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GOLDEN GATE UNIVERSITY

School of Law

“Golden Gate University provides the perfect training ground for public interest lawyers by integrating excellent legal education in the classroom with real-life experiences in internships.”

—Kristin Henry (JD 02), Associate Attorney, Sierra Club; Golden Gate Law Adjunct Professor; Former Golden Gate Public Interest Law Scholar



Golden Gate University School of Law has been training lawyers for over a century. Founded in 1901 as the YMCA Evening Law School, Golden Gate Law today offers a comprehensive core curriculum, award-winning clinics, and flexible day and evening programs—all in the heart of San Francisco’s legal and financial district.

Golden Gate Law students learn theory, legal reasoning, problem-solving, and writing, with an emphasis on legal ethics and the practical skills essential for effective advocacy. Some become judges, some work in private law firms; others serve in corporations, nonprofit organizations, and government agencies. The skills acquired at Golden Gate Law can translate well into business, public policy, and other nonlegal arenas.



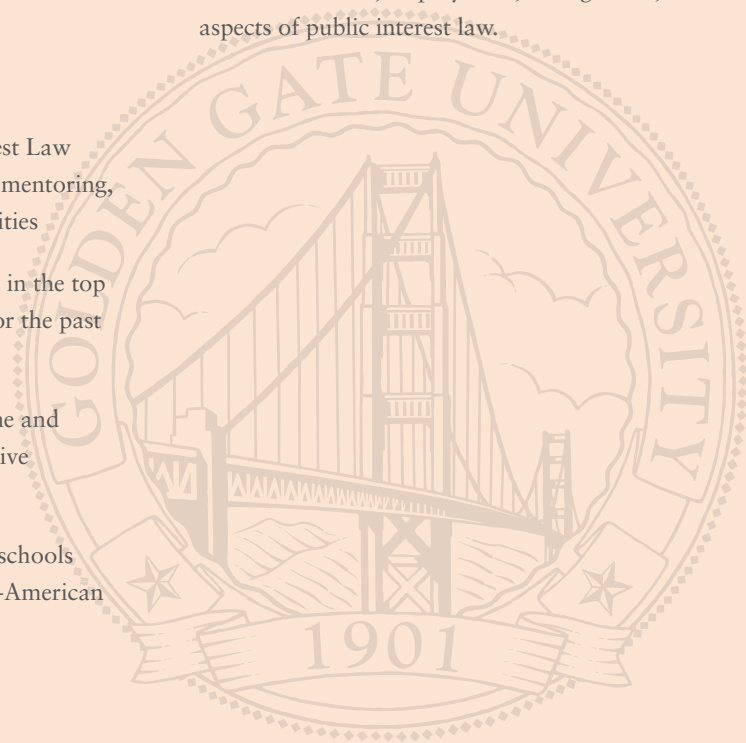
HALLMARKS



A COMPREHENSIVE CURRICULUM

- Founded in 1901 as the YMCA Evening Law School
- Accredited by the American Bar Association since 1956
- Extensive clinical program with award-winning on-site and off-site clinics
- Choice of three-year daytime program or four-year evening program
- Honors Lawyering Program lets students complete two semester-long professional apprenticeships as part of the three-year day program
- Public Interest Law and Public Interest Law Scholars programs with outstanding mentoring, pro bono, and networking opportunities
- Environmental Law Program ranked in the top 20 by *US News and World Report* for the past five years
- More than 150 distinguished full-time and adjunct faculty members with extensive professional legal experience
- One of the first fully accredited law schools to appoint a woman and an African-American as deans

Golden Gate Law offers a broad JD curriculum that allows students to explore many practice areas. The curriculum is designed to encompass the multiple facets and ever-expanding reach of the law. The JD curriculum is suitable for students who choose to take a general approach to their legal education or for students who have a clear understanding of the direction they would like their career to take. Whether interested in litigation, transactional practice, or public policy work, students at Golden Gate Law can pursue their interests in a wide range of practice areas, from corporate, real estate, and tax law to environmental, employment, immigration, and other aspects of public interest law.





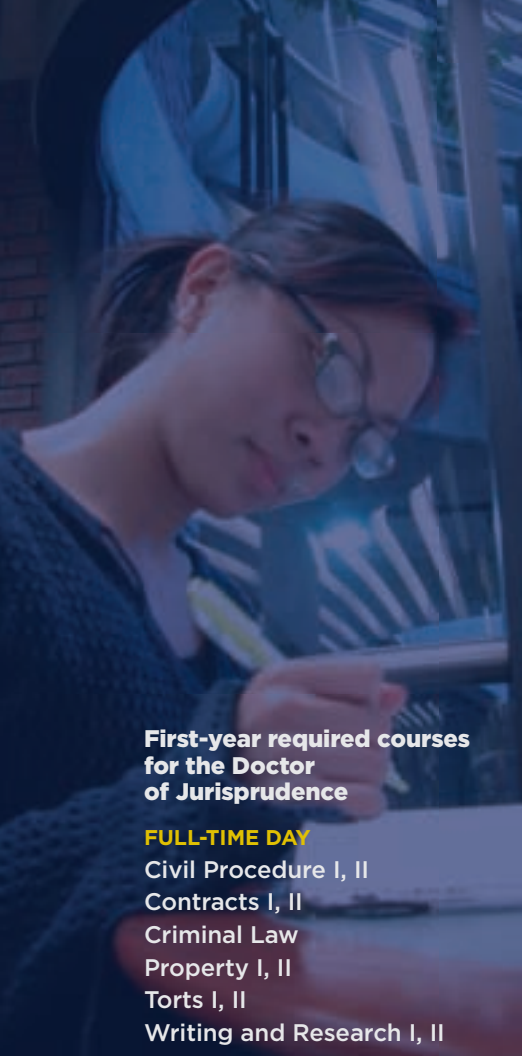
In addition to the standard Doctor of Jurisprudence degree, Golden Gate Law also offers two combined degrees:

- **JD/MBA:** Students can supplement their JD with an MBA. This combined program enables students to reduce both cost and time in either program by sharing credits toward each degree. Depending upon their pre-law coursework, students may earn the MBA in two or fewer additional semesters.
- **JD/PhD in Clinical Psychology:** Students receive a JD from Golden Gate Law and a PhD in Clinical Psychology from the Pacific Graduate School of Psychology. For more information on the PhD program contact the Pacific Graduate School of Psychology at 650-843-3419 or www.pgsp.edu.

Students with notable academic and extracurricular achievements can elect to participate in the unique **Honors Lawyering Program**. In this alternative three-year curriculum, JD students spend one semester in their second and third years in legal apprenticeships, take smaller classes during the summers, and participate in unique networking opportunities. Graduates of the HLP program are well prepared for practice, with enhanced resources and experience to help them reach their career aspirations.

Golden Gate Law also supports many **judicial externships**, in which students work in judges' chambers at all levels of state and federal courts with a full range of judicial assignments. These externships provide a unique opportunity to gain insight and experience that have career-long benefits.

Summer Study Abroad: While enrolled at Golden Gate Law, students can study comparative and international law in the School of Law's summer study-abroad program in Paris. Golden Gate Law students can also participate in summer abroad programs offered by other ABA-accredited law schools.



First-year required courses for the Doctor of Jurisprudence

FULL-TIME DAY

- Civil Procedure I, II
- Contracts I, II
- Criminal Law
- Property I, II
- Torts I, II
- Writing and Research I, II

PART-TIME EVENING*

- Civil Procedure I, II
- Contracts I, II
- Torts I, II
- Writing and Research I, II

OTHER REQUIRED COURSES

- Appellate Advocacy
- Business Associations
- Constitutional Law I, II
- Criminal Procedure I
- Evidence
- Professional Responsibility
- Solving Legal Problems
- Wills and Trusts

*Part-time students must take Constitutional Law I and II, Criminal Law and Property I and II in their second year.

A PREMIUM ON PRACTICAL TRAINING


Golden Gate Law offers outstanding clinical training opportunities through two on-site legal clinics:

Environmental Law and Justice Clinic

In 1994 Golden Gate Law became one of the nation's first law schools to establish an on-site environmental justice clinic to address the needs of low-income communities disproportionately impacted by industrial pollution.

Women's Employment Rights Clinic

Through the Women's Employment Rights Clinic, founded in 1993, students at Golden Gate Law represent low-income, often immigrant workers who might otherwise be deprived of legal counsel in disputes with employers.



In spring 2006 the **Environmental Law and Justice Clinic** received a CLEA Award from the Clinical Legal Education Association for Excellence in a Public Interest Case or Project for its Southeast San Francisco Energy Project. As part of this project, the clinic represented client organizations seeking to shut down an aging and polluting power plant in the Bayview-Hunter's Point section of San Francisco. In May 2006, the plant officially closed. The Environmental Law and Justice Clinic is just one reason Golden Gate Law's environmental law program is rated one of the nation's top 20 and one of California's top three such programs by *US News and World Report*.

Golden Gate Law also offers these off-site field placement clinics:

- Capital Post-Conviction Defense Clinic
- Civil Field Placement Clinic
- Criminal Litigation Clinic
- Environmental Law Clinic
- Immigration and Refugee Policy Clinic
- Judicial Externship Program
- Landlord-Tenant Clinic
- Lawyering Skills: Homeless Advocacy Clinic
- Pro Bono Tax Clinic
- Real Estate Clinic



Clifford Rechtschaffen,
Professor of Law

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

Professor Rechtschaffen practiced environmental law with the California attorney general for seven years and clerked for US District Court Judge Thelton E. Henderson before joining the faculty of Golden Gate Law. A former Fulbright scholar, Rechtschaffen is the author or coauthor of several books on environmental law and policy, including *Environmental Enforcement: Cases and Materials* (2007), *Environmental Common Law: A Practical Guide to Heroic Litigation* (2006); and *Environmental Justice: Law, Policy & Regulation* (2002), and has written numerous other scholarly publications. In spring 2006 he received the Justice Jesse W. Carter Faculty Scholarship Award. His courses include Environmental Law & Policy, Civil Procedure, and Toxics Law and Policy.

“Intellectual property law is rapidly becoming one of the most important areas of legal specialization, and demand for lawyers skilled in IP law is greater than the current supply.”

—Marc Greenberg, Professor of Law



PROGRAMS AND SPECIALIZATION CERTIFICATES

Golden Gate Law offers strong programs in all the major areas of legal practice, including Business and Commercial Law, Environmental Law, International Legal Studies, Intellectual Property Law, Litigation, Public Interest Law, Real Estate Law, and Taxation.

Students can focus on particular areas of study and obtain **Certificates of Specialization** by supplementing core courses with elective coursework and legal work experience. Certificates can give Golden Gate Law graduates an advantage when applying for jobs by demonstrating their interest and added knowledge in particular areas.

Certificates of Specialization are available in the following practice areas:

- Business/Commercial Law
- Criminal Law
- Environmental Law
- Intellectual Property Law
- International Law
- Labor and Employment Law
- Litigation
- Public Interest Law
- Real Estate Law
- Taxation

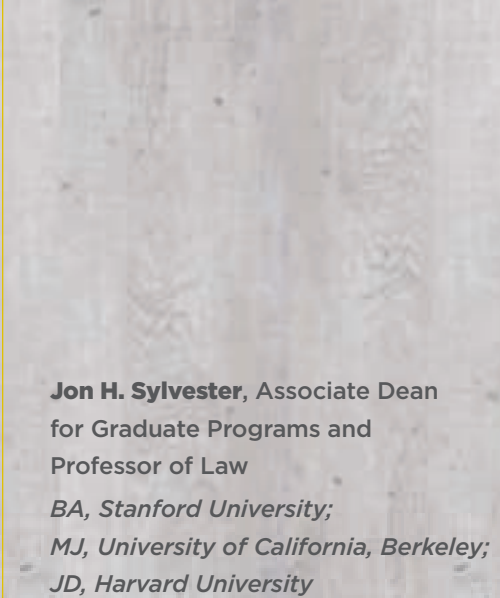
Additional information about Golden Gate Law’s Certificates of Specialization is available by contacting the Office of Admissions or on the School of Law website.



Kimberly Stanley, Associate Dean; Director, LLM Program in Taxation; and Associate Professor of Law
BS (magna cum laude), Brigham Young University; JD (with honors), George Washington University

National Law Center; LLM in Taxation, Georgetown University Law Center

Associate Professor and Associate Dean Kimberly Stanley, a veteran tax attorney with extensive experience in the public and private sectors, started her career as a law clerk with the US Tax Court. She later served six years as an appellate attorney for the US Department of Justice Tax Division in Washington, D.C. Moving to the private sector, she was an associate in the tax practice group at Gray, Cary, Ware & Freidenrich and a founding partner of Lautanen & Stanley, a boutique law firm specializing in state and federal tax controversy and litigation. Her classes include Federal Income Taxation, Tax Procedure, and Tax Timing.



Jon H. Sylvester, Associate Dean for Graduate Programs and Professor of Law
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 TV news writer, reporter, and producer before attending Harvard Law School. He practiced with the Washington, D.C. offices of two major firms and was a tenured member of the law faculty at Texas Southern University and Loyola Law School (Los Angeles) before coming to Golden Gate Law. A former Fulbright scholar, he has taught in or directed legal education programs in China, Indonesia, Kenya, Malta, Panama, Turkey, and Costa Rica. His Golden Gate Law courses include Contracts, Commercial Law, and Remedies.



“The practical experience you get at Golden Gate is second to none.”

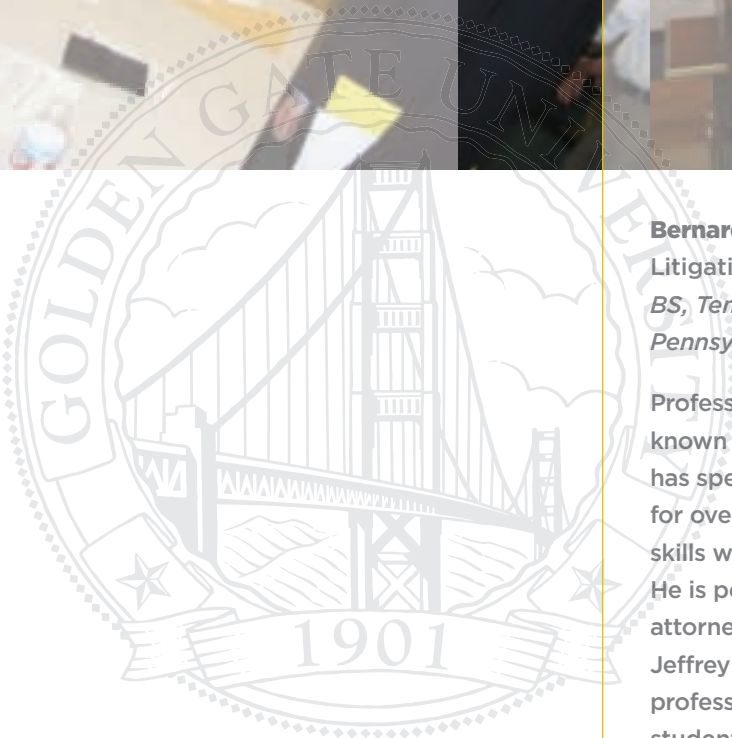
—David Wasserman (JD 94, LLM 95), Founder, Wasserman-Stern



Golden Gate Law students hone their skills in trial and appellate advocacy at more than 10 major competitions every year.

Highlights of Recent Competitions:

- 2006 State Bar of California Law Student Environmental Negotiations Competition, Second Place
- 2006 Stanford Invitational Mock Trial Competition, Third Place
- 2006 Association of Trial Lawyers of America Student Trial Competition, Semi-finalists
- 2006 National Environmental Law Moot Court Competition, Advanced to Quarterfinals
- 2005 San Francisco Trial Lawyers Association Competition, Winner
- 2005 State Bar of California Law Student Environmental Negotiations Competition, Winner
- 2005 National Mock Trial Competition, Advanced to Final Round and Placed Second Regionally



Bernard L. Segal, Professor of Law and Director,
Litigation Program

*BS, Temple University; MA, JD, University of
Pennsylvania*

Professor Segal is one of the best-loved and most well-known members of the Golden Gate Law faculty. He has spearheaded the law school's litigation program for over three decades, sharing his renowned litigation skills with generations of Golden Gate Law students. He is perhaps best known nationally as the former lead attorney for ex-Green Beret and convicted murderer Jeffrey MacDonald. Segal is a dynamic and engaging professor who brings litigation to life. He has coached students in 90 trial competitions and helped Golden Gate Law teams win medals in a third of them. His courses at Golden Gate Law include Criminal Litigation, Courtroom as Theatre, and Trial Advocacy.



THE GOLDEN GATE LAW EXPERIENCE

Golden Gate Law Sweeps ABA Student Division Awards

Golden Gate Law received all three awards presented at the 2006 regional conference of the American Bar Association (ABA) Law Student Division, 14th Circuit for overall highest number of ABA student members, largest increase in ABA student membership, and most involved ABA representative.

Golden Gate Law is a dynamic, flexible, and supportive law school committed to serving students and helping them succeed. With small classes and dedicated teams for student affairs and career services, Golden Gate Law features personalized attention and outstanding opportunities for academic success and professional development.

Beyond the classroom and clinics, Golden Gate Law provides extracurricular opportunities for pursuing personal interests and for contributing to the law school community. For example, Golden Gate Law has three professional scholarly journals: the *Golden Gate University Law Review*, the *Annual Survey of International and Comparative Law*, and the *Environmental Law Journal*. Students may participate in a wide range of organizations offering social, academic, and practical support for different ethnicities and religions, sexual orientations, academic interests, and political affiliations.

Golden Gate Law students enjoy many opportunities to meet with and learn from noted practitioners in a variety of areas at professional programs on campus. The law school's many lectures, seminars, workshops, and conferences include

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... ALL IN THE HEART OF SAN FRANCISCO



three prestigious annual symposia: the Environmental Law Symposium, the Fulbright Symposium on Current International Legal Issues, and the Intellectual Property Law Conference.

The School of Law completed a major renovation in 2005 and now offers modern classrooms, wireless technology, expanded meeting and study areas, and a refurbished law library housing over 300,000 volumes and all the major legal databases.

Not least of all, the Golden Gate Law experience takes place in the heart of San Francisco. Golden Gate Law is arguably the best situated law school anywhere in the country. Located on Mission Street in the heart of San Francisco's Financial District, it lies within blocks of major law firms and financial institutions, as well as city, state, and federal courthouses and government agencies.

The Golden Gate Law experience is not just informative and enlightening—it's exciting, challenging, and stimulating. Students can supplement classroom study and clinical experience with cable car rides and day trips to the Pacific Ocean and redwood forests. They can enjoy the nearby historic cultural and culinary centers of Chinatown, Fisherman's Wharf, the Mission District, and North Beach. World-class shopping at Union Square and San Francisco Giants baseball games at the spectacular AT&T ballpark are within short walks of campus. World-renowned fine arts venues and the magnificent Golden Gate Park are all accessible from campus by public transportation.

CULTURAL DISCOVERY

GOLDEN GATE UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW



NOTABLE ALUMNI

Golden Gate Law alumni have reached the pinnacle of success in a variety of professional arenas.

Our alumni include:

On the Bench

Hon. Jesse Carter (Class of 1913), former California Supreme Court Justice

Hon. Gail Dekreon (JD 81), San Francisco Superior Court

Hon. Philip M. Pro (JD 72), US District Court, District of Nevada

Hon. Sandra M. Snyder (JD 76), US Magistrate, Fresno, California

Hon. Marilyn J. Teeter (JD 77) and

Hon. Carol A. King (JD 84), US Immigration Court of the Executive Office for Immigration Review

Business and Private Practice

Mark S. Anderson (JD 89), Vice President and General Counsel, Dolby Laboratories

Charles R. Conradi (JD 78), Treasurer and Vice President—Tax, Clorox

Robert “Buzz” Hines (JD 85), Chair, Environmental Law Division, Farella, Braun + Martel LLP

Ted C. Lindquist III (JD 95), Partner, Sheppard Mullin Richter & Hampton LLP

Steven Adair MacDonald (JD 97), Principal, Steven Adair MacDonald & Associates, PC

Dave Roberson (JD 78), Senior Vice President and General Manager, Hewlett-Packard

Richard Rosenberg (JD 66), Former Chairman and CEO, Bank of America

Marc Van Der Hout (JD 77), Founding Member, Van Der Hout, Brigagliano & Nightingale, LLP

Michael R. Ward (JD 96), Partner, Morrison & Foerster LLP

Amy M. Wollman (JD 94), Senior Counsel, Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer Studios, Inc.

Nonprofits, Government Agencies, and Public Service

Joan Blades (JD 80), Co-founder, MoveOn.org

Phillip Burton (LLB 52), former US Congressman

Denee A. DiLuigi (JD 03), Special Assistant, US Attorney’s Office

Peter Fowler (JD 84), Senior Counsel, US Patent & Trademark Office

Bill Hirsh (JD 86), Executive Director, AIDS Legal Referral Panel

Jan. M. Lecklikner (JD 78), Deputy Public Defender, San Francisco

Helen Smolinski (JD 99), Staff Attorney, Lawyers’ Committee for Civil Rights of the San Francisco Bay Area



STUDENT SERVICES, CAREER SERVICES, AND BAR EXAM SERVICES

From the moment of acceptance through graduation, **Law Student Services** assists students by easing the transition into law school, offering guidance on practical issues such as obtaining health care and helping students balance personal challenges such as time- and stress-management issues. **Law Student Services** also assists students needing accommodations for disabilities and oversees final exam schedules and computer-administered exams.

Beyond arranging and sponsoring job interviews, **Law Career Services** offers extensive resources and workshops on planning a job search, drafting résumés and cover letters, and developing successful networking techniques. Its full service online system, LCSonline, features job postings, an employer directory, and a calendar of networking events; it also notifies students directly when there are jobs matching the student's particular interest. LCS also organizes student visits to the offices and courtrooms of Golden Gate Law alumni and co-sponsors the popular Legal Career Options Day, where students meet with attorneys working in diverse fields of legal practice.

Bar Exam Services helps students prepare for the California Bar Examination, including the Multistate Bar Examination (MBE) portion of the exam. The office offers group workshops and individual assistance to help students identify areas for improvement and create a personalized bar preparation strategy and study routine. For more information about bar exam services visit the School of Law website.

“Law Career Services is an invaluable part of the law school experience and is just as important as any class lecture, training, or seminar.”

—Matt Oliveri (JD 03), Attorney,
Law Offices of Matthew M. Oliveri

ADMISSIONS

Golden Gate Law strives to admit students who are looking for the opportunity to pursue a legal education that provides a comprehensive approach to legal learning. The application process is designed to identify individual students who possess the academic knowledge and skills to succeed in the classroom while also demonstrating the experiences and characteristics that add to the overall law school community.

The Admissions Committee evaluates applicants to determine whether the objective indicators, such as the LSAT scores and post-secondary transcripts, indicate the preparedness to meet the challenges of legal study. The committee also reviews evidence of strong writing ability, leadership skills or potential, and the motivation to attend Golden Gate Law. Personal statements, letters of recommendation, and other materials are used to develop the Admissions Committee's understanding of an applicant. The committee is looking for materials that provide an honest statement about the applicant's goals, anticipated challenges, and preferred learning environment.

Golden Gate Law does not require a specific course of undergraduate study to apply, but does require that a student has or will have completed an undergraduate degree at an accredited institution prior to matriculation. An applicant must submit a complete application by the specific term deadline:

	BEGIN ACCEPTING	DEADLINE
Fall (full-time or part-time)	September 1	April 1
Transfer & Visiting (fall)	May 1	July 15
Transfer & Visiting (spring)	October 1	November 15

The Admissions Committee prefers not to consider LSAT scores that are more than three years old, and in no case will the committee consider a score that is more than five years old.

Apply online at www.ggu.edu/law or visit the LSAC website at www.lsac.org. Applicants may also complete an application by downloading the application from our website.

Application Checklist

- Completed, signed application
- Application fee of \$60 or fee waiver request
- Personal statement
- Résumé
- Complete report from the Law School Data Assembly Service (LSDAS), which includes:
 - Reportable LSAT score
 - At least two letters of recommendation, maximum of four letters
 - A copy of all transcripts from post-secondary institutions

Transfer & Visiting Applicants

Students seeking to enroll as visitors or by transfer must currently be enrolled at an ABA-accredited law school with at least a 3.0 GPA and must have completed the first year of study. A current law school transcript must be submitted as part of the application along with a letter of good academic standing from the dean or registrar at the student's current institution. For more information about applying as a transfer or visiting student, visit our website or contact the Office of Admissions.

International Applicants

Students who have completed their undergraduate studies outside the United States must have their transcripts evaluated through the LSDAS Credential Assembly Service. A TOEFL score will be required for any student whose course of study was not completed in English. The minimum TOEFL score accepted by Golden Gate Law is 250 on the computer-based test or 600 on the paper-based test. For more information about applying as an international student, visit our website or contact the Office of Admissions.

All students admitted to the JD program must secure their admission offer by paying two seat deposits. The amount of the seat deposit and the deadlines for paying the seat deposit will be set forth in the admissions offer packet. Seat deposits are nonrefundable and will be credited toward tuition upon matriculation.

If applicants have questions about any part of the application process or would like to schedule a campus visit, tour, or sit in on a class, contact the Office of Admissions at 415-442-6630, toll-free at 1-800-GGU-4YOU, extension 6630, or by email at lawadmit@ggu.edu.

FINANCIAL AID

Golden Gate Law is committed to opening the doors to students of all backgrounds by facilitating the financial aid process. Forms of financial assistance include new and continuing student scholarships, work study employment, and federal and private loans.

Admitted Student Scholarships

Golden Gate Law awards both full-tuition *Dean's Scholarships* and partial-tuition *Faculty Scholarships* to qualified entering students. All Golden Gate Law entering scholarships are awarded on a three-year basis. Students retain their scholarship by maintaining a 3.0 required course GPA. There is no separate application for entering student scholarships as all students are considered for scholarship at the time they are admitted to the law program.

Golden Gate Law also awards additional scholarships to students whose applications highlight a commitment to public interest or environmental law or reflect a diversity that will add to the learning environment of all students. The Public Interest Scholars Program and Environmental Law Scholars Program require an applicant to submit a separate statement that includes a list of activities in support of public interest or environmental law. The diversity scholarship is aimed specifically at students who will add to the diversity within the student body and the legal community. To qualify, a student must demonstrate the ability and commitment to share that diversity of voice, viewpoint, and experience with the law school community.

Continuing Scholarships

Students who do not receive merit scholarships during the admissions process may be eligible for a merit scholarship as a continuing student if they perform well academically in the first year. These continuing scholarships become a two-year scholarship maintained by achieving a 3.0 required course GPA. Additionally, Golden Gate Law has endowed special scholarships that are also available for continuing students who meet the specific award criteria.

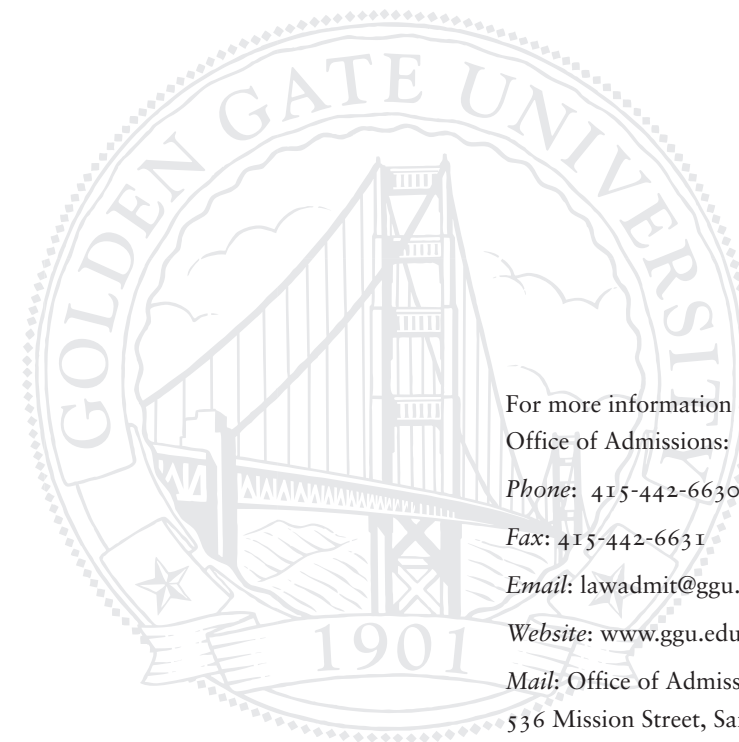
Loans

Students applying for financial aid while attending Golden Gate Law may qualify for a variety of federal and private student loan programs. In order to be evaluated for eligibility, students must complete the Free Application for Student Aid (FAFSA). The form can be completed online at www.fafsa.ed.gov or obtained from the Office of Financial Aid upon request. The form can be completed after January 1. **The Golden Gate Law FAFSA school code is 001205-29.**



“Golden Gate students continue to impress me with their excellent ability to think critically, research and write effectively, and communicate clearly.”

—The Hon. Thelton E. Henderson, Senior Judge, US District Court for the Northern District of California, and Former Golden Gate Law Faculty Member



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The School of Law reserves the right to change regulations, curricula, the course of study, tuition and fees, and any other aspect of its programs described in this JD Prospectus.

Golden Gate University School of Law is fully accredited by the American Bar Association (ABA) and is a member in good standing of the Association of American Law Schools (AALS). Golden Gate University is fully accredited by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC).

Golden Gate University welcomes applicants regardless of race, sex, creed, religion, age, color, disability, sexual orientation, gender identification, ancestry, national/ethnic origin, nationality/citizenship, political affiliation, marital status, medical condition, or any other status protected from discrimination by federal, state, or local law.

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