions Law  
Bankruptcy Law  
Business Associations  
Business Planning  
Commercial Finance  
Comparative Anti-Trust Law  
Corporate Taxation  
Debtors' Rights and Creditors' Remedies  
Federal Income Taxation  
Insurance Law  
International Business Transactions  
International Dispute Resolution  
International Taxation  
International Trade Regulation  
Mergers and Acquisitions  
Private International/Conflict of Laws  
Sales  
Securities Regulation

### Immigration Law

Administrative Law  
Business Immigration Law  
Constitutional Law I or II  
Contemporary Issues in International Law  
Federal Courts  
Federalism Seminar  
Immigration and Refugee Policy Seminar and Clinic  
Immigration Law  
International Human Rights Seminar  
Professional Responsibility  
Public Interest/Government Counsel Clinic  
Women's Employment Rights Clinic/Seminar

### Labor & Employment Law

Administrative Law  
Advanced Seminar in Labor/Employment Law  
Business Immigration Law  
Disability Rights Law  
Employment Discrimination  
Employment Law  
Federal Courts  
Labor Law  
Women's Employment Rights Clinic/Seminar  
Workers' Compensation

### Litigation & Lawyering Skills

Administrative Law  
Advanced Legal Research: eSearch  
Alternative Dispute Resolution  
Appellate Advocacy  
Civil Litigation: Pretrial Phase  
Civil Practice Clinic  
Civil Procedure I or II  
Courtroom as Theater  
Criminal Litigation  
Criminal Procedure I or II  
Evidence  
Federal Courts  
International Dispute Resolution  
Judicial Externship  
Lawyering Skills: Client Advocacy  
Mediation Skills Training  
Professional Responsibility  
Real Estate Litigation Seminar  
Settlement of Litigation Disputes  
Solving Legal Problems  
Trial Advocacy  
Wrongful Convictions

### Property Development/Real Estate Law

Bankruptcy Law  
Commercial Finance  
Environmental Law and Policy  
Federal Income Taxation  
Land Use Regulation  
Landlord-Tenant Law Clinic  
Property I or II  
Real Estate Clinic  
Real Estate Development  
Real Estate Finance  
Real Estate Litigation Seminar  
Real Estate Transactions Seminar  
Remedies  
Special Problems: Property

### US Legal Practice

Appellate Advocacy  
Civil Procedure I or II  
Community Property  
Constitutional Law I or II  
Contracts I or II  
Evidence  
Professional Responsibility  
Property I or II  
Remedies  
Sales  
Solving Legal Problems  
Torts I or II  
Wills and Trusts  
Writing and Research I or II



**"I am working for two partners in Hamburg, Germany. I have cases from all areas of IP law—mainly trademark, utility patent, and unfair competition work, but also pharmaceutical-related problems. That's exactly what I always wanted to do, and I am quite satisfied with my work."**

—Matt Berger, Attorney  
Harmsen & Utescher  
Hamburg, Germany

LLM in US Legal Studies,  
2002

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# LLM & SJD in International Legal Studies

In 1991, GGU established the Center for Advanced International Legal Studies. Since the inception of the Center, the international legal studies program has expanded from the traditional notion of international law to encompass a broad range of international and comparative legal studies. As part of the center, the LLM program began in 1994 and the SJD program began in 1998. More than 200 students have graduated from the LLM program and 15 scholars have graduated from the SJD program.

The rich course offerings in international legal studies at Golden Gate are enhanced by our diverse community of law students who come from around the world and include experienced lawyers, professors of law, and judges representing many of the world's major legal systems. At GGU, you read about different legal systems in the law library and experience them in the classroom.

Through its network of graduates, scholars, and collaborators, the Center for Advanced International Legal Studies has spread the name of Golden Gate University School of Law around the globe in every imaginable way. The Center stands in a unique position to provide opportunities for GGU students and graduates.



# International Legal Studies



## Sompong Sucharitkul

*Associate Dean and Distinguished Professor of International and Comparative Law, Director of the LLM/SJD in International Legal Studies Programs*

## Program Director Sompong Sucharitkul

*BA (Honours), BCL, MA, DPhil and DCL, Oxford University, United Kingdom; Docteur en Droit, University of Paris, France; LLM, Harvard University; Diploma, Hague Academy of International Law; of the Middle Temple, Barrister-at-Law, United Kingdom*

In addition to directing the Golden Gate LLM and SJD programs in international legal studies, Distinguished Professor Sompong Sucharitkul directs the Center for Advanced International Legal Studies and the summer law program in Bangkok. He brings a wealth of knowledge of public and private international law to the international legal studies programs.

Professor Sucharitkul has served as Thailand's ambassador to Belgium, the Netherlands, and Luxemburg (BENELUX); the European Economic Community (EEC); Japan; France; Portugal; UNESCO; Italy; Greece; Israel; and FAO. He served as director-general of the

Economic Department and of the Treaties and Legal Department, and as principal legal advisor to the government of Thailand.

Professor Sucharitkul represented Thailand in the United Nations General Assembly for almost 30 years and served as Member and Special Rapporteur of the International Law Commission for 10 years. In 2001, he was appointed by the President of the International Court of Justice to serve as one of three members on the first ASEAN Investment Dispute Arbitral Tribunal; he was subsequently elected President of the Tribunal. Professor Sucharitkul also served as Expert Consultant of UNESCO and UNCTAD. He served more than 15 years as a Member of ICSID Panels of Arbitrators and of Conciliators; he served seven years as United Nations Commissioner on Panel E3 of UNCC in connection with claims against Iraq for the invasion and occupation of Kuwait. He has been an active Member of the Institut de Droit International since 1973.

## Message from the Director

Welcome to the LLM and SJD in International Legal Studies Programs. These programs, built upon Golden Gate University School of Law's long-standing commitment to international law, envision American and foreign legal scholars working side by side to appreciate the complex process of the progressive development of international law.

The LLM and SJD programs in international legal studies are both academic and practical. At its core, the LLM program provides students with knowledge of the fundamental principles of international law and the current rules that govern their application.

The curriculum reaches beyond rules, however, to examine the effects of various cultural practices and national policies on international trade, human rights, and the environment. In addition, courses trace the development of international and regional organizations and treaties that govern multinational issues. Students are exposed to practical applications of negotiating skills and to different methods of international dispute settlement.

The LLM program has two primary objectives: to acquaint American students with the legal traditions of other countries and to encourage all students to understand existing variations in international legal principles, so that they may work toward harmonizing the legal consequences of these principles.

These objectives are achieved through the interaction of students from diverse legal cultures, led by a faculty of experienced international legal scholars and practitioners, in and out of the classroom, and through research and publication of international and comparative law materials. The SJD program is a natural extension of the LLM program.

The LLM and SJD programs offer advanced qualification in five core areas: international law, private international law (conflict of laws), international economic law, comparative legal studies, and international dispute settlement. LLM and SJD students interested in comparative aspects of US law can benefit from taking courses offered in the Juris Doctor (JD) program, as well as courses in other LLM programs at Golden Gate University.

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# International Legal Studies

## LLM Course Requirements

The program is open to full-time and part-time students. LLM students must complete 24 units within four years of matriculation.

### Writing Requirement

Each student in the LLM in International Legal Studies Program is required to take at least one seminar that entails the satisfactory completion of a substantial paper. International legal studies students may choose to earn up to 6 elective units for the successful completion of a thesis prepared under faculty supervision.

Not all courses are offered every semester. Complete courses descriptions are at [www.ggu.edu/law/courses](http://www.ggu.edu/law/courses).

### LLM Required Courses

*LLM students earn at least 6 credits by taking courses from at least two of the five core areas listed below.*

#### International Law

International Law (3 units)  
International Organizations (3 units)  
Law of International Armed Conflicts (3 units)

#### Private International Law/Conflict of Laws

Private International Law/Conflict of Laws  
(3 units)

#### Comparative Legal Systems

Comparative Legal Systems (3 units)

#### International Economic Law

International Business Transactions (3 units)  
International Investment Law (3 units)  
International Trade Regulation (3 units)

#### International Dispute Resolution

International Dispute Resolution (3 units)  
Pacific Settlement of Disputes Between States  
(3 units)  
Alternative Dispute Resolution (3 units)

### LLM Elective Courses

*LLM students earn the remaining units by enrolling in courses selected from the required courses or from the courses listed below. Other courses offered by Golden Gate University School of Law not listed in the International Legal Studies Program may be applied toward the LLM requirements with the approval of the program director.*

Advanced Legal Research: eSearch  
Air, Space, and Telecommunications Law  
ASEAN Broadcasting, Satellite, and Media Law \*  
Asian/Pacific Trade and Social Justice Seminar  
Business Immigration Law  
Comparative Antitrust Law  
Comparative Corporate and Securities Law \*\*  
Comparative Corporate Governance  
Comparative Criminal Justice \*\*  
Comparative Criminal Procedure  
Comparative Equality (Civil Rights) Law  
Comparative Remedies Law \*\*  
Contemporary Issues in International Law  
Current International Legal Problems \*  
Curricular Practical Training  
Directed Study  
European Union Law  
Graduate Legal Writing and Research  
Immigration and Refugee Policy Clinic

Immigration and Refugee Policy Seminar  
Immigration Law  
International Contracts  
International Economic Law \*  
International Environmental Law \*  
International Environmental Law Seminar  
International Human Rights Seminar  
International Human Rights and Environment  
International Intellectual Property Law  
International Legal Theory  
International Patent Law  
International Security and Globalization  
International Taxation  
International Trade and Environmental Protection  
Introduction to French and European Union Law \*\*  
Introduction to the US Legal System  
Jurisprudence  
Law of Japan  
Law of the Sea Seminar  
Law/Politics/Economics/Development:  
Introduction to the Thai Legal System \*  
Multinational Estate Planning  
Regional Organizations \*  
Thesis  
Third and Fourth Generation Human Rights  
Western Hemisphere Trade Seminar

### Competitions

Manfred Lachs Outer Space Law Moot Court  
Philip C. Jessup International Law Moot Court  
VIS International Commercial Arbitration Moot

\* offered in Bangkok summer abroad program  
\*\* offered in Paris summer abroad program

**“With students from Asia, Europe, Africa, Australia, and Latin America, as well as the United States, almost every corner of the world is represented in our classrooms. But the tolerance and the intimacy among the students disproved all differences. . . . In today’s troubled world, this experience of blending in with cultural differences could lead us to a harmonious place.”**

—Zakia Afrin, LLM in International Legal Studies, 2003; current SJD candidate

## **SJD Degree Requirements**

Students admitted to the SJD program must earn a minimum of 8 units of coursework and spend at least two semesters in residency. Each student's program of study must be approved by the committee on advanced international legal studies in consultation with the dissertation supervisor.

Applicants to the SJD program must identify the field or fields in which they intend to concentrate their research. The fields are intended to ensure that the student acquires in-depth knowledge in a variety of areas related to the dissertation topic, and thus develops mature and reflective perspectives on that topic.

Each SJD student will work closely with the dissertation supervisor during the residency period. At the end of the second semester in residence, the student must present a selected bibliography, a detailed outline, and a draft chapter of the dissertation, as well as pass a qualifying oral examination. Students who successfully complete these tasks will be advanced to candidacy. The SJD candidate is expected to work closely with the members of the dissertation committee during the candidacy period and must present a final dissertation in publishable form no later than four years after advancing to candidacy.

## **Summer Law Programs**

Students may earn credits through coursework at Golden Gate's summer programs in Bangkok, Thailand, and in Paris, France. Students from Golden Gate study side by side with students from other US law schools and foreign law schools. The Bangkok program is conducted in cooperation with members of the law faculties in Thailand and high-ranking members of HM Government, as well as international private practitioners. The Paris program is cosponsored by Golden Gate University and the University of Paris X (Nanterre).

## **International Scholarship**

GGU's Center for Advanced International Legal Studies conducts a full symphony of activity on a global basis every day.

The faculty are active participants in leading organizations, foundations, institutes, societies, and committees dedicated to the progressive development, study, and dissemination of international law.

For the past 14 years, the School of Law has hosted the annual Regional Meeting of the American Society of International Law (ASIL) in conjunction with the annual Fulbright Symposium on Current International Legal Problems.

Each year the Center publishes the Annual Survey of International and Comparative Law. The survey boasts an impressive list of recognized leaders in their respective fields who have been intimately involved in its publication, including journalists, foreign ministers, celebrated attorneys, political fugitives, deans of national law schools, and national and international judges. Student editors are an important part of the publication process.

## **Competitions**

The School of Law participates in the Philip C. Jessup International Law Moot Court Competition, the Manfred Lachs Space Law Moot Court Competition, and the VIS International Commercial Arbitration Moot.

# International Legal Studies Faculty

## Full-Time Faculty



**Sompong Sucharitkul**  
Program Director

*BA (Honours), BCL, MA, DPhil, and DCL, Oxford University, United Kingdom; Docteur en Droit, University of*

*Paris, France; LLM Harvard University; Diploma, Hague Academy of International Law; of the Middle Temple, Barrister-at-Law, United Kingdom*

*See page 33 for United Nations and other international responsibilities.*

Before joining the GGU faculty in 1990, Professor Sucharitkul held the Cleveringa Endowed Chair in International Law and Relations at Leiden University, the Netherlands. He was previously the Robert Short Chair Professor in International Law and International Human Rights at Notre Dame Law School and the first Fulbright professor of international law and relations at the University of North Carolina at Charlotte. He was a visiting professor of international economic law at the National University of Singapore and professor of international law and business relations at Lewis and Clark College of Law. Professor Sucharitkul is an editor and three-time national reporter of the American Society of Comparative Law. He is regional coordinator of the American Society of International Law (ASIL) for the Western Region and an editor of *International Legal Materials* for the Asian Pacific Region. He has published extensively in various fields of international legal studies in national and international journals on all continents.

**Courses taught:** *Air, Space, and Telecommunications Law; Asian Pacific Trade Seminar; Comparative Legal Systems; Current International Legal Problems; European Union Law; International Environmental Law; International Human Rights Seminar; International Law; International Organizations; Pacific Settlement of Disputes Between States*



**Helen Hartnell**  
Professor of Law

*BS (cum laude), JD (magna cum laude), University of Illinois*

Professor Hartnell practiced law in Germany and in

Wisconsin before teaching. She has taught at the Free University of Berlin, Tulane Law School, ELTE Law School and Central European University (both in Budapest, Hungary), SMU School of Law, Harvard Law School (as a visiting scholar), and the American University of Armenia. Professor Hartnell is actively involved with the American Society of International Law and the International Law Association. She has published articles on international commercial law, European integration, and comparative constitutional law. She is working on a PhD in jurisprudence and social policy at the University of California, Berkeley. She is a member of the Illinois bar.

**Courses taught:** *European Union Law; International Business Transactions; International Trade Regulation; Private International Law (Conflict of Laws); VIS International Commercial Arbitration Moot*



**Christian N. Okeke**  
Associate Professor of Law

*LLM (summa cum laude), Kiev State University, Ukraine; Doctor in de Rechtsgeleerdheid*

*(SJD equivalent), Free University of Amsterdam*

Professor Okeke is a former deputy vice-chancellor on science and technology and pioneer dean of the schools of law on Nnamdi Azikiwe University, in Awka, and Enugu State University of Science and Technology, in Enugu, all in Nigeria. Before joining Golden Gate, Professor Okeke taught law for 25 years at Nigerian and other African universities. He also practiced international, trade, and investment law for 18 years. He is a solicitor and advocate of the Supreme Court of Nigeria and a member of the Nigerian, African, and Commonwealth bar associations. He has written and co-authored many books and articles on international

law, including *Controversial Subjects of Contemporary International Law: and The Theory and Practice of International Law in Nigeria*. Professor Okeke is a member of the International Institute of Space Law, and he serves as co-chair of the Research and Service Committee for the American Society of Comparative Law.

**Courses taught:** *Air, Space, and Telecommunications Law; Comparative Legal Systems; International Investment Law; International Law; International Organizations; Jessup International Law Moot Court; Manfred Lachs Outer Space Moot Court*



**David B. Oppenheimer**  
Associate Dean for Faculty Development; Co-Director GGU/UPX Summer Law Program; and Professor of Law

*BA, University Without Walls, Berkeley; JD, Harvard Law School*

After graduating from Harvard Law School, Professor David Oppenheimer clerked for California Chief Justice Rose Bird. He thereafter worked as a staff attorney for the California Department of Fair Employment and Housing, prosecuting discrimination cases, and was the founding director of the Boalt Hall Employment Discrimination Clinic. He has presented scholarly papers on discrimination law at numerous universities and at the annual meetings of the Association of American Law Schools and the American Political Science Association. He has published numerous articles on discrimination law, and his coauthored book, *Whitewashing Race: The Myth of a Color-Blind Society* (2003 with Brown, Carnoy, Currie, Duster, Schultz & Wellman) won the 2004 Benjamin L. Hooks outstanding book award. In addition to his position at Golden Gate, he is an affiliated scholar with the Institute for the Study of Social Change at the University of California, Berkeley, is a member of the American Law Institute, and serves on the Board of Directors of the San Francisco Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights.

**Course taught:** *Comparative Equality (Civil Rights) Law*



**Jon H. Sylvester**  
*Professor of Law and  
Associate Dean for  
Graduate Programs*

*BA, Stanford  
University; MJ,  
University of  
California, Berkeley;*

*JD, Harvard University*

After earning a Master's of Journalism from UC Berkeley, where he was a New York Times fellow, Professor Sylvester worked as a television news writer, reporter, and producer from 1975 to 1978, then attended Harvard Law School. He practiced with the Washington, DC, offices of two major New York-based law firms. Professor Sylvester was a tenured member of the law faculty at Texas Southern University and at Loyola Law School (Los Angeles) before joining Golden Gate's law faculty. He spent the 1992-93 year teaching and traveling in Africa as a Fulbright scholar. Professor Sylvester has traveled to approximately 40 countries and taught in and/or directed legal education programs in China, Indonesia, Kenya, Malta, Panama, Turkey, and Costa Rica.

**Course taught:** *International Business Transactions*

## Adjunct Faculty

### **Beverly Baker-Kelly**

*Adjunct Professor, Golden Gate University*

*BA, University of Michigan; MA, MEd,  
EdD, Teachers College, Columbia  
University; Certificate of African  
Studies, Columbia University School of  
International Affairs; MA, PhD, Harvard  
University; JD, Boalt Hall School of Law,  
University of California, Berkeley*

Beverly Baker-Kelly has taught international law and international human rights courses at Howard University School of Law and New College School of Law, San Francisco. She has also supervised the academic support program at Boalt Hall School of Law and taught in the undergraduate programs at the University of Windsor, Canada and California State University, Fullerton. She was appointed by United Nations Secretary-General, Kofi Annan, as Deputy Registrar of the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda, located in Arusha, Tanzania.

**Course taught:** *International Human Rights Seminar*

### **Barton W.S. Bassett**

*Partner, Fenwick & West LLP*

*BA, University of California, Davis with  
honors; JD (magna cum laude, Order of  
the Coif), Hastings College of the Law,  
University of California*

As a partner in the Tax Group of Fenwick & West, Barton Bassett specializes in planning and controversy issues relating to the US federal taxation of international and domestic transactions. He co-authors a quarterly article focusing on international tax controversies for the Journal of Taxation of Global Transactions. Bassett has lectured for professional and industry groups on various topics relating to the provisions of Subpart F, the application of the business purpose standard, transfer pricing, and double taxation conventions.

**Course taught:** *International Taxation*

### **Remigius Chibueze**

*Law Offices of Remigius Chibueze*

*LLB, University of Benin; LLM, University  
of Alberta; LLM & SJD, Golden Gate  
University School of Law*

Remigius Chibueze practices immigration, employment and labor law in the San Francisco Bay Area. He also serves as a consultant to Nigerian companies with business interests in the USA. He has published academic works in international commercial arbitration and international criminal law. His research area includes international criminal law, international human rights law, international commercial arbitration, and international intellectual property law.

**Courses taught:** *Jessup International Law Moot  
Court; SJD Dissertation Seminar*

### **Sophie Clavier**

*Assistant Professor, San Francisco State  
University*

*MA, San Francisco State University;  
Diplome d'Etudes Superieures (JD plus  
LLM equivalent), Diplome d'Etudes  
Approfondies (LLM), and Docteur en  
Droit (SJD), University of Paris, Pantheon  
Sorbonne*

Also a member of the faculty of the San Francisco State University international relations department, Sophie Clavier teaches a wide range of courses, including International Law, Comparative Criminal Law, International Organizations, and International Criminal Law. She is frequently contacted by the press and the media for commentary on current international developments, and she is active as a panel member for numerous conferences and symposia. Her recent publications include titles on human rights, the use of force, comparative legal studies, and French criminal law.

**Courses taught:** *International Law; International  
Trade Regulation; Pacific Settlement of Disputes  
Between States*



# International Legal Studies Faculty

## Carl Falstrom

*Law Office of Carl Falstrom*

*BA, University of Chicago; JD, Hastings College of the Law, University of California*

Carl Falstrom is a San Francisco private practitioner specializing in US immigration and nationality law. He is a former Chair of the Northern California chapter of the American Immigration Lawyers Association (AILA) and Member of AILA's Board of Governors, and currently serves as a senior editor of AILA's Immigration & Nationality Law Handbook. He is a regular author, speaker, and panelist on topics in immigration law on the local, regional, and national level.

**Course taught:** *Immigration Law*

## Michael A. Glenn

*Founder, Glenn Patent Group*

*BS, University of Arizona; JD, San Mateo Law School*

Michael Glenn is a registered patent attorney and has broad experience both in private practice with Townsend and Townsend and Crew of San Francisco and in industry, having served as Intel Corporation's chief intellectual property counsel. He is a former chair of the State Bar of California Intellectual Property Section. Glenn maintains offices in Menlo Park, California, where his practice is limited to patent and patent-related matters, especially in the areas of computers, software, and semiconductors.

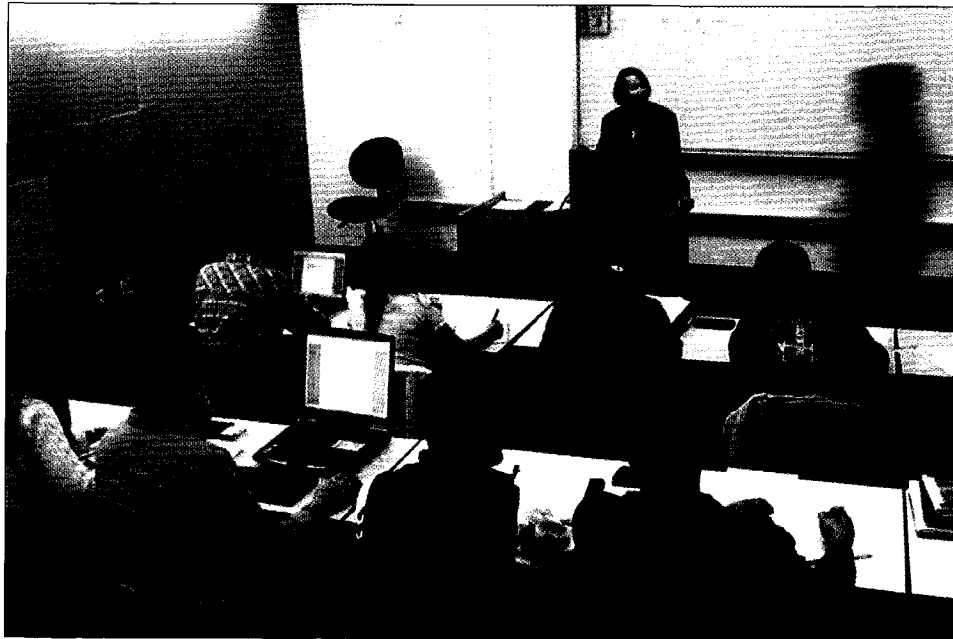
**Course taught:** *International Intellectual Property Law*

## Anne Hiaring

*Law Offices of Anne Hiaring*

*BA, Reed College; JD, Hastings College of the Law, University of California; LLM (with honors), Golden Gate University School of Law*

Anne Hiaring has specialized in trademark and copyright law since 1981. She has chaired programs on intellectual property topics and has served as president of the San Francisco Intellectual Property Law Association, chair of the State Bar of California Intellectual Property Law



Association, and speaker and moderator at numerous International Trademark Law Association programs.

**Course taught:** *International Intellectual Property Law*

## Michelle T. Leighton

*Acting Dean, John F. Kennedy School of Law*

*BA, University of California, Davis; JD, Golden Gate University School of Law; LLM, London School of Economics and Political Science*

Michelle Leighton is a specialist in international environmental and human rights law, counseling nonprofit organizations and government agencies. She has advised the Special Rapporteur on Toxics, UN Commission on Human Rights, Secretariat of the UN Convention to Combat Desertification, United Nations Environment Programme, Global Environment Facility, International Fund for Agricultural Development, International Organization on Migration, and the US Congressional Commission on Immigration Reform. She has taught International Human Rights Law at University of California Berkeley Boalt Hall School of Law and University of San Francisco School of Law. Leighton co-founded the Natural Heritage Institute and served as its Senior Attorney until 2004.

**Courses taught:** *Asian Pacific Trade Seminar; International Human Rights and the Environment*

## Joel Marsh

*Adjunct Professor, Golden Gate University*

*BA, Cornell University; MA, University of California, Berkeley; JD, Hastings College of the Law, University of California*

Joel Marsh has been continuously associated with international legal studies at Golden Gate since 1975, teaching at various times International Law, Comparative Law, Law of the Sea, and Business Immigration Law. From 1964 until 1972, he served as a foreign service officer of the US State Department on diplomatic and consular assignments in Switzerland, Taiwan, Indonesia, and Washington, DC. Marsh has also been a guest lecturer or conducted legal research projects in Greece, Austria, France, Israel, Haiti, Italy, and Malta, and he was a Fulbright Scholar in Turkey. His private law practice in the San Francisco Bay Area emphasizes immigration and transnational personnel issues.

**Courses taught:** *Business Immigration Law; Law of the Sea*

**Barton S. Selden**

*Law Offices of Barton S. Selden*

*BA, University of California, Irvine; JD, Boalt Hall School of Law, University of California, Berkeley; LL.M., Vrije Universiteit Brussel*

Barton Selden is a San Francisco private practitioner specializing in international business law. He lectures frequently on international trade and intellectual property topics in the United States, Italy and Germany. His publications include a law review article on electronic commerce, published in Italian, and one on *lex mercatoria* and the UNIDROIT Principles of International Commercial Contracts.

**Courses taught:** *European Union Law; International Business Transactions*

**Warren E. Small**

*Law Offices of Warren E. Small*

*BS, Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute; MS, Naval Postgraduate School; MA, Auburn University; MA, Stanford University; JD, Golden Gate University School of Law*

After spending 25 years in the US Navy as a commissioned officer, Warren Small earned his JD, specializing in international law. He joined the adjunct law faculty at Golden Gate University in 1996 to complement his private practice, which focuses on intellectual property law, corporate law, and international and domestic patent licensing procedures. Small is also a member of the adjunct faculty of the Monterey Institute of International Studies and the Monterey College of Law. Further, he frequently lectures on international legal issues emanating from operations sponsored by the Department of Defense. He is a member of the State Bar of California, the American Society of International Law, the American Intellectual Property Law Association, and the Licensing Executives Society.

**Courses taught:** *Contemporary Issues in International Law; International Copyright Law; International Patent Law; Law of International Armed Conflicts; Western Hemisphere Trade Seminar*

**Michael van Walt van Praag**

*Adjunct Professor, Golden Gate University*

*Meester in de Rechten (JD plus LL.M. equivalent), Utrecht University (Netherlands); LL.M., Wayne State University; Doctor in de Rechtsgeleerdheid (SJD equivalent), Utrecht University*

Michael van Walt van Praag practiced law in Washington, DC, and London with the firm Wilmer, Cutler & Pickering from 1985 to 1989 and was of counsel to the San Francisco law firm Pettit & Martin from 1989 to 1990. From 1991 to 1998, he served as the general secretary of the Unrepresented Nations and Peoples Organization in the Hague and now heads the Peace Action Council, an organization whose mission is to prevent and resolve intrastate conflicts. He has served as legal advisor to the Office of H.H. the Dalai Lama and the Tibetan Government in Exile since 1984 and has been involved in negotiations to end a number of major armed conflicts in the past decades, such as those in Abkhazia, Chechnya, and Bougainville.

**Course taught:** *International Security and Globalization*

**Martin Wagner**

*Managing Attorney, International Program, Earthjustice*

*BA, Whitman College; JD, University of Virginia School of Law*

Martin Wagner is a nationally known expert in international environmental law. Before joining Earthjustice in 1996, he clerked for Judge Robert Beezer on the US Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit and spent five years litigating environmental citizen suits and civil rights actions, and using international mechanisms for the protection of human rights. Mr. Wagner is treasurer and attorney for the Asociación Interamericana para la Defensa del Ambiente (AIDA). Before going to law school, he was a Peace Corps volunteer in Senegal, West Africa. He is fluent in French, Spanish, and Pulaar/Fulani.

**Courses taught:** *International Environmental Law; International Trade and Environmental Protection*

# Admissions / Law Career Services

**For complete admissions information and all necessary forms,** visit the graduate law programs admissions pages on the law school website at: [www.ggu.edu/law](http://www.ggu.edu/law)

Or contact us at:

Phone **415-442-7234**

Fax **415-495-6756**

Email **gradlaw@ggu.edu**

Address Graduate Law Programs  
Golden Gate University  
School of Law  
536 Mission Street  
San Francisco, CA  
94105-2968  
USA

LLM applicants must hold a law degree from a US or non-US law school or university. SJD applicants must hold an LLM or its equivalent. Visit the law school website for a complete description of eligibility requirements.

Fall semester classes are scheduled August–December, and spring semester classes are scheduled January–May. A summer session runs May–July, with most classes held in the evening. LLM students may enter the program in fall, spring, or summer. SJD Students may enter the program in fall or spring.

## Due Dates

Deadlines for filing an LLM or SJD application are:

- July 1 for starting the program in the fall
- November 1 for starting the program in the spring
- April 1 for starting the program in the summer

Late applications will be considered if program space permits.

International students seeking visas to enter the US should apply one month in advance of these deadlines to allow time for visa processing.

## Application Documents Required

- Application form
- Personal statement
- Law school transcripts

In addition, non-US applicants must submit:

- Official TOEFL score report sent directly by the testing agency
- Official Certification of Finances form with bank seal and accompanying documents

Visit the graduate law programs admissions pages on the law school website at: [www.ggu.edu/law](http://www.ggu.edu/law) for complete information on graduate law programs admissions, including:

Application documents

Auditing courses

Degree requirements

Earning more than one LLM

Exchange programs

Financial aid

Special requirements for non-US applicants

Tuition and fees

## Law Career Services

All LLM students are eligible to take advantage of the services and resources of the Law Career Services Office. These services include:

- Access to the LCOnline system, which provides job postings; an events calendar; and comprehensive materials on creating résumés and cover letters, job searches, and interviewing, and information about additional online resources for students
- Individual and small group career counseling
- Résumé and cover letter review
- Job search skills workshops
- Job fairs and recruiting programs
- Access to Law Career Services student computers and resource library
- Panels and events highlighting Golden Gate alumni
- Information about networking and other professional development opportunities

For more information, visit [www.ggu.edu/law/law\\_career\\_services](http://www.ggu.edu/law/law_career_services).

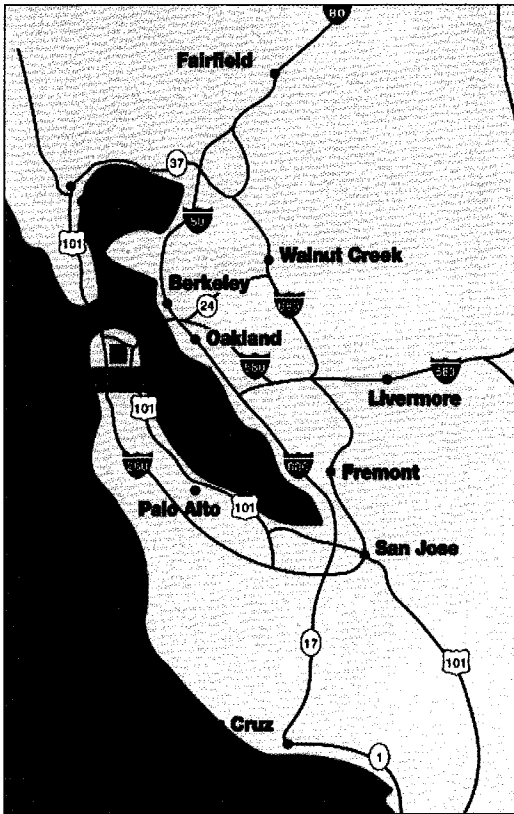
## Student Employment

Students are assisted in finding internships and employment with organizations in the United States and overseas. Golden Gate graduates can be found in law firms, government offices, public interest agencies, courts, corporations, international organizations, and academic institutions throughout the world.

## Accreditation

*Golden Gate University School of Law is fully accredited by the American Bar Association (ABA). In December 2005 the ABA placed Golden Gate University School of Law on probation because the ABA concluded that the first-time bar passage rate of the law school's JD program graduates was low. The law school has taken concrete steps to address the JD bar passage rate issue. While the law school is on probation, it remains fully accredited by the ABA.*

# Maps and Directions



## Directions to Golden Gate University

### By Car

From the North: Golden Gate Bridge and Highway 101 to Van Ness Avenue. Left on Bush Street. Cross Market Street to First Street. One block on First Street to Mission Street. Right on Mission Street. One-half block on Mission Street.

From the South: Highway 101 to 80 (Bay Bridge/Downtown) to Fourth Street exit. One block on Bryant Street. Left on Third Street, right on Mission Street. Two blocks on Mission Street.

From the East Bay: Bay Bridge to Fremont Street exit. Left on Fremont Street, then left on Mission Street. One block on Mission Street.

### By Public Transit

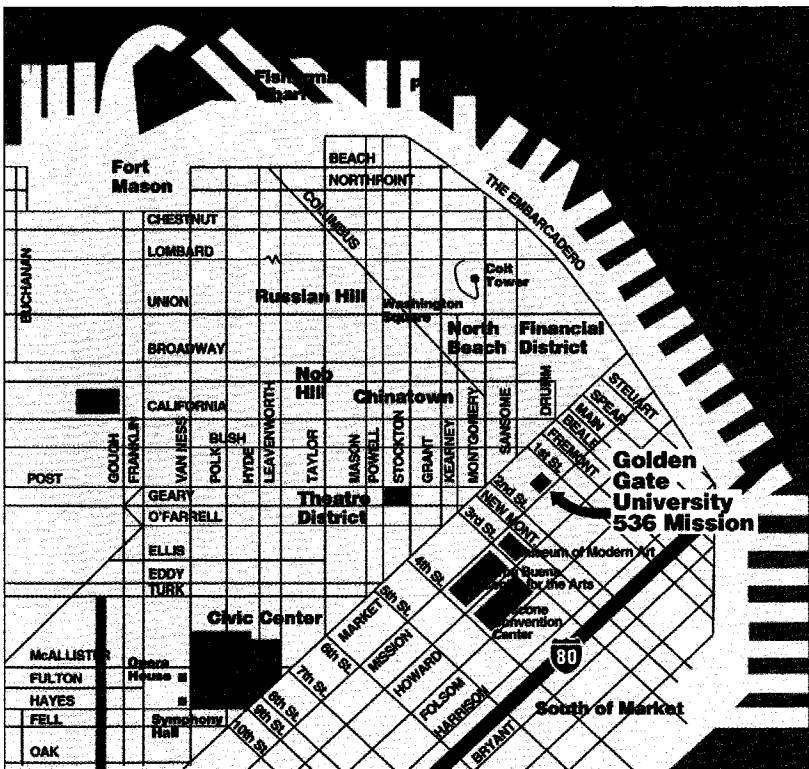
- One block on Mission Street from Transbay Terminal at First and Mission Streets.
- BART and MUNI Metro, Montgomery Street exit: Walk on Second Street one block from Market Street to Mission Street. Left on Mission Street. One-half block on Mission Street.

- From CalTrain depot at Fourth and Townsend Streets:

Take #10 Townsend bus to Fremont and Mission Streets. Walk west on Mission Street one and one-half blocks.

OR

Take the N Judah streetcar line to Montgomery Station, walk south from Market Street to Mission Street. Golden Gate University is on Mission Street between First and Second Streets.



Top: The San Francisco Bay Area

Bottom: The GGU campus location in San Francisco's Financial District

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