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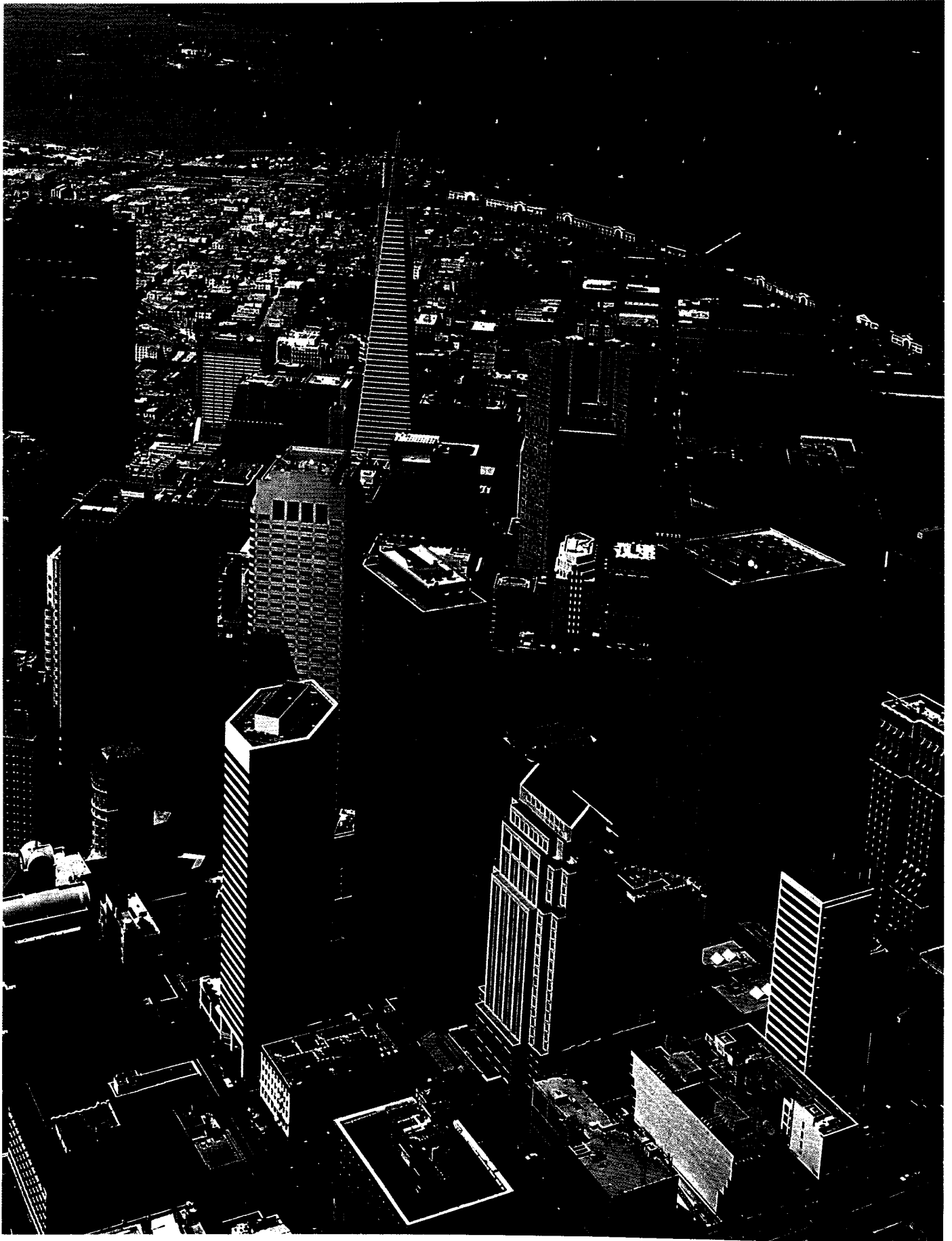
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Since 1901, Golden Gate University School of Law has educated many of the finest lawyers on the American, California, and San Francisco legal scenes.


Learning to be a lawyer at Golden Gate is a dynamic process. It is alive with exciting and challenging experiences. Our education has a great many unique and superb qualities, just as, in the same way, the incomparable, breathtaking beauty of the surrounding San Francisco Bay Area is itself unique. Professors and students teach and learn in the heart of downtown San Francisco, in the vibrant cultural, commercial, and legal center of one of the world's greatest cities.

Golden Gate University School of Law is legal education at its best. The school has unsurpassed talent in teaching and in scholarship. At other law schools, students often feel abandoned and set adrift, without anybody to care about them. But at Golden Gate, our professors form close bonds with students and care about their success. Students can be secure in knowing that they have concerned, effective mentors who will enthusiastically cheer them on and guide them through their law school years.

Best of all, Golden Gate emphasizes practical legal education. Students learn both legal theory and how to be lawyers. They work in law firms, government agencies, and corporations. They interact with clients, litigate in court, face judges, and get to know other lawyers. They perfect their lawyering skills while they study law. Perhaps most valuable from a career standpoint, students develop a personal legal network in the outside world. The result is that Golden Gate University law graduates hit the ground running. They find the best legal jobs available and immediately begin practicing law and effectively serving their clients.

It is because of this excellent law school education that our graduates have so excelled and prospered in the legal profession. They have made their mark as outstanding lawyers, judges, government officials, and corporate counsel all over the country.

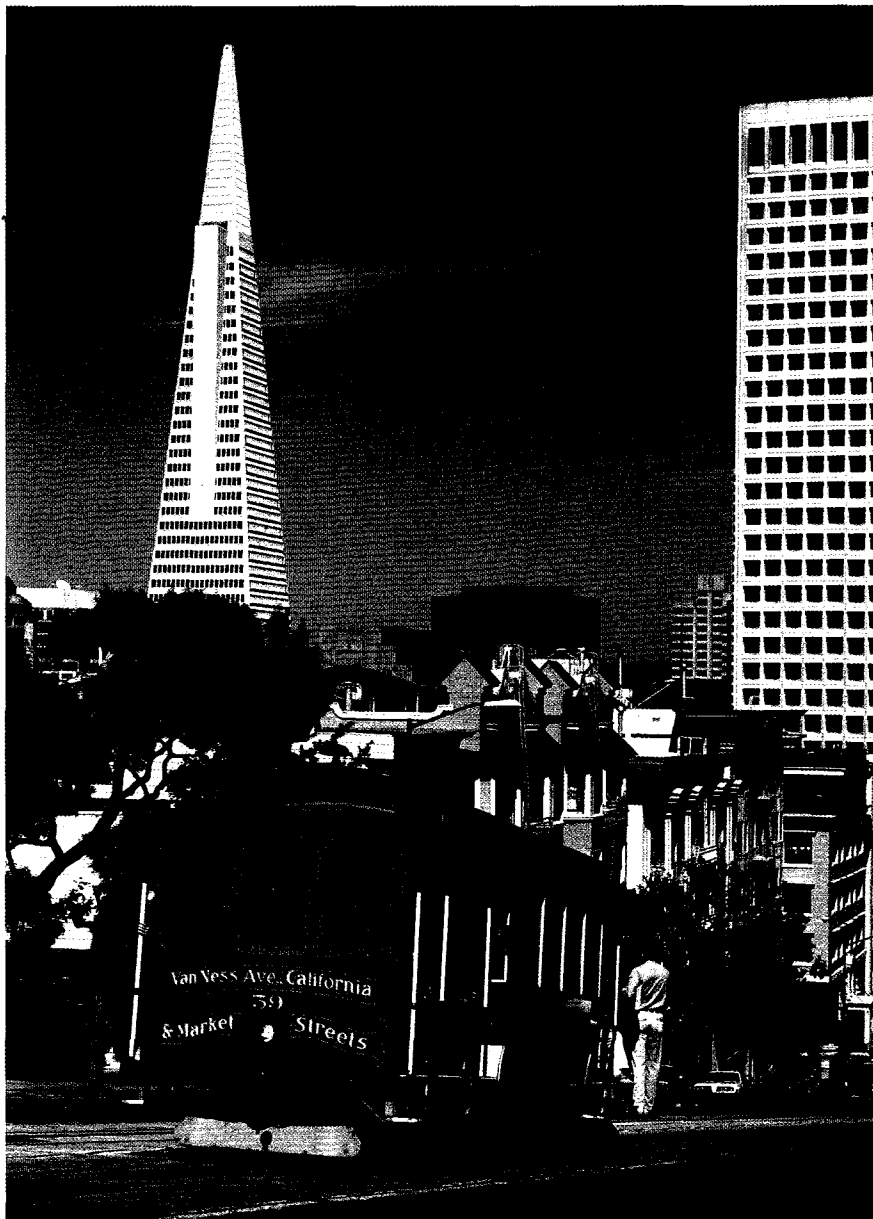
Come join us as we begin our second hundred years. Guarantee yourself a successful and personally fulfilling legal career by becoming a lawyer at Golden Gate University School of Law.



Peter G. Keane, Dean



"Golden Gate emphasizes practical legal education. Students learn both legal theory and how to be lawyers. They work in law firms, government agencies, and corporations. They interact with clients, litigate in court, face judges, and get to know other lawyers."



Golden Gate University School of Law is located in the heart of downtown San Francisco, gateway to the Pacific Rim and one of the most beautiful cities in the world. The school is a short walk from the legal and financial district and the city's bustling Multimedia Gulch.

With its year-round mild climate, the Bay Area is one of the most pleasant places in the world to live and work. From the pines and redwoods of the East Bay and Marin County hills, to the magnificent bridges spanning the bay, to the business and shopping centers of San Francisco, the Bay Area is filled with both

natural beauty and triumphs of the builders' arts. Outstanding theater, opera, symphony, ballet, and museums, as well as classical, avant garde, and rock music groups, are at home in San Francisco. Professional and college sports teams provide entertainment for fans, and opportunities for athletic and outdoor activities abound.

Golden Gate University is a private, nonprofit institution of higher education and a major center for professional study in the fields of law, business, information technology, and tax. It is accredited by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges.

The School of Law, founded in 1901, is one of the oldest law schools in the western United States. It is fully accredited by the American Bar Association and the Committee of Bar Examiners of the State of California and is a member of the Association of American Law Schools. Graduates qualify to take the bar exam in all fifty states and in the District of Columbia. The school offers a full-time day program and a part-time evening program leading to the Doctor of Jurisprudence (J.D.) degree. Combined degrees and graduate degrees are also awarded.

Golden Gate's 750 law students include working professionals and recent college graduates from more than 100 undergraduate and graduate institutions. They come from across the United States and from a number of foreign nations, and they represent a wide spectrum of ethnic, economic, and cultural backgrounds.

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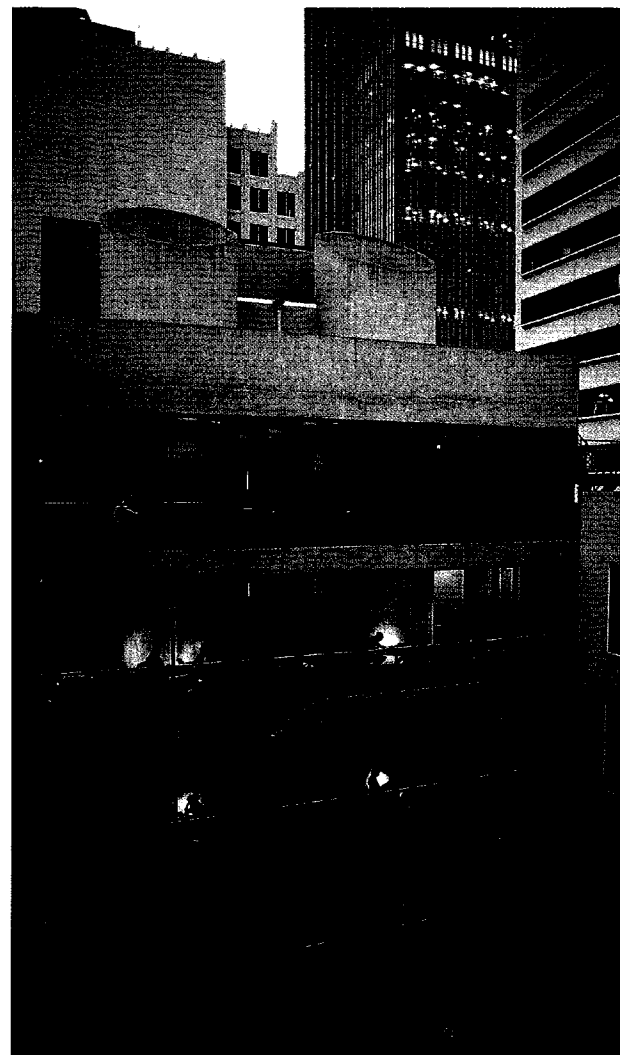
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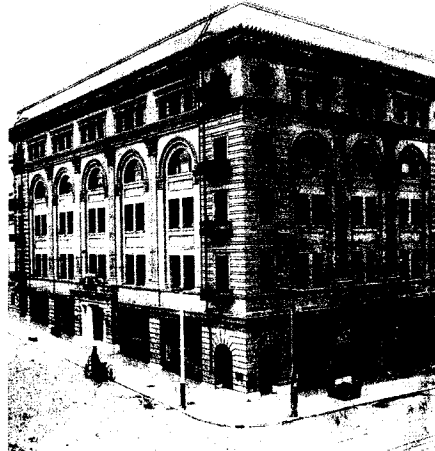
Golden Gate University School of Law recently celebrated its centennial, its first 100 years of meeting the needs of law students and the legal community.

Early Years

The history of Golden Gate University School of Law is as dynamic as the city in which it thrives. The Law School traces its roots to a movement within the Young Men's Christian Association (YMCA) in the late 1800s. In 1883, the San Francisco branch started the YMCA Evening School for working adults. In the nineteenth century, law school was only an option for wealthy students who could attend classes full-time. At the turn of the twentieth century, in a number of great cities in the United States, the YMCA created evening law schools in downtown urban centers so that working people would have a path of entry into the legal profession. In October 1901, the YMCA Evening Law School opened in San Francisco.

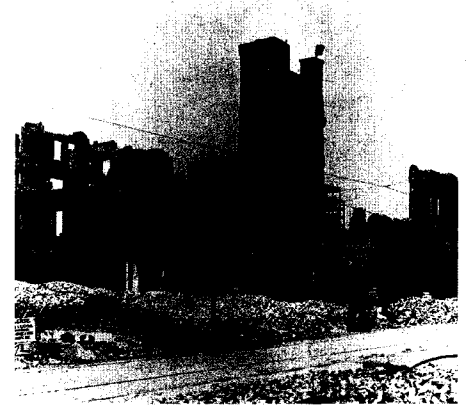
On the morning of April 18, 1906, the great earthquake hit San Francisco, and between the trembling of the earth and the ensuing fire, the city was devastated. Although the YMCA building was destroyed, the organization was undaunted. It immediately set up tents and rented spaces in other buildings to hold classes and other activities.

The general secretary of the YMCA, Henry J. McCoy, traveled to the East Coast to raise funds for a new building. He eventually raised \$500,000 from donors that included John D. Rockefeller and J.P. Morgan. Located at 220 Golden Gate Avenue, the new building, which housed the Law School for 57 years, opened in 1910.



The YMCA building at Mason and Ellis Streets opened in 1894. YMCA Evening Law School classes began here in 1901.

In 1923, the educational arm of the YMCA changed its name to Golden Gate Evening College, a new name suggested by Charles Pool, a law student. The college was incorporated in that same year, but it maintained close ties with the YMCA for 40 more years.



The YMCA building was destroyed in the 1906 earthquake and fire.



After the 1906 earthquake and fire, classes were held in tents.



The new YMCA building at 220 Golden Gate Avenue opened in 1910.

Accreditation and Growth

In 1937, the State Bar of California adopted its first accreditation standards for law schools. Golden Gate met the new requirements and was accredited in 1939. In 1956, the Law School was given provisional accreditation by the American Bar Association. (Full accreditation was granted in 1971.) In 1980, the Law School joined the Association of American Law Schools (AALS).

Golden Gate College bought its own building at 536 Mission Street in 1964. At that time, the Law School began a full-time day program in addition to its part-time evening program. In 1972, Golden Gate College became Golden Gate University and in 1977, built a new “west wing,” which became the University’s main building.

Groundbreaking Events

Throughout its first century, Golden Gate University School of Law has been a groundbreaking institution.

- It was northern California’s third law school.
- It was northern California’s first evening law school.
- As early as 1928, two women were in the school’s graduating class.
- It was the first exclusively part-time evening law school west of St. Paul to receive ABA accreditation.
- Judith McKelvey, appointed dean in 1973, was only the second woman in the United States to serve as dean of an ABA-accredited law school.

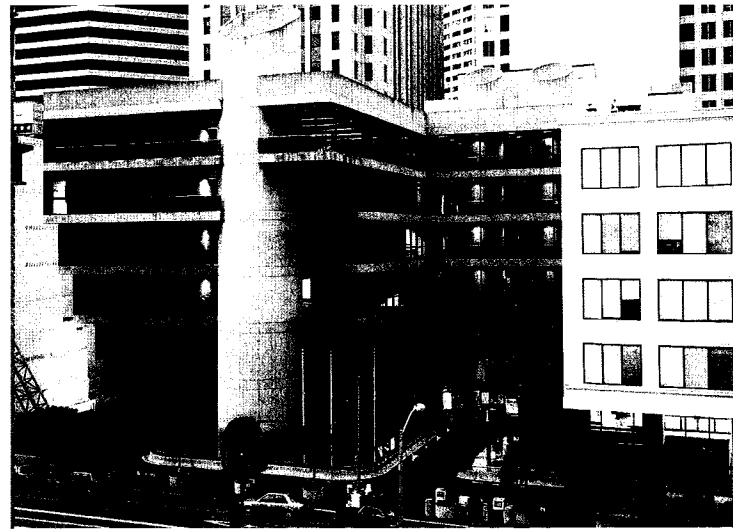


The 1928 graduating class included two women.

Meeting Needs

The School of Law has a history of developing a practical and flexible set of programs to meet the needs of law students, the community, and the legal profession. These programs include the Public Interest Scholars Program (founded in 1997); the Women’s Employment Rights Clinic (1993); the Environmental Law and Justice Clinic (1994); and graduate programs in taxation (1978), international legal studies (1995), environmental law (1998), U.S. legal studies (1998), and intellectual property law (2002).

In 1998, the Law School established the unique Honors Lawyering Program through which students participate in two semester-long apprenticeships in law firms, government offices, or other legal organizations.



Golden Gate University

Entering the Second Century

Golden Gate University School of Law looks ahead to meeting new challenges in training lawyers who effectively deliver legal services to the community. One example is the new Intellectual Property Law Program through which students participate in many dynamic activities of the vibrant Multimedia Gulch area of the Law School’s neighborhood.

During 2001–02, the Law School undertook an \$18 million renovation of its physical facilities, turning the school into a state-of-the-art legal center that will be a national model for the teaching of law. These enhanced facilities, together with the continued focus on meeting student and community needs, set the Law School apart as it begins its second century.

Come visit “The First 100 Years” timeline on the walls of the second floor of the Law School building and take a historical and photographic journey through our first century.



LAW SCHOOL COMMITMENTS

Faculty

You will be taught by an accomplished and accessible faculty who graduated from top research law schools and practiced law before teaching. Our student-to-faculty ratio is 15 to 1.

Public Interest

Golden Gate was ranked top among western U.S. law schools for its commitment to public interest law. The Law School offers financial assistance to students who pursue careers in public interest law, and our in-house clinics provide legal assistance to underrepresented populations.

Professional Skills Development

We are a lawyer's law school where the entire curriculum prepares you to practice law.

■ **Clinical Programs.** We have one of the most extensive clinical programs in the United States. You can earn academic credit while gaining valuable legal experience.

■ **Litigation Program.** Our comprehensive litigation curriculum is taught principally by full-time faculty. Classes are small, and more than two-thirds of our students take at least one litigation course. Students have opportunities to participate in regional and national competitions.

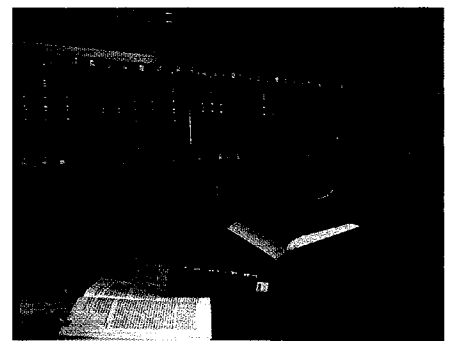
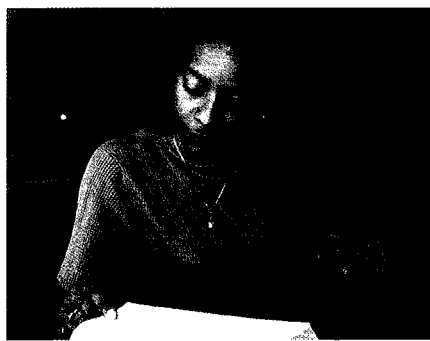
■ **Honors Lawyering Program.** In this unique honors program, students participate in two semester-long professional apprenticeships, applying the theories learned in class to solve the problems of clients.

Diversity

You will practice law in a complex and heterogeneous world. A law school that exposes students to a wide range of people and ideas best prepares you for the challenges and opportunities that world will present. At Golden Gate, you will study and learn in a diverse, multicultural community.

Personalized Career Services

Our Law Career Services Office provides you with ongoing support from the time you enter the Law School through graduation and beyond.





"The faculty and students make Golden Gate a great place. Teachers know students by name, remember questions we have in class, and make sure we understand the legal concepts they are teaching. Everyone, from the dean to classmates, is a peer. There is competition among the students, but we also help out one another. These days, I wear my Howard University sweatshirt, advertising where I got my undergraduate degree. Someday I'll be out there in the legal community wearing a GGU sweatshirt to advertise that this is a great place."

Blaine Jones, Class of 2003

Fall Semester 2002

Transfer, visitor, and special registration Aug. 12-26
 First-year orientation and registration Aug. 14-16
 First-year instruction begins Aug. 19
 Upper div. instruction begins Aug. 26
 Labor Day holiday* Sept. 2
 First-year midterm exam period Oct. 14-18
 Thanksgiving holiday* Nov. 27-29
 Instruction ends Dec. 5
 Examination period Dec. 10-20
 Midyear recess Dec. 21-Jan. 12
 Honors Lawyering Program apprenticeships end Dec. 27

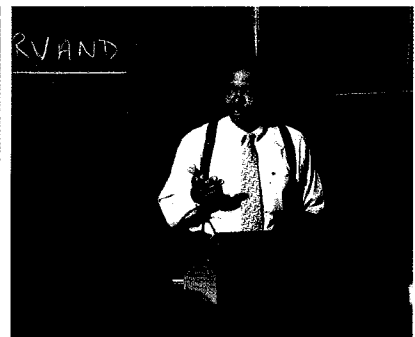
Spring Semester 2003

General registration Dec. 10-Jan. 13
 Transfer, visitor, and special registration Jan. 6-13
 Midyear Admission orientation and registration Jan. 8-9
 Instruction begins Jan. 13
 Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday* Jan. 20
 Presidents' Day holiday* Feb. 17
 Mid-semester recess Mar. 8-16
 Instruction ends Apr. 29
 Examination period May 5-14
 Graduation May 17

Summer Session 2003

General registration May 5-27
 Memorial Day holiday* May 26
 Instruction begins May 27
 Independence Day holiday* July 4
 Instruction ends July 14
 Examination period July 18-21
 Honors Lawyering Program instruction ends Aug. 9
 Honors Lawyering Program examination period Aug. 13-15

**The Law School and the Law Library will be closed on these days.*



Golden Gate University School of Law offers options for those wishing to attend law school part-time, either at night or during the day, or who wish to commence their law studies in January rather than in August. Our flexible scheduling also makes it possible for students to accelerate and graduate in two and one-half years or to attend to family or professional matters and take longer to graduate. In addition to obtaining a J.D., students can earn specialization certificates and combined degrees.

Full-Time Day Program

The full-time day program normally takes three years but can be completed in two and one-half years. Full-time day students who have completed all first-year courses may take one evening course per semester. Class sizes are small, ranging generally from 25 to 80 in the first year and from 15 to 60 in the remaining years, depending on the course.

Part-Time Evening Program

Students in the four-year part-time evening program attend class four nights per week during their first year. Thereafter, they attend three or four nights per week and attend one or two eight-week summer sessions. Students wishing to graduate in three and one-half years should plan to attend two summer sessions. Students may transfer from the part-time to the full-time program (or vice-versa) after completing their first year of study.

The Honors Lawyering Program

In this honors program, students integrate classroom learning with actual legal experience by participating in two full-time, semester-long professional apprenticeships. For more information, see page 11.

Summer Session

Golden Gate University School of Law offers an eight-week summer session, open to students from Golden Gate and other ABA-approved law schools. Most classes are scheduled in the evening.

The Law School also offers the Bangkok Summer Abroad Program, an opportunity to study international law in Thailand.

Specialization Certificates

Specialization certificates are awarded in Business Law, Criminal Law, Environmental Law, Intellectual Property Law, International Law, Labor and Employment Law, Litigation, Public Interest Law, and Real Estate Law. Requirements for the areas of specialization vary, but students generally complete coursework and clinical practice to earn a certificate.

Combined Degrees

Students attending Golden Gate University School of Law may choose from a variety of combined-degree programs. See page 10 for more information.

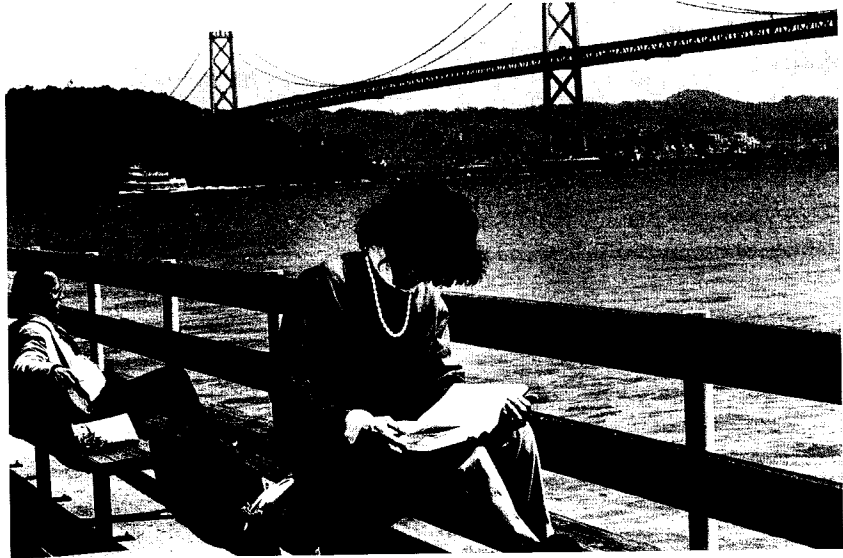
REQUIRED COURSES	
Required First-Year Courses (Full-Time Day)	Required First-Year Courses* (Part-Time Evening)
Civil Procedure I, II	Civil Procedure I, II
Constitutional Law I	Contracts I, II
Contracts I, II	Torts
Criminal Law	Writing & Research I, II
Property I	
Torts	
Writing & Research I, II	
Other Required Courses*	
Appellate Advocacy	Professional Responsibility
Constitutional Law II	Property II
Corporations	Solving Legal Problems
Criminal Procedure I	Wills and Trusts
Evidence	
*After the first year, part-time students are also required to take Constitutional Law I, Criminal Law, and Property I. A sample schedule for Midyear Admission students is on page 9.	

Midyear Admission Program

Golden Gate University School of Law is the only law school in northern California to offer a Midyear Admission Program. Instead of waiting until August, students may begin law school in January and still complete the J.D. program in three years.

Golden Gate University recognizes that a single schedule may not work for every student. The Midyear Admission Program is flexible, so students can work out individual law school schedules that meet their needs.

Midyear Admission Program students usually complete their studies in December and qualify to take the winter bar examination given in February. However, Midyear Admission students may earn a J.D. in two and one-half years by attending two summer sessions, or transfer to the part-time program and take up to five years to graduate.



Applying to the Program

For the spring Midyear Admission Program, students must take the LSAT by October and apply by November 15.

Features of the Midyear Admission Program

- Classes start in January instead of in August.
- Smaller classes provide greater opportunities for individualized instruction.
- A specially-designed seminar integrates new students into the Law School environment.
- Midyear Admission counselors help students plan their programs.
- The program is flexible to meet student needs.

“By completing an entire year of Writing & Research and Contracts in the first semester, I was able to compete for summer internships normally open only to law students who had completed a full year. Plus, instead of only two summers of work during law school, I have three. I received more practical experience, and my résumé looks great.”

*Jim Mitchell (2000)
Deputy Prosecutor, Pierce County, Washington*

SAMPLE FIRST-YEAR SCHEDULE FOR MIDYEAR ADMISSION STUDENTS

Spring (14 units)		Fall (14-16 units)	
Course	Units	Course	Units
Contracts I and II	6	Civil Procedure I	3
Midyear Admission Seminar	1	Criminal Law	3
Property I	4	Property II	2
Writing & Research I and II	3	Torts	4
		(elective or upper div. course)	2-4

COMBINED PROGRAMS

Combined J.D./M.B.A. Program

At Golden Gate, students can earn both the J.D. and the M.B.A. simultaneously in four years through the regular combined program and in just three years through the streamlined program (see box at right).

In both programs, a student first applies to and is accepted by the Law School and normally does not need to take the GMAT or GRE to gain admission to the master's program. After the first semester of law school, the student applies to the Master's program. The combined program begins after the student's first year of law school.

The faculty at Golden Gate University's Law and Business Schools offer the best of both worlds. The Law School program provides a thorough knowledge of substantive law through practice-based courses, as well as opportunities to put that knowledge into practice through an extensive clinical program. Similarly, the Business School program prepares students for the technology-based international marketplace they will enter upon graduation. Both programs build on a rigorous intellectual foundation and add practical experience to help students apply theory to current, real-life problems.

For more information about the M.B.A. requirements, contact:

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**HIGHLIGHTS OF THE
J.D./M.B.A. PROGRAM**

Students in the J.D./M.B.A. program spend their first year in law classes, begin taking business classes in their second year, and attend one full-time summer trimester. The M.B.A. foundation program consists of 18 units, which may be waived based on prior coursework. If a student needs to take foundation courses, the total number of units needed to complete the J.D./M.B.A. is 112 units. Students who have met M.B.A. foundation requirements can finish both degrees by taking only 94 units.

**Golden Gate's Streamlined
J.D./M.B.A. Program:**

- 18 units of Business School courses
- 55 units of required Law School courses
- 21 units of Law School electives

Total units: 94

**Comparison to
Traditional Programs:**

M.B.A. Program Requirement

- 18 units of core courses
- 12 units of electives

J.D. Program Requirement

- 55 units of required courses
- 33 units of electives

Total units: 118

J.D./Ph.D. in Clinical Psychology

This integrated program leads to a J.D. from Golden Gate University and a Ph.D. in Clinical Psychology from the Pacific Graduate School of Psychology (PGSP) in Palo Alto, California.

Each program requires a separate application. Students need to take the GRE to gain admission to the Ph.D. program.

The combined program has three major purposes:

1. To train attorneys who can read sophisticated social science research in assisting the legal system to make better empirically-based decisions;
2. To educate highly trained attorney-psychologists who can contribute to the advancement of forensic psychology;
3. To produce attorney-psychologists who can participate in the development of data-based mental health policy in the legislature and the courts.

Students follow a seven-year course of study to achieve both degrees, some years attending classes at Golden Gate and other years at PGSP. In the seventh year, the student completes a clinical psychology internship.

Below is the program schedule:

- Year 1: Classes at Golden Gate only
Year 2: Classes at PGSP only
Years 3, 4: Equal time at both schools, then graduation from Golden Gate
Years 5, 6: Classes at PGSP and dissertation
Year 7: Clinical psychology internship

PGSP is accredited by the American Psychological Association. For more information, call PGSP at (650) 843-3412 or (800) 818-3412.

THE HONORS LAWYERING PROGRAM—A UNIQUE APPROACH TO LEGAL EDUCATION

The Honors Lawyering Program is an alternative for students who want to maximize their legal experience while in law school. The program's descriptive name is the Integrated Professional Apprenticeship Curriculum (IPAC). The program provides an active, hands-on legal education.

After a first year of foundation courses, students follow a different schedule in their second and third years. Each summer, they study in an intensive, interactive, simulated law firm setting; in the fall, they work full-time in professional apprenticeships; and in the spring, they return to the classroom.

The interactive summer Legal Practice Training prepares students for the professional apprenticeships; the apprenticeships provide extended, solid, professional legal experience; and the coursework in the spring is informed—and even transformed—by the prior apprenticeship experience. Honors students learn by doing, rather than by being told how to do.

Honors Lawyering students:

- work in two semester-long professional apprenticeships* with attorneys;
- participate in two intensive summer programs to develop their skills and prepare them for the professional apprenticeships;
- attend special workshops to share their experiences with other students in the program;
- study with outstanding faculty in Golden Gate's regular courses and clinics; and
- complete law school in three years, pay the same tuition, and take the same required courses as students in the standard curriculum.

*While many professional apprenticeships are in northern California, students have obtained positions in southern California, the Midwest, the East Coast, and overseas.

Professional Apprenticeships

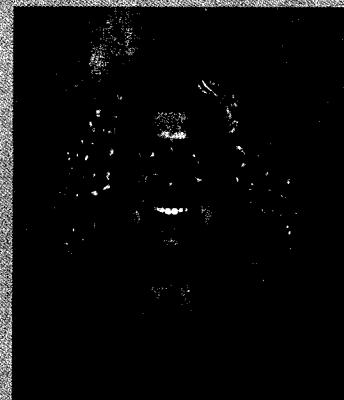
During the fall semester of their second year, instead of attending regular classes, Honors students work full-time, performing legal work with employers such as law firms, government agencies, courts, corporations, and public interest organizations. During their third year, students can choose between a half-time and a full-time apprenticeship. These professional apprenticeships provide students with the real-world experience valued by future employers.

In order to ensure the highest-quality experience, the program screens and approves all placements. We work with Honors students as they research and select apprenticeships that fit their professional goals; help students find experienced, committed supervising attorneys who can work as mentors; and provide students with maximum responsibility and support. Employers compensate students in accordance with their ability to pay. Some jobs are fully paid by the employers; others are subsidized by Golden Gate.

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"My experience in IPAC (now called the Honors Lawyering Program) was an extremely positive one, both personally and professionally. It gave me opportunities to explore options that allowed me to discover the kind of attorney I truly wanted to be. I fully believe the experience gave me a big edge over other job candidates fresh out of law school. Also, the personal bonds I developed with my IPAC-mates have grown into invaluable friendships that I will cultivate and cherish forever."

Lainie Cohan (2001) spent her first apprenticeship working for a private criminal defense attorney. She is now Attorney/Advisor to the Honorable Judge Anne Beytin Torkington, Office of Administrative Law Judges, U.S. Department of Labor.



HONORS LAWYERING PROGRAM (CONT.)

Legal Practice Training

Because even a solid first-year curriculum may not be adequate preparation for successful professional apprenticeships, the program includes intensive skills training during both summers. The first summer program puts students in a simulated law firm in which they interview clients, write memos, research legal problems, and undertake a variety of other legal tasks under the careful supervision of experienced faculty. The program emphasizes writing, interviewing, counseling, negotiating, and professional responsibility. The second summer offers more advanced training, building on the skills and knowledge acquired during students' first two years in law school.

Integrated Curriculum

The Honors Lawyering Program offers an innovative curriculum by combining Golden Gate's strong emphasis on classroom teaching and skills training with a modern version of the traditional apprenticeship. In the summer sessions, experienced faculty teach the law using practical exercises, carefully preparing each student to undertake the responsibility of upcoming apprenticeships. During the apprenticeships, students perform real-world legal tasks, learning from the work they do and from the skilled attorneys supervising them. While in apprenticeships, students have no required courses. They may, if they wish, take up to 5 units of approved courses. However, they are free to devote all their energies to their apprenticeship. They are expected to

attend monthly apprenticeship workshops during which they share their experiences with other students in the program.

During the spring semesters, students are back in class full-time, selecting a schedule from the Law School's extensive course and clinical offerings.

The various components of the Honors Lawyering Program are designed to complement one another, creating an exciting, challenging, and effective legal education. In the summer, students learn the law in the context of a simulated practice setting. In the apprenticeships, they put legal theory into real practice. In the classroom, faculty help students link their legal studies to their apprenticeship experiences. In the Honors Lawyering Program, the line between legal theory and practice disappears.

POTENTIAL APPRENTICESHIP PLACEMENTS

In the San Francisco Bay Area

Private Law Firms and Corporations

practicing in a variety of fields, including:

- civil litigation
- commercial transactions
- environmental law
- family law
- immigration law
- intellectual property law
- international law
- labor and employment law

Judicial System including:

- federal trial and appellate courts
- state trial and appellate courts

Federal, State, and Local Government

Agencies including:

- California Attorney General's Office
- Equal Employment Opportunity Commission
- National Labor Relations Board
- San Francisco City Attorney's Office
- San Francisco Human Rights Commission
- U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
- U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission

Public Interest Organizations

including:

- ACLU of California
- Asian Law Caucus
- Bay Area Legal Aid
- California Lawyers for the Arts
- Equal Rights Advocates
- Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights
- Sierra Club

Criminal Law Offices including:

- Federal Public Defender's Office
- San Francisco District Attorney's Office
- U.S. Attorney's Office, Criminal Division

Outside the Bay Area

While many of the placements are in the San Francisco Bay Area, the administrative director works with students to develop placements across the country and around the world.

"The professors' enthusiasm and energy are contagious. The amount of thought and time they've put in shows vividly in the quality of the program."

*Lubna Jahangiri (2001)
Attorney, Yaron & Associates,
San Francisco*

For more information about the Honors Lawyering Program (IPAC), contact:

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 Administrative Director
 Phone: (415) 442-6624
 Email: honorslaw@ggu.edu
 or
 Professor Robert Calhoun
 Academic Director
 Email: honorslaw@ggu.edu

"The practical, hands-on approach of the summer program developed in me an instinctive sense of what it is to be a lawyer and how to apply what I've learned in my classes. As a result, I felt confident in my first apprenticeship and know that I will bring even more knowledge, practical understanding, and effective technique to my second fall apprenticeship."



Jonathan Bruce, Class of 2002
 Honors Lawyering Student

A Special Community

Honors Lawyering students form a special community within the Law School. In the first year, while they participate in the same classes as other J.D. students, they also attend special monthly workshops to lay the groundwork for their professional apprenticeships. Working together in simulated law firms in the summers and sharing apprenticeship experiences, Honors students form bonds that will make the transition from student to professional easier, as well as help to create a lifelong network.

How to Apply

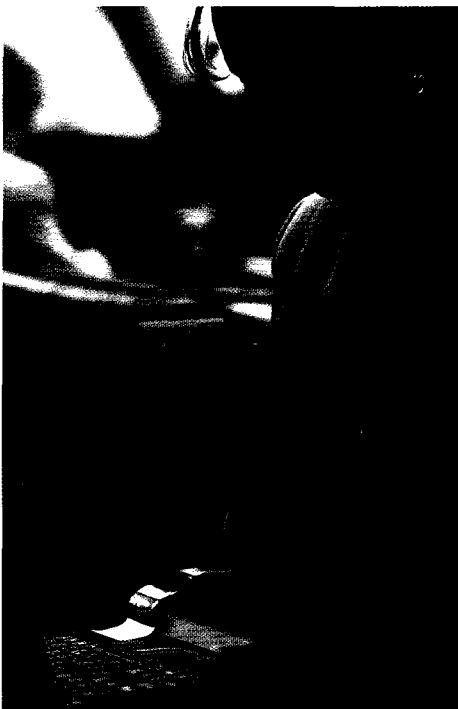
To apply for the Honors Lawyering Program, check the appropriate box on the J.D. application. Acceptance to the program is competitive and will be based upon information in students' application packets. The admissions process may include a telephone interview.

SCHEDULE FOR THE HONORS LAWYERING PROGRAM

	Fall	Spring	Summer
1st Year	Foundational Courses (15 units) Civil Procedure I, Contracts I, Criminal Law, Torts, Writing & Research I, Writing & Research II	Foundational Courses (14 units) Civil Procedure II, Contracts II, * Constitutional Law I, Property I,	11-week Session (12 units) Legal Practice Training (Appellate Advocacy, Constitutional Law II, Evidence, Lawyering Skills—team-taught in a simulated law firm setting)
2nd Year	Professional Apprenticeship (plus up to 5 units of approved courses)	Required and Elective Courses (15 units)	11-week Session* (12 units) Advanced Legal Practice Training (Professional Responsibility, Remedies, Wills & Trusts)
3rd Year	Professional Apprenticeship* (plus additional course units)	Required and Elective Courses (15 units)	

*Because some students desire greater flexibility in structuring their program, students may choose a part-time option (8 units) during the second summer and a part-time option (25 hours per week) for the second apprenticeship.

J.D. students wishing to pursue careers in corporate or commercial law have many unique opportunities at Golden Gate University.



Business Law

Students can earn a specialization certificate in business law by completing 6 to 9 units of core business law courses, plus three additional courses from one of three core areas: domestic law, international law, or intellectual property law.

Corporate and Tax Law

In addition to taking commercial law and business courses such as Advanced Corporate Taxation, Bankruptcy Law, and Negotiable Instruments, students can earn J.D. credit by taking specialized tax courses offered through the LL.M. in Taxation Program. Those interested in international commerce can also take courses such as International Business Transactions, Asian/Pacific Trade Seminar, and International Trade and Environmental Protection, offered through the LL.M. in International Legal Studies Program.

J.D. students wishing to earn an LL.M. in Taxation can transfer up to 9 units of related tax coursework to the LL.M. in Taxation Program, earning their advanced tax degree by taking only 17 additional units. For more information on this graduate program, see page 33.

J.D./M.B.A.

Students choosing the combined J.D./M.B.A. program take certain courses that are credited to both programs, thus saving both time and money. They can earn both degrees in four years through the regular combined-degree program or in just three years through the streamlined program. In the streamlined program, students take begin taking Business School courses after their first year of law school. For more information on J.D./M.B.A. programs, see page 10.

Business and Commercial Real Estate Law Program (BACREL)

The Law School offers a special program for students with business and commercial real estate interests. After completing their first year, students may enter the accelerated BACREL program by taking 6 to 8 units of required courses in a special summer program. Then, in their second and third years and in their second summer, students take additional courses approved by the advisor assigned to them for the specialty they have chosen. By completing these requirements, students may earn joint M.B.A. and J.D. degrees at the end of their third year.

The same program may be taken on a nonaccelerated basis without participation in the summer program. At the end of their third year, qualifying students will receive the J.D., but not the M.B.A. degree.

Intellectual Property

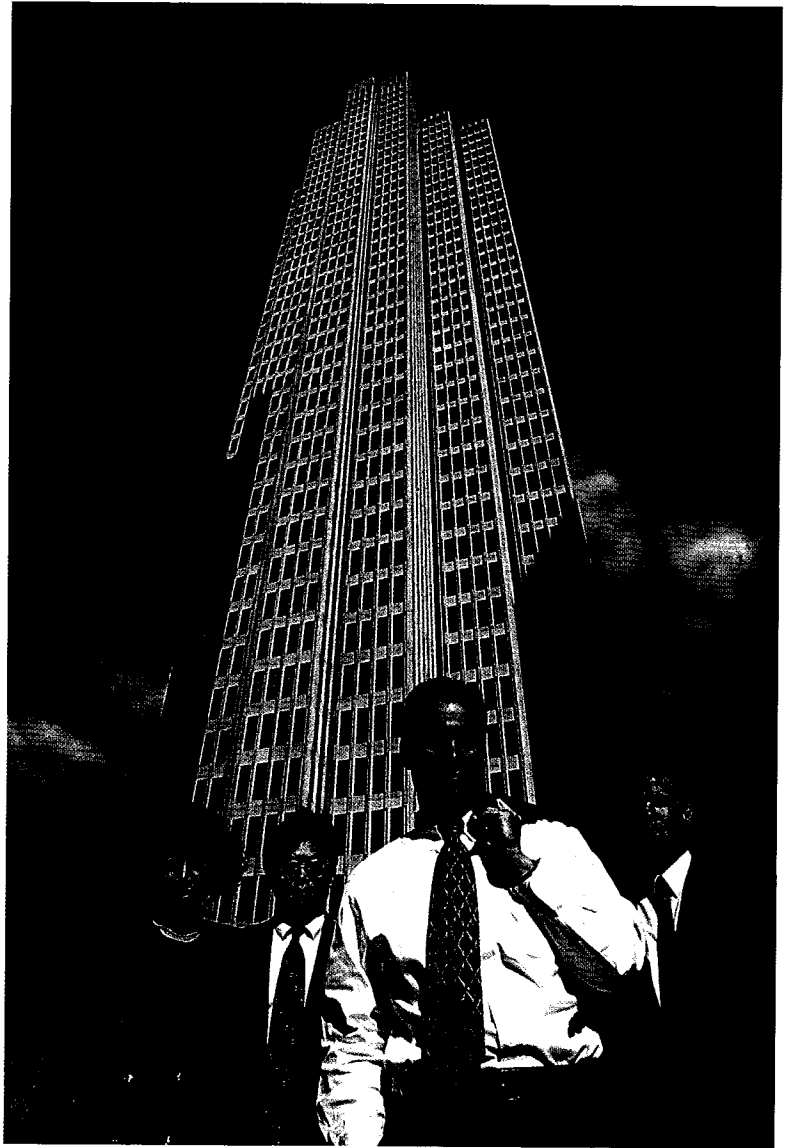
The Law School stands on the edge of Multimedia Gulch in San Francisco, where computers and telephones, inventors and artists, moviemakers and moneymakers are busy at work creating the virtual world of the twenty-first century. See page 22 for information on the Golden Gate University Intellectual Property Law Program.

Labor and Employment Law

Students can earn a specialization certificate in labor and employment law by completing 13 units of core classes and electives, plus clinical practice and a research paper. Past students have earned clinical credit by working in the on-site Women's Employment Rights Clinic; working in placements that include the National Labor Relations Board, San Francisco Neighborhood Legal Assistance, Employment Law Center, Equal Employment Opportunity Commission; and working as law clerks in firms practicing employment, labor, or sports law.

Property Development and Real Estate

Students can earn a specialization certificate in real estate law by completing 13 units of electives in this area, plus clinical practice and a research paper. Certain taxation and environmental law courses may be applied to the certificate. Clinic placements are through the Landlord-Tenant Law Clinic or the Real Estate Clinic.



Golden Gate has one of the most extensive clinical legal education programs in the country, and more than half of our students participate in at least one clinic or externship before graduating. Students earn academic credit while working either under the supervision of a full-time faculty member in one of our four on-site clinics or under the supervision of a judge or practicing attorney in one of our eight field-placement clinics.

On-Site Clinical Programs

The on-site clinics operate as law offices within the Law School, providing legal representation to low-income individuals and community groups who would not otherwise be able to afford legal counsel.

Environmental Law and Justice Clinic

Supervising attorneys: Professors Helen Kang, Alan Ramo, and Cliff Rechtschaffen

Students provide direct representation to community groups and environmental organizations in low-income and minority communities disproportionately impacted by environmental degradation.

Women's Employment Rights Clinic (WERC)

Supervising attorney: Professor Marci Seville

Students represent clients in employment disputes including unemployment insurance appeals, race and sex discrimination, sexual harassment, family and medical leave, and wage and hour claims.

Constitutional Law Clinic: Bioethical Issues

Supervising attorney: Professor Mort Cohen

Students work on cases involving the constitutional and health rights of institutionalized persons. Part of the Western Center for Constitutional Rights, the Constitutional Law Clinic does innovative and successful work on cases involving civil rights and civil liberties.

Innocence Project

Supervising attorneys: Professor Susan Rutberg and Adjunct Professor Linda Colfax

In response to letters from California prisoners asserting actual innocence, supervised students conduct initial investigations into the viability of claims and, when appropriate, work to bring the claim to court. Affiliated with the Santa Clara Law School Northern California Innocence Project (NCIP) and the National Innocence Network.

Field Placement Clinics

In field placement clinics, students work under faculty supervision and the supervision of judges and attorneys in government agencies, law offices, and judges' chambers. Students also attend a class to share experiences and insights and to focus on the substantive nature of their work.

Civil Practice Clinic

Faculty supervisors: Associate Dean Susan Schechter, Professor Allan Brotsky, and Adjunct Professors Cheryl Stevens and Christine Tour-Sarkissian

Students work as law clerks or corporate counsel practicing civil litigation or engaging in transactional work. In the past, students have worked in corporate law, commercial law, entertainment law, family law, intellectual property law, international law, and personal injury law.

Criminal Litigation Clinic

Faculty supervisor: Professor Susan Rutberg

Students work as law clerks in prosecutor and public defender offices supervised by an experienced criminal lawyer and faculty. Students certified by the California State Bar may appear in court and argue a case.

Environmental Law Clinic

Faculty supervisor: Professor Clifford Rechtschaffen

Students are placed in agencies or environmental organizations such as the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, the U.S. Forest Service, the Sierra Club, the California Attorney General, or Northern California Waterkeeper. Students may also be placed with law firms engaged in environmental practice.

"Golden Gate allowed me to transcend the 'traditional' law school experience. I worked with practicing attorneys who gave me the opportunity to represent real clients and to participate in the actual practice of law. This improved my confidence and made the transition from law school to law practice less threatening."

*Shane Ford (1994)
Partner, Staley Jobson & Wetherell, a family law firm in Pleasanton, CA*



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Golden Gate School of Law alumna Susan Rutberg (1975) directs the Criminal Litigation Clinic and the Innocence Project. Professor Bernard Segal directs the Law School's respected litigation program.

Field Placement Clinics (cont.)

Judicial Externships

Faculty supervisors: Assistant Dean Susanne Aronowitz and Adjunct Professor Song Hill

Students selected for the Judicial Externship Program work in judges' chambers at all levels of state and federal courts with a full range of judicial assignments including courts handling civil trials, family and juvenile law, bankruptcy, law and motion, criminal law, and appellate matters.

Landlord-Tenant Law Clinic

Faculty supervisor: Professor Myron Moskovitz

Students work as law clerks for attorneys specializing in landlord-tenant issues.

Lawyering Skills: Client Advocacy

Supervising attorney: Professor Susan Rutberg

Students learn counseling, interviewing, and negotiating skills through simulations, then act as advocates for real clients through the Homeless Advocacy Project, which is sponsored by the Bar Association of San Francisco.

Public Interest/Government Counsel Clinic

Faculty supervisors: Associate Dean Susan Schechter and Public Interest Advisor Denise Glagau

Students work at public interest and public sector (government) agencies. Sample organizations include Bay Area Legal Aid, California Department of Justice, California Lawyers for the Arts, Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, and San Francisco City Attorney's Office.

Real Estate Clinic

Faculty supervisor: Adjunct Professor Christine Tour-Sarkissian

Students are placed in law firms that specialize in, or do considerable work in, real estate. Working under the direct supervision of attorneys, students interview clients, draft pleadings and motions, and participate in trial preparation and trials. On the transactional side, they draft provisions for leases, sales contracts, closing papers, loan documents, and other real estate instruments.

"The professors at Golden Gate show a keen interest in developing lawyers with a social conscience. . . They really understood that helping people was what drove me, and they guided me toward organizations that serve the community."

Joseph Gonzalez (1997) completed several internships with Communities for a Better Environment before being hired at the Law Offices of Masry & Vititoe, where he handles complex environmental litigation involving environmental statutory enforcement and toxic torts.

"The great thing about the Civil Practice Clinic is that you receive credit toward your J.D when you take internships. Not only do you get course credit, but you also get valuable real-world experience. In addition to this, you are exposed to other students' internships and can gain a better understanding of how different firms, big and small, function."

Shannon Wyman (class of 2002) completed an internship with the Oakland Raiders football team from August 2000 to December 2001.



The Golden Gate University Environmental Law Program provides a unique opportunity for students to combine study of U.S. and international environmental law with the practical experience of handling complex environmental cases through our innovative Environmental Law and Justice Clinic. The program features a blend of academic study, writing, and practical skills training.



Beyond the Basics

In addition to courses in environmental law, students can participate in a range of advanced seminars and activities or can combine their interest in environmental law with other specialties. For example, International Trade and Environmental Protection is one of several courses that combine study of environmental issues with international law. Other specialized classes include Energy and Environmental Law, Urban Environmental Law and Policy, and Regulatory Takings and Environmental Law.

Since California is at the forefront of many environmental issues, with laws that frequently set national trends, Golden Gate offers a special seminar in California Environmental and Natural Resources Law.

Other Features of the Program

- **Environmental Law Symposium.** Each year, the Law School holds a daylong symposium on current environmental law issues. In fall 2002, the topic will be "Rio's Decade: Reassessing the 1992 Earth Summit."
- **Competitions.** Students may participate in the National Environmental Law Moot Court competition.
- **Student Organization.** Through the student-run Environmental Law Society, students engage in a variety of activities, including organizing symposia on environmental issues.
- **Law Review.** Annually, one issue of the *Golden Gate University Law Review* is devoted to articles written by students and other scholars about environmental law.

Specialization Certificate

Students may earn a specialization certificate in environmental law. The program requires classwork, a research paper, and clinical practice. After learning the laws and regulations governing environmental issues, students put their knowledge to work in actual cases handled by the Law School's two Environmental Law Clinics (see next page).

The Environmental Law Program at Golden Gate University School of Law was ranked in the Top 20 by the U.S. News & World Report's 2003 survey.

Environmental Law and Justice Clinic

In addition to planning for cleaner communities, specialists in environmental law are working to remedy harms resulting from policies that placed a disproportionate share of pollutants in disadvantaged communities and communities of color, and to prevent such injustices in the future.

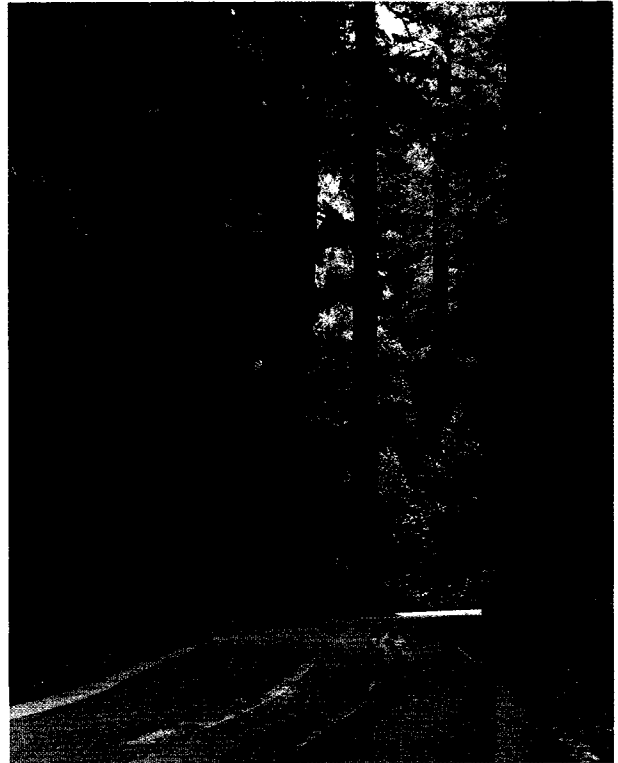
Golden Gate was one of the first law schools to establish an Environmental Law and Justice Clinic. Working with Professors Ramo, Kang, and Rechtschaffen from on-site offices at the Law School, students participating in this trail-blazing clinic directly represent environmental organizations and community groups in low-income and minority communities. The clinic has received grants from the U.S. Department of Education, the Corporation for National Service, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, the American Bar Association, As You Sow Foundation, The Rose Foundation, and the San Francisco Foundation.

Environmental Law Clinic

Through this field placement clinic, students work in the regional office of the Environmental Protection Agency, for state and county environmental agencies, or for national and local environmental organizations, many of which are headquartered in the San Francisco Bay Area.

Graduate Program

Law graduates may continue their environmental law studies by enrolling in the LL.M. in Environmental Law Program. For more information, see page 32.



Students in the Environmental Law and Justice Clinic take a field trip with Professor Ramo to a nearby power plant in San Francisco.

Golden Gate was ranked third in a survey that examined every law school in the country with an environmental law program. Unlike other program rankings, which usually consider only one factor, this survey evaluated a number of factors, including breadth of environmental law course offerings and faculty-to-student ratio. The study can be found in the spring 2000 issue of *Wildlife Society Bulletin*.

The Center for Advanced International Legal Studies at Golden Gate provides students with knowledge of the fundamental principles and rules of international law including the current practice and evolving procedures that govern their application. The International Legal Studies Program provides in-depth coverage of specialized areas of public and private international law, as well as international trade law and comparative law. The program emphasizes the legal, cultural, sociological, and business activities within and affecting the Pacific Rim, the United States, the European Union, and other regions of the world as they interact with Europe, Asia, Africa, Latin America, and the United States. The program enrolls approximately 75 students from more than 40 nations.

"American law is a drop of water in the ocean of law. The whole world is so rich in legal traditions that we will be well served to begin to understand other approaches."

Professor Sompong Sucharitkul

"I could see the whole world in my LL.M. classes. It was exciting to share different views on a subject with students from all over the world coming from different legal systems."

*Srivalli Avala (India) (2001)
LL.M. in International Legal
Studies Program*

Specialization Certificate

J.D. students may earn a specialization certificate in international law by completing a core curriculum and electing J.D. and LL.M. courses from the International Legal Studies Program.

International Scholarship

Each year, international visiting scholars come to Golden Gate to teach, lecture, and participate in conferences. At the heart of the visiting scholar program is the exchange of information about how various national legal systems operate.

In recent years, the Law School has hosted visitors from:

Argentina	Nepal
Austria	Netherlands
Bangladesh	Nigeria
Bosnia and Herzegovina	Norway
Bulgaria	Pakistan
Canada	People's Republic of China
Croatia	Peru
Cuba	Republic of China (Taiwan)
Denmark	Russian Federation
European Union	Serbia and Montenegro
Finland	Slovenia
France	South Africa
Germany	Spain
Greece	Sweden
Hong Kong	Switzerland
Hungary	Thailand
India	Turkey
Ireland	Ukraine
Italy	Union of South Africa
Japan	United Nations
Kenya	Ukraine
Korea	Uruguay
Malawi	
Malaysia	
Mexico	

The American Bar Association and the Council for the International Exchange of Scholars have sponsored visits to Golden Gate by Eastern European and African scholars studying the U.S. legal system. The People's Republic of China has sent members of its judiciary to study Golden Gate's clinical programs. Since 1997, the Chinese Ministry of Justice has sent more than 50 attorneys from provinces throughout China to Golden Gate to learn about the U.S. legal system. In addition, faculty exchanges have been implemented with the University of Paris X (Nanterre) and the University of Amsterdam.

The Law School hosts the annual Regional Meeting of the American Society of International Law and the Annual Fulbright Symposium, which bring together international law scholars and practitioners from many nations. The International Law Student Association sponsors an International Speakers Forum.

The Law School publishes the *Annual Survey of International and Comparative Law*. Students assist in translating and editing articles and reviews.

Competitions

Each year, the Law School participates in the Jessup International Law Moot Court Competition and the Manfred Lach International Space Law Moot Court Competition. Golden Gate University teams have received numerous awards.

Student Organization

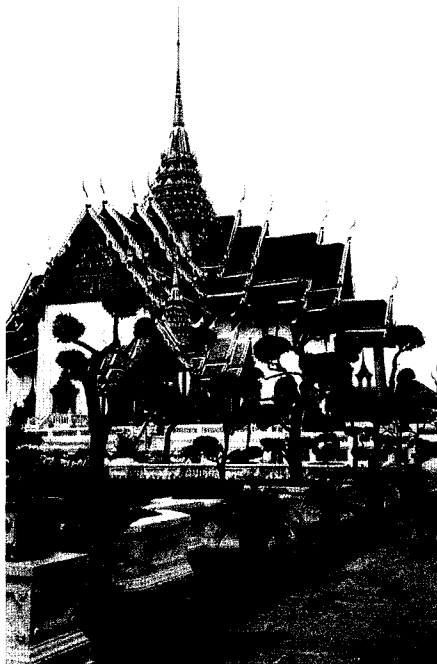
The Golden Gate Association of International Lawyers (GGAIL) is the student organization for graduate students majoring in international legal studies. This group sponsors symposia and workshops that enhance the academic and professional opportunities available to members. GGAIL also arranges many social functions for students.

Student Employment

Students are assisted in finding summer employment overseas and internships with international organizations in the United States. Golden Gate students have been admitted to internship programs in Belgium, France, Italy, several Asian/Pacific countries, with UNIDROIT in Rome, and with the United Nations in Bangkok, Geneva, New York, and Vienna, as well as with tribunals in Arusha and East Timor.

Overseas Programs

Golden Gate sponsors a summer law study program in Bangkok, Thailand. Now in its eleventh year, this program offers courses



Golden Gate University sponsors a summer study abroad program in Bangkok, Thailand. Shown above: Pavilion in the Grand Palace.

on international contract and Pacific Rim issues and includes internships in Bangkok, Kuala Lumpur, and Hanoi. We also co-sponsor a program in Istanbul, Turkey.

Golden Gate University School of Law has exchange agreements with the University

of Paris X (Nanterre) and the University of Heidelberg. The Paris program permits a limited number of Law School graduates to spend a year studying in Nanterre, earning a Diploma of European Law. Those graduates who complete a full year and an internship can qualify for a Diplôme d'Etudes Supérieures Spécialisées (DESS) degree. The Heidelberg program permits a limited number of law students to spend a semester in Heidelberg, Germany.

Graduate Programs

Law graduates may continue their studies and earn an LL.M. in International Legal Studies. Students with an LL.M. or equivalent might be eligible for admission to the doctoral (S.J.D.) program in International Legal Studies, designing a program of study in consultation with a dissertation supervisor.

For more information on graduate programs, see pages 32–33.

PROFESSOR SOMPONG SUCHARITKUL

Associate Dean and Distinguished Professor of International and Comparative Law Sompong Sucharitkul directs the Golden Gate LL.M. and S.J.D. programs in International Legal Studies, the Center for Advanced International Legal Studies, and the summer program in Bangkok. He has served as Thailand's ambassador to Japan, several European nations, the European Community, FAO, and UNESCO. He represented Thailand in the U.N. General Assembly for almost 30 years and served as the special rapporteur of the International Law Commission for nine 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 brings a wealth of knowledge of private and public international law to the International Legal Studies Program, which has attracted faculty and students from more than 40 nations.

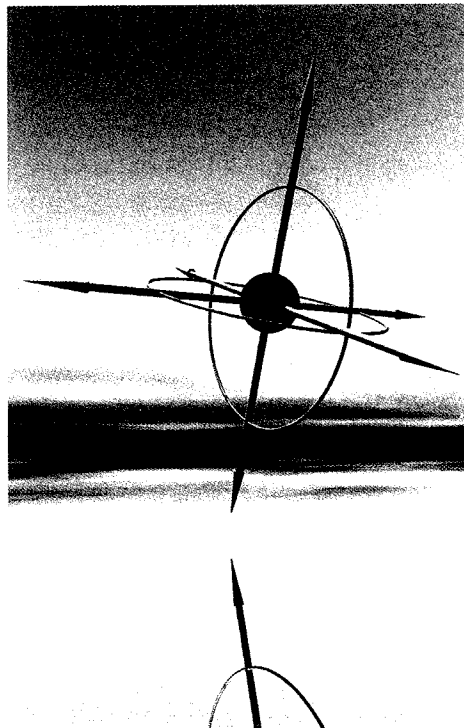


For more than a decade, San Francisco has been in the center of an explosion in intellectual property (IP) law. Although the giant hardware and software companies are based south of San Francisco, in Silicon Valley, many of the concepts and products of those companies began life in the swirling hotbed of ideas along Multimedia Gulch, the Third Street Corridor, Potrero Hill, and South Park—all here in San Francisco. For independent software development companies, filmmakers, game companies, and computer animation companies, the center of activity on the West Coast is in San Francisco and the Bay Area.

The J.D. Curriculum in IP Law

Golden Gate University offers students a comprehensive array of courses in IP law. Students begin with the IP survey course and from there can follow their interests in patent, trademark, and copyright law through more extensive courses in the domestic and international aspects of these subjects. More specialized courses in entertainment law, information technology law, and related litigation skills are also offered. At present, the courses offered include:

- Advanced Entertainment Law:
 - Celebrity Rights
- Art and the Law
- Biotechnology Law
- Content Licensing
- Copyright Law of the U.S.
- E-Commerce Law
- Entertainment Law
- Film and Television Law
- Intellectual Property Litigation:
 - Trademark and Copyright
- Intellectual Property Law Survey



- International Intellectual Property Law
- Internet and Software Law
- International Patent Law
- International and Comparative Trademark/Copyright Law
- Negotiating and Drafting Contracts in the Entertainment Business
- Patent Law of the U.S.
- Patent Litigation
- The Patent Process From Start to Finish
- Sports Law
- Trademark Law of the U.S.
- Trademark Practice: Trials and Appeals Board
- Valuation of Intellectual Property
- Selected Problems in IP Law
- IP Law Online Journal
- IP Law Moot Court Competition Training

Certificate of Specialization

The Certificate of Specialization Program provides students with faculty counseling and the opportunity to develop highly specialized expertise in one of the many subfields of IP law. Students complete 14 units of focused course work, which can include a clinical experience or a supervised research project. Graduates of the program receive special diploma recognition that they have completed this program and are ready to begin practice in their area of specialization.

Is IP Law Exclusive of Other Areas of Law?

A concentration in IP law does not preclude a student from specializing in other areas of the law, as well. IP issues permeate the law and arise in the context of most other areas of legal study. For example, students will find that IP law dovetails well with public interest law. IP lawyers are frequently called upon to deal with issues relating to free speech, privacy, and numerous employment law issues, ranging from email policies to employment covenants not to compete.

The study of comparative and international law is perhaps the area in which the greatest overlap occurs with IP law—particularly with respect to cyber-law. The absence of geographic boundaries in the online and Internet environment mandates that IP students have an understanding of the numerous treaties and international efforts to adapt to this new medium of communication.

In short, very few areas of the law are not touched by IP law. The challenge is not to exclude these areas of law in our new IP program—the challenge is how best to incorporate them.

Website, Journal, Conferences, and Clinical Experiences

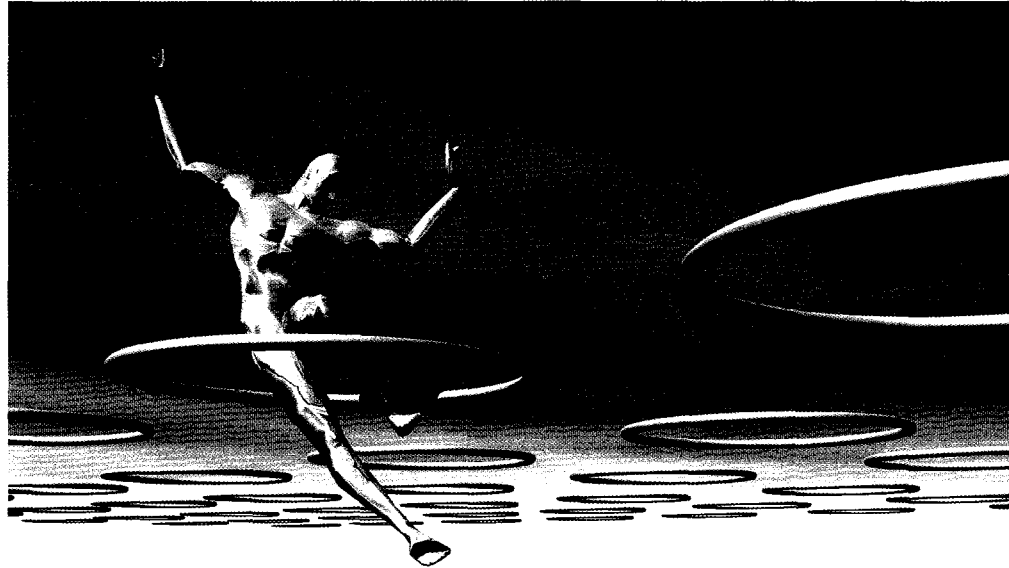
A successful IP program cannot exist in an academic vacuum, without links to the community of IP-related companies and law firms busily working all around the GGU neighborhood. To meet the need to integrate our students into this community, and to build a mutual support network with our neighbors, GGU has implemented several additional aspects to its IP Law Program.

Central to this outreach is the Golden Gate University Intellectual Property Law Center (IPLC). The center serves as a resource to the IP business and legal community, and as a means of introducing the talents and skills of our students, alumni, and faculty to that community.

IPLC—The Website

As a service to the IP business community, students, alumni, and local law firms, our IP program is developing an interactive website regarding IP law. The site will have links directly to the rest of the Law School and to a variety of university websites. A link to the GGU Law Library will allow site visitors to review the library's IP collection and to find out about new acquisitions. The site will also serve as a resource site, with links to government offices, major IP law firms, and national and international IP information sites.

The site will provide information to practitioners via articles, columns, and book reviews, written and edited by our students, alumni, and faculty members. Subscribers, consisting of law firms and law schools, will periodically receive a short email summarizing updated content on the site.



IPLC—The Online Journal

Each year, one issue of the *Golden Gate University Law Review* focuses on business and technology issues. To complement this effort, the IPLC will soon publish an online law journal featuring short, practice-oriented articles, as well as case notes on recent cases.

IPLC—The Conferences

Each year, in the fall semester, the IPLC sponsors a conference addressing issues of interest and concern to the IP legal and business community. The conference features panels of educators and practitioners addressing key issues in IP law. In addition to serving the need of the community for a forum to discuss and debate these issues, these conferences help to identify GGU as a valuable resource for IP law information.

IPLC—The Clinic

Presently in the planning stages, with a proposed launch in the fall of 2002, is the IPLC's monthly clinic staffed by adjunct professors, volunteer alumni, and students. Participants will meet with an attorney and a student intern to discuss their IP concerns and to obtain advice. When participants present problems of a more complex nature, they are referred to a panel of local firms for further representation.

The LL.M. in IP Law

Responding to the need for post-graduate programs in intellectual property law, Golden Gate University School of Law launched its LL.M. in Intellectual Property Law Program in January 2002. The program features individual counseling and a number of³ additional courses, as well as access to all of the J.D. courses in IP law. For more information about the LL.M. in IP Law, see page 32.



"The Golden Gate program teaches you to be a good lawyer in your practice, but more importantly, it challenges you to be good for your community as well."

*Meghan Crowell (2001)
Judicial Law Clerk to the
Honorable Howard McKibben,
Chief Judge, U.S. District Court for
the District of Nevada,
Reno, Nevada*

At Golden Gate, public interest law is not just a series of classes; it's an attitude. The Law School's curriculum and programs integrate public interest law and service to the community. In addition to the public interest law courses listed on page 39 and the activities of a variety of student organizations that focus on public interest issues (see page 29), Golden Gate University School of Law offers several special public interest law programs.

Public Interest Law Program

Students may earn a public interest law certificate by completing 14 units of approved elective courses, a 150-hour public interest practicum, and 25 hours of work for a campus or community organization.

Public Interest Loan Assistance Program (PILAP)

PILAP provides grants to graduates who choose careers in public interest law. These grants are awarded annually on the basis of financial need to help graduates repay educational loans.

Public Interest Work-Study Program

Students who qualify for federal work-study may apply to this unique program, which permits students to gain valuable paid work experience with government agencies and public interest organizations that cannot afford to pay students. Golden Gate pays the qualifying employer's portion of the student's work-study award for employment during the summer.

Field Placement and On-Site Clinics

Public interest law is the main focus of the three on-site clinics at Golden Gate: the Constitutional Law Clinic, the Environmental Law and Justice Clinic, and the Women's Employment Rights Clinic. In addition, students who enroll in the Public Interest/Government Counsel field placement clinic are placed in public interest organizations, government agencies, or law firms that specialize in public interest law. See pages 16–17 for information about the clinics.

PSLawNet

Golden Gate University Law School is a member of PSLawNet, which maintains a national database on the Internet to assist students who are trying to find paid and volunteer public interest employment opportunities locally, nationally, and internationally.

PI/PS Day

Each year, Golden Gate participates in the Northern California Public Interest/Public Sector Legal Careers Day through which many of our students have found summer employment in public interest or public sector organizations.

Public Interest Law Scholars Program

All students at Golden Gate University School of Law can participate in public interest law courses and clinics, but a select few are accepted each year to the Public Interest Law Scholars Program. The components of this program are:

■ Scholarships

Each year, the Law School awards \$5,000 scholarships to a number of entering students. The scholarships are renewable and may be combined with other forms of financial assistance.

■ Summer Employment Stipend

The Law School gives each Public Interest Law Scholar a stipend for one summer employment placement with a public interest or government agency. The Law School helps Public Interest Law Scholars find placements.

■ Mentoring

Every Public Interest Law Scholar has a faculty mentor and an alumni mentor. These mentors provide guidance and insight into public interest issues and careers.

■ Public Interest Loan Assistance Program (PILAP)

Public Interest Law Scholars are eligible to apply to the PILAP program (see facing page), which provides grants to graduates who choose careers in public interest law.

Public Interest Law Scholars are expected to participate in public interest activities at the Law School, such as those sponsored by the Public Interest Law Foundation, the student organization that raises funds and organizes programs on public interest issues.



"Golden Gate University provides the perfect training ground for public interest lawyers by integrating excellent legal education in the classroom with real-life experiences at internships. The public interest programs have helped me to advance my goal of working to protect our nation's natural resources."

*Kristin Henry (class of 2002)
is a GGU Public Interest Law Scholar and
an Environmental Law Fellow at the Sierra Club.*

How to Apply

To apply for the Public Interest Law Scholars Program, submit the regular J.D. application along with a list of public interest activities in which you have participated and a two-page (double-spaced) essay describing your interest in, and commitment to, public interest law. The essay should include a statement about how you plan to pursue public interest law during and after law school.

BEST IN THE WEST IN PUBLIC INTEREST

In a nationwide survey of law schools published by *The National Jurist* in January 2000, Golden Gate University School of Law ranked the highest among schools in the western United States in its commitment to public interest law. Out of 167 law schools surveyed, Golden Gate ranked tenth.



The law is a broad and demanding profession. In addition to mastering the rules of statutory, judicial, and constitutional law, a good practitioner must be skilled in writing, interviewing, counseling, negotiating, persuasive fact analysis, and oral advocacy. Most importantly, if the attorney is to shape future development of the law, he or she must understand the ethical, political, social, and economic policies that underlie the law. Golden Gate University School of Law bases its J.D. curriculum on this multifaceted view of the lawyer.

Litigation

In the past, lawyers learned trial skills through on-the-job training after completing law school. Most of those opportunities to learn are no longer available. Today's graduates must have learned to meet the challenges of the courtroom through training in law school. To prepare students for these challenges, Golden Gate offers one of the most intensive and comprehensive litigation training programs in the country.

Litigation classes are small, and the training is personalized. Classes are usually limited to 25 students, so every student is able to practice skills such as cross-examining, interviewing clients, negotiating, making objections, delivering opening and closing arguments, making motions, and more. Most courses in the litigation program are taught by full-time faculty members who not only have extensive trial and appellate experience, but also are highly experienced classroom teachers.

After completing the basic litigation courses, many students put their skills to use in clinical placements, working under the supervision of practicing attorneys, such as district attorneys and public defenders, as well as faculty members and civil lawyers.

A student who is serious about a career as a litigator can earn a litigation specialization certificate, the equivalent of a major in litigation. To earn the certificate, a student must take 13 units from among the courses in the litigation curriculum, including Trial Advocacy, Mock Trial, and Civil or Criminal Litigation. Students may choose the remaining 5 units from the Law School's large selection of litigation courses.

Competitions

Students can hone their skills in trial advocacy and appellate competitions. Golden Gate participates in more than ten major competitions each year, including the National Mock Trial Competition, the Association of Trial Lawyers of America Competition, the Jessup International Law Moot Court Competition, the ABA National Appellate Advocacy Competition, and the National Environmental Law Moot Court Competition.

The Law School's outstanding record of success includes winning the ATLA Western Regional Competition and reaching the final four in the Nationals in 1994, 1996, and 1998.

Highlights of Recent Litigation Competitions

- In 2001, a GGU team was the first American law school team invited to the Lisbon Regional Final of the European Law Moot Court competition. The team made it to the semi-

finals, and student Gonzalo del Castillo (2001) won best individual advocate in the regional competition.

- The GGU team went undefeated at the 2001 Northwestern Regional of the ABA Mediation Advocacy Competition.
- A GGU mock trial team captured first place at the first Mock Trial Competition of the San Francisco Trial Lawyer Association.
- GGU students received outstanding oralist honors at the Environmental Moot Court Competition, the Pacific Regional of the Jessup International Moot Court Competition, and the Pace University Environmental Law Moot Competition.
- In recent years, GGU mock trial teams have won eight regional championships in trial competitions and were semifinalists in six others.

Writing and Research

Words are the tools of the lawyer. When spoken to advise a client, they can put fears to rest; when written into a contract, they can ensure mutual understanding; in litigation, they can be weapons.

Because good lawyering demands good writing, the Law School requires that all students take three writing courses. First-year students take Writing & Research I and II, second-year students take Appellate Advocacy, and students in their final year take Solving Legal Problems. Any student requiring extra support in developing legal writing skills may take part in the Academic Support Program (see page 31).

In Advanced Legal Research and Selected Legal Problems, as well as writing seminars and workshops, students may prepare independent research papers under close faculty supervision.



“The trial advocacy and litigation programs are second-to-none and deserve to be recognized as such.”

Heidi Larsen Wierman (left) (1998), now a deputy city attorney for the City of San Diego, was a member of the Golden Gate team that won the Western Regional Student Trial Competition of the Association of Trial Lawyers of America (ATLA).

Publications

The *Golden Gate University Law Review* is written and edited by students who are selected on the basis of academic standing or a writing competition. Four issues of the *Law Review* are published annually: a survey of cases from the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals, a Law and Social Change Forum, a Business and Technology Forum, and an Environmental Law Forum.

Students interested in International Legal Studies may work on the *Annual Survey of International and Comparative Law*.

LAW STUDENT SERVICES OFFICE

The Law School Student Services staff is available and eager to work with law students on a variety of issues including easing the transition to law school and helping students with challenges that arise while they are in law school. We pride ourselves on our level of service and responsiveness in creating a professional academic environment.

Counseling: Academic and Personal

The dean for student services provides academic advising to students and referrals for personal counseling. Students with personal issues that may affect their academic performance are encouraged to meet with the dean for student services.

Accommodations

The Law Student Services Office works with students who have learning or physical disabilities by coordinating their accommodations. Students should check with the student services coordinator before they arrive on campus to ensure that the coordinator is aware of their potential needs. All University facilities are accessible and available for students with disabilities.

Law Registrar

The Law Registrar's Office handles registration for all Law School classes, grading, academic progress evaluations, processing of State Bar certifications, law degree verifications, and enrollment verifications. Requests for transcripts are handled by the University Records Office.

Health Insurance

Two health insurance plans are available for law students: ABA Law Student Division Group Health Insurance Plan and the Student Accident and Sickness Medical Expense Insurance.

**Examinations/Evaluations**

The Law Student Services Office coordinates law school exams, including the use of ExamSoft. The exam coordinator processes student evaluations of faculty each semester.

Lockers

Every law student is entitled to a locker while enrolled at the Law School.

Special Scholarships/Bar Loans

Law Student Services handles the renewal of merit scholarships for continuing students. For more information, see the list of scholarships, starting on page 53.

To the extent funds are available, the Law School may provide small loans to students in their last semester to offset the cost of bar examination study courses.

Drug Awareness Program

To comply with federal laws, Golden Gate University maintains a Drug Abuse Awareness and Prevention Program. Information may be obtained from Golden Gate University's Office of Faculty and Staff Human Resources.

Other Policies and Procedures

For specific policies and procedures, students should refer to the *Student Handbook* published by the Law Student Services Office.

HOUSING AND TRANSPORTATION

Because it is located in San Francisco's downtown business area, Golden Gate University has no residence hall or student housing. The Law School Admissions Office publishes an annual *Housing Resource Guide*, and all admitted students have access to the Law School's roommate locator service.

Public transportation in and around San Francisco is excellent. The school is located one block from MUNI (city buses and trolley cars); BART (underground); and the San Francisco Transbay Terminal, which serves outlying counties. Nearby ferries and train service also help make the commute to Golden Gate one of the easiest in the Bay Area.

BOOKSTORE

The Golden Gate University Bookstore stocks all required materials, plus a variety of study-aids, reference books, and Federal and State Codes. Law books include the Rutter Group and Continuing Education of the Bar (CEB) materials.

The bookstore also carries school supplies, popular software titles, and computer-related peripherals and supplies.

Students may order materials via the bookstore website at www.eFollett.com. VISA, MasterCard, Discover, and American Express are accepted.

ATHLETICS/RECREATION

Private health clubs and a modern YMCA facility are located within easy walking distance of the Law School. Through the Student Bar Association, subsidized memberships are available for 24-Hour Fitness, which has facilities located throughout the San Francisco Bay Area.

Student Bar Association (SBA)

The SBA, funded by student fees, coordinates student activities and events. Its officers and representatives are elected by students in accordance with SBA procedures each spring.

Other Student Organizations

Student organizations at the Law School serve the interests of a diverse student body. Student organizations are assigned space on bulletin boards for posting announcements. Meetings are also publicized in the weekly campus newsletter, *Law School News*.

To speak with a member of a student organization, contact the Admissions Office at lawadmit@ggu.edu or (415) 442-6630. We will take your name, telephone number, and the name of the organization. A student representative will contact you to answer your questions.

The American Bar Association Law Student Division (ABA/LSD) seeks to further academic excellence by encouraging law students to participate in the efforts of the organized bar in the formation and revision of standards of legal education.

The Asian Pacific American Law Students Association (APALSA) provides support (including academic support) to students of Asian descent. Its other goals are to encourage and foster greater minority enrollment at the School of Law and to teach awareness of issues surrounding the Asian community.

The Association for Communication, Sports, and Entertainment Law (ACSEL) promotes interest in the legal aspects of these areas of law.

The Association of Trial Lawyers of America (ATLA), Golden Gate University Chapter, promotes interest in litigation, trial advocacy education, and interaction with other Bay Area law school ATLA chapters. Each year, Golden Gate Chapter members compete in the ATLA National Student Trial Advocacy Competition.

The Black Law Students Association (BLSA) is a national organization dedicated to the recruitment, support (including academic support), and development of black law students.

The Employment Law Association (ELA) is designed for students who are interested in employment and labor issues. Members promote employment and labor law, uncover the hot issues in this area, and build a network together.

The Environmental Law Society (ELS) discusses current developments in environmental law and works to further the goals of protecting the environment and securing placement in the field. ELS also participates in the annual Earth Day cleanup and sponsors a symposium every year dealing with emerging issues in environmental law.

The Federalist Society is a nationwide organization of conservative and libertarian law students, lawyers, and members of the judiciary. The society is founded on principles of individual liberty, limited government, and the rule of the law.

The Golden Gate Association of International Lawyers (GGAIL) provides activities for students earning LL.M. and S.J.D. degrees in International Legal Studies and in U.S. Legal Studies, as well as for J.D. students working toward a specialization in international law. GGAIL is independent of the International Law Society, but the organizations are not mutually exclusive.

The Intellectual Property Law Association (IPLA) seeks to forge and maintain relationships among students and the Law School and firms, corporations, businesses, and other organizations involved in intellectual property law.

The International Law Society (ILS) promotes the understanding of substantive and procedural areas of the law via an international perspective.

The Jewish Law Students Association (JLSA) advocates for students within and outside the Law School through educational and social activities, and it organizes socially aware programs related to Judaism.

The Latino Law Students Association (LALSA) seeks to represent and advocate issues that affect Latino students and to provide mutual support (including academic support) for its members. LALSA members hope to increase representation in legal education and the legal profession.

LEGALS is concerned with individual rights and legal issues affecting lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender people in the judicial system and society. Members are committed to playing an active part in legal and social reform. LEGALS also engages in a mentor program with Bay Area attorneys through Bay Area Lawyers for Individual Freedom (BALIF).

The National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers (NACDL) student chapter organizes education programs about current criminal law issues and sponsors speakers who are prominent criminal defense lawyers and members of NACDL.

The National Lawyers Guild (NLG) is an organization of lawyers, law students, and legal workers who identify with the American left. It provides legal support for workers and for persons who are racially, sexually, or politically oppressed.

The purpose of **Phi Delta Phi**, which is open to all students, is to form a strong bond uniting law students and professors with members of the bench and bar in a fraternal fellowship designed to advance the ideals of justice and community service.

The Public Interest Law Foundation (PILF) is dedicated to advancing the public interest through law. PILF helps students find public interest legal employment and involvement opportunities. It also provides forums for discussing public interest issues and helps administer the Public Interest Loan Assistance Program, which provides grants to help public interest graduates repay educational loans. Additionally, each spring, PILF awards summer grants to current students.

The Women's Law Association (WLA) is dedicated to educating and fostering dialogue about issues that impact women's rights, especially in the legal field.

Law Library

A law student must acquire effective research skills to be an effective lawyer. At Golden Gate, the Law Library is both a study place and a learning laboratory.

The Golden Gate University Law Library houses the largest law collection in the San Francisco financial district—more than 240,000 volumes. Its holdings include a comprehensive collection of case law reporters, statutes, digests, encyclopedias, periodicals, and treatises dealing with American law; a strong tax

collection; a microforms collection; and a growing body of work in environmental law, law and literature, and international law. International law holdings target selected Pacific Rim countries and English, Canadian, and Commonwealth materials.

The Law Library is a selective depository for both federal and California state documents. It is a member of the Online Computer Library Center, a national consortium for the online exchange of bibliographic information and interlibrary loans. It is a charter member of the Consortium of Academic Law Libraries of San Francisco, an interlibrary loan and cooperation program.

Electronic Research

All first-year students complete training in the use of the LEXIS and Westlaw online databases, as well as other computer-assisted legal research services. Computer labs in the law library provide access to LEXIS and Westlaw, the Internet, various CD-ROM databases, the University email system (see at right), Computer-Assisted Legal Instruction, and word processing and spreadsheet applications. There are also group study rooms with interactive video viewing equipment. The library maintains online links to many Bay Area law library catalogs. Students may take a course in Electronic Legal Research or California Legal Research to sharpen their legal research skills and gain a better understanding of how to use the law library.

Email and the Internet

GGU Online! is the free Golden Gate University student email and electronic bulletin board system. Every law student receives a free account and email address at registration. *GGU Online!* is an excellent way to communicate with faculty and fellow students and stay informed about the many law student organizations. Students can access *GGU Online!* at computers in the Law Library and in the University computer labs, where they also have access to the Internet. In addition, students can access the system using their own computers with a modem.

Many professors set up electronic bulletin boards for their classes. Announcements, class syllabi, past examination questions, model answers, and reserve materials are some of the items posted. Students may post questions for the professor and receive a prompt response. These “electronic office hours” are a popular and efficient way to work through complicated material.

Skills Training, Simulations, and Problem Solving

One effective way to learn how to do what a lawyer does is to practice in hypothetical situations. These experiences may be as straightforward as two students being called upon to argue opposing sides of a case during class. They may involve writing assignments: a memorandum of law discussing the issues raised by a case; a demand letter asking for what a client seeks; a complaint, following the form preferred in a local court; a simple contract; or a will.

Simulation exercises involve role-playing in mock mediation, arbitration, negotiation, settlement conference, and trial situations. Some professors use the



problem method, whereby whole areas of the law are approached through consideration of a hypothetical case. The traditional Socratic method demands analytic and reasoning skills. Professors at the Law School use and combine many of these methods in their teaching.

Academic Support Program

The Academic Support Program is designed to enhance student performance throughout law school. It begins at orientation, with peer mentoring and introductory workshops on legal study skills. The program continues throughout the first year with practice exam-taking and tutorials, and concludes in the third year with workshops for graduating students.

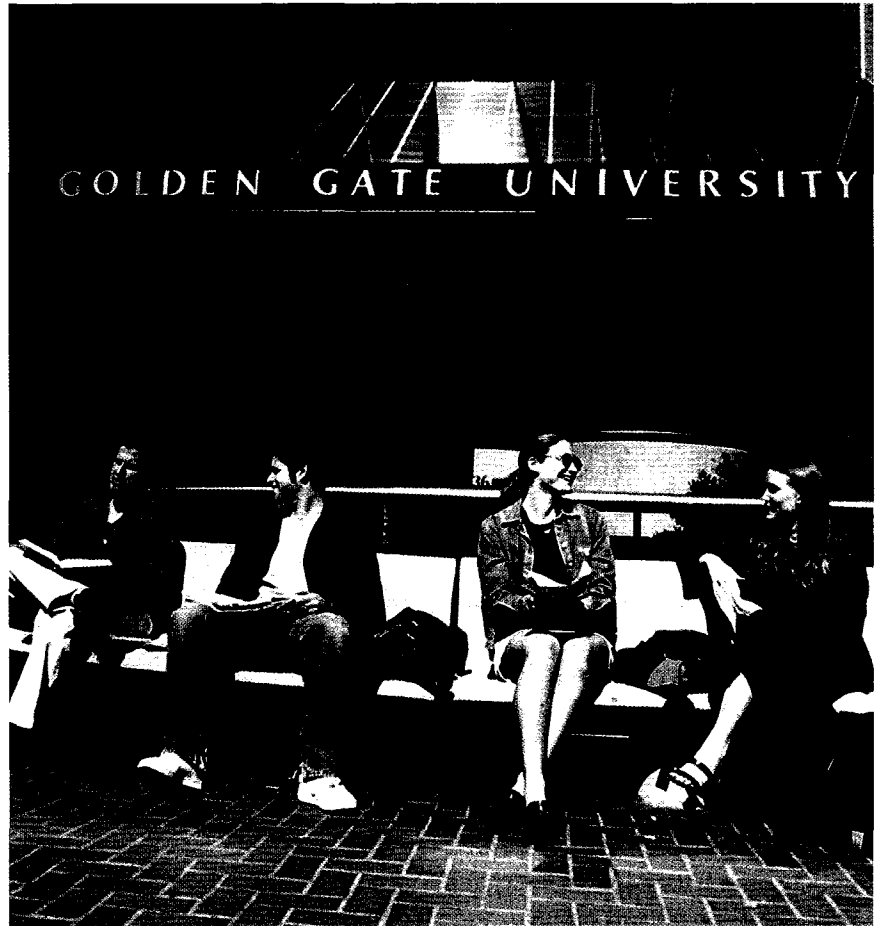
During first-year orientation, the program provides workshops on study skills including:

- law school note-taking,
- case briefing,
- course outlining,
- time management,
- student life, and
- study group dynamics.

Also during orientation, incoming students are assigned second- and third-year peer mentors to help orient them to law study in general and to Golden Gate in particular. The peer mentors remain available to students throughout the first year.

For all first-year students:

During the fall semester, workshops and lectures on exam preparation and exam-taking techniques provide support to first-year students. In addition, student teaching assistants conduct review sessions and help professors administer and review practice exams.



For selected first-year students:

At Golden Gate we believe in looking beyond mere numbers. In our review of an application for admission, we do not simply look at an applicant's LSAT score and undergraduate GPA; we look at the whole person. By thoroughly reviewing all applications, we often find students who show great promise for careers in the law, but whose test scores do not accurately reflect their true potential. We believe that these students will benefit from additional assistance with study and test-taking skills; therefore, we provide periodic tutorials designed for their needs. Students may test out of the tutorials based on their midterm exam grades. In the spring semester, admission to the tutorials is based on fall semester grades.

In addition, at the end of the first semester, students who are at risk for disqualification are enrolled in a special course in legal analysis. Students at risk at the end of the second semester are enrolled in a special course in legal methods. And students whose grades at the end of the second year suggest they may have difficulty with the bar exam are enrolled in a special course on current developments in the law. Each of these special courses is designed to maximize students' academic success.

The Academic Support Program concludes in the spring of the third year, with a series of workshops for graduating students designed to help them prepare for the bar exam.

Golden Gate University School of Law is a center for graduate legal education, offering five master of laws (LL.M.) degrees and one doctor of juridical science (S.J.D.) degree. These programs are open to U.S. graduates from ABA-accredited law schools and to international attorneys. All of these programs are open to full-time and part-time students.

J.D. students planning to earn an LL.M. may be permitted to apply 6 to 9 units of approved coursework to that program, earning their advanced degree by taking fewer additional units than would otherwise be required.

Graduate students have the option of earning two LL.M. degrees through the Law School's combined degree program. Six to 9 related units from one LL.M. program may be applied toward another program, enabling students to earn both degrees by taking fewer units than if they pursued the degrees separately.

Students enrolled in LL.M. programs may also be eligible to participate in exchange programs with foreign university law schools, subject to American Bar Association guidelines.

"Golden Gate University School of Law has everything one could want in an LLM program. Its location in the center of San Francisco's dynamic financial district ensures convenient access to the courts, law offices, and government buildings. The Law Library has an outstanding tax collection, and the tax professors are experts in the field. GGU is the place to go for an LL.M. in Taxation."

Sheryl Phipps (J.D. 2000; LL.M., 2001)

Environmental Law

The **LL.M. in Environmental Law** features a blend of academic study, writing, and practical skills training. Graduate environmental law students:

- choose from a broad range of environmental law courses;
- work closely with Golden Gate faculty and practicing attorneys to research, investigate, and prepare publishable papers on leading environmental issues; and
- have the option of working in one of the Law School's two prestigious environmental law clinics on cases chosen specifically for them.

Additional courses are offered during the Law School summer session.

To earn this LL.M., a student must complete 24 semester units with a grade point average of at least 2.5.

For more information:
 Phone: (415) 369-5356 or
 (415) 442-6638
 Fax: (415) 543-6680
 Email: envirolaw@ggu.edu

Intellectual Property Law

The study of Intellectual Property Law has been characterized as the hottest area of law in the new millennium. A thorough knowledge of intellectual property law is vital for lawyers in all areas of practice. To meet this need, Golden Gate University School of Law created the **LL.M. Program in Intellectual Property Law.**

The LL.M. degree program is open to U.S. graduates from ABA-accredited law schools, and to U.S. and international attorneys holding a bar membership in their respective countries and/or states. Degree candidates must complete 24 units of study with a cumulative grade point average of 2.5. As many as 23 courses are offered each year, with most classes being offered in the late afternoon and evening to accommodate the needs of working attorneys and students. All courses are taught by experienced, leading practitioners in IP law and focus on a mixture of theory and practice, with an emphasis on teaching techniques that will enhance practitioners' skills.

Prospective candidates for the program are encouraged to review the requirements on the GGU Law School website or to request a copy of the LL.M. in IP bulletin.

For more information:
 Phone: (415) 442-6604
 Fax: (415) 442-6609
 Email: ipllm@ggu.edu or
mgreenberg@ggu.edu

International Legal Studies

In 1994, Golden Gate University School of Law introduced the LL.M. in International Legal Studies Program, which has attracted more than 400 students from more than 40 foreign nations. The program is designed to provide in-depth coverage of specialized areas of international and comparative legal studies, with an emphasis on the legal, cultural, sociological, and business activities of the Pacific Rim, the United States, the European Union, and of other regions of the world as they interact with Europe, Asia, Africa, Latin America, and the United States.

Students in the LL.M. in International Legal Studies Program may attend J.D. and LL.M. classes and can get practical experience through the Law School's clinical programs, prepare for U.S. bar examinations, conduct supervised legal research, or pursue graduate business offerings in an individualized program created by the student with an advisor.

To earn this LL.M., a student must complete 24 semester units with a grade point average of at least 2.5.

Building on the success of the LL.M. program, the Law School also offers an S.J.D. in International Legal Studies. Golden Gate is one of fewer than 30 ABA-accredited law schools offering a doctorate in legal science and the only one to offer an S.J.D. in International Legal Studies. This program allows LL.M. graduates to expand their knowledge of the critically important and constantly widening field of international legal studies.

Students entering the S.J.D. program must already have an LL.M. degree. To earn the S.J.D., a student must complete a minimum of 8 units, spend at least two semesters in residency, complete a dissertation, and defend the dissertation through an oral presentation.

For more information:

Phone: (415) 442-6607

Fax: (415) 495-6756

Email: ils@ggu.edu

Taxation

The Golden Gate University LL.M. in Taxation Program is among the oldest, largest, and most respected in the nation. Since its inception in 1978, this program has attracted both recent law graduates and practicing attorneys from throughout the country and, more recently, from throughout the world. Drawing on the thriving local legal community, Golden Gate is able to attract experienced practitioners who are experts in their respective specialties and masters in their classrooms.

The LL.M. in Taxation Program is offered on a fifteen-week trimester basis. Fall trimester classes are scheduled September–December; spring trimester classes, January–April; and summer trimester classes, May–August.

To earn the LL.M. in Taxation, a student must complete 26 units with a minimum 2.5 cumulative grade point average.

For more information:

Phone: (415) 442-6605

Fax: (415) 495-6756

Email: taxllm@ggu.edu

United States Legal Studies

The LL.M. in U.S. Legal Studies Program serves law graduates and attorneys from the United States and abroad. For U.S. law graduates, the program offers courses for professional breadth, enrichment, or specialization. Foreign law graduates and attorneys may study to gain a basic understanding of U.S. sources of law and legal methods, or may specialize in a particular area of law. Both U.S. and foreign students may earn a certificate of specialization in one of the following areas:

- Corporate and Commercial Law
- Criminal Law
- Family Law
- Labor and Employment Law
- Litigation
- Public Interest and Human Issues
- Real Estate Law

Students in the LL.M. in United States Legal Studies Program attend J.D. and LL.M. classes. They can get practical experience through the Law School's clinical programs, prepare for U.S. bar examinations, conduct supervised legal research, or pursue graduate business offerings in an individualized program created by the student with an advisor.

To earn this LL.M., a student must complete 24 semester units with a grade point average of at least 2.5.

Students interested in participating in exchange programs with foreign university law schools should contact us.

For more information:

Phone: (415) 369-5356

Fax: (415) 543-6680

Email: uslegal@ggu.edu or
jbluebell@ggu.edu

The Law Career Services Office (LCS) provides a wide variety of services, resources, and programs to guide students and graduates through the career planning process. By combining knowledge of the legal employment market and strong connections to the legal community, the LCS staff offers comprehensive services and support from the time you enter law school through graduation and beyond.



Law Career Services

Benefits to Students

Law Career Services maintains a strong presence on campus and collaborates with student groups to present programs and provide opportunities for students to interact with legal professionals. For example, in cooperation with the Golden Gate Women's Law Association and the Employment Committee of Queen's Bench, a local bar association, LCS sponsors Legal Career Options Day, an annual information program and reception for students to meet with several dozen attorneys working in diverse fields. Another annual event, the Career Focus Forum, is cosponsored by the Law School's minority law student associations and LCS. This event highlights the achievements of minority attorneys and includes a reception with representatives from local minority bar associations.

For more information about Law Career Services, contact:

Phone: (415) 442-6625

Fax: (415) 543-6680

Email: lawcareer@ggu.edu

Services for all first-year students:

- A free Job Search Guide with comprehensive information on planning a legal job search, creating résumés and cover letters, developing interviewing techniques, and using other career planning resources
- A one-on-one orientation session
- Workshops on résumés and cover letters

Services for all J.D. and LL.M. students and graduates:

- Print and online job listings for current employment positions, summer associate and school-year clerkships, judicial externships, and clinical and work-study positions
- Presentations by graduates on their career experiences
- Individual and small-group career counseling
- Job search skills workshops
- Résumé and cover letter review
- Mock interviews with alumni working in various fields of the legal profession

- Panels and events highlighting the career paths of Golden Gate alumni and other attorneys
- Fall and spring recruitment programs
- Specialty area and regional job fairs
- Access to PSLawNet, a national database of public interest and government opportunities for law students

Services for Honors Lawyering Program students:

The Honors Lawyering Program (IPAC) administrative director works with students in the program to find the right placements for the two semester-long professional apprenticeships. (For more information on the Honors Lawyering Program, see page 11.)

Job Fairs/Consortia

LCS participates in a variety of job fairs and consortia including:

- Northern California Public Interest/Public Sector Day,
- Bay Area Minority Summer Clerkship Program,
- San Francisco Intellectual Property Law Association Job Fair,
- Northwest Minority Job Fair,
- National Association for Public Interest Law Job Fair, and
- Patent Law Interview Program.

Resource Library

The ever-expanding resource library contains legal newspapers, law career books, general career guides, newsletters, directories, employer information files, professional development materials, job listings, and videotapes of previous LCS programs. Students also have access to the Internet, LEXIS, and Westlaw for their job searches.

"Cheresh Finer (1995) from Ernst & Young was very helpful during the mock interview. She seemed interested in me and my interviewing skills. She gave me several ideas about how I might improve my résumé, cover letter, and responses to questions. She was great!"

Jakob Lipman (1998)

*Attorney, The Law Office of James C. Wolf
Walnut Creek, California*

Career Search Publications and Affiliations

The LCS office contributes a column to *Law School News*, the weekly Law School newsletter, and posts announcements online.

LCS staff participate in the National Association for Law Placement, National Association for Public Interest Law, Bay Area Legal Recruitment Association, Bar Association of San Francisco, and minority and specialty bar associations.

Faculty and Alumni Involvement

Law School faculty and alumni actively participate in the career planning process by serving on panels, talking with students about their legal specialties, and conducting mock interviews that provide practical experience. Many faculty and alumni are also available for informational interviews to provide students with guidance regarding career options.

Benefits to Graduates

The next two pages describe the services that are available to students after they graduate from Golden Gate University School of Law.

JOBS AFTER GRADUATION

Below is a list of some of the employers that have hired recent graduates of Golden Gate University School of Law:

Alameda County District Attorney's Office
Alameda County Public Defender's Office
Bradley, Curley, Asiano & McCarthy
Brobeck, Phleger & Harrison
Burnham Brown
California Rural Legal Assistance
Center on Race, Poverty, and the Environment
Charles Schwab
Coblentz, Patch, Duffy & Bass
Contra Costa County Superior Court
Cooley Godward
Deloitte & Touche

Fliesler, Dubb, Meyer & Lovejoy LLP
Goldstein, Gellman, Melbostad, Gibson & Harris
Gordon & Rees
Hassard Bonnington
Idell Berman & Seitel
Kazan, McClain, Edises, Simon & Abrams
Laughlin Falbo Levy & Moresi
Legal Aid Society of New York
Legal Aid Society of San Francisco
Lynch, Gilardi & Grummer
Marin County District Attorney's Office
Meyers, Nave, Riback, Silver & Wilson
Milberg Weiss Bershad Hynes & Lerach
Perkins Cole
P G & E

PricewaterhouseCoopers
Ropers, Majeski, Kohn & Bentley
San Fernando Valley Legal Services
San Francisco Trial Courts
Sedgwick, Detert, Moran & Arnold
Stanislaus County District Attorney's Office
Townsend and Townsend and Crew
Trucker Huss
U.S. Court of Appeals, Ninth Circuit
U.S. Department of Justice, Immigration Court
U.S. Department of Justice, Taxation Division
U.S. Dept. of Labor, Office of Administrative Law Judges
Van Bourg, Weinberg, Roger & Rosenfeld
Wells Fargo Bank

The connection between Golden Gate University School of Law and its students does not end with graduation. The Law School sponsors and supports a variety of programs designed specifically for alumni.

Staying in Touch

The Law Alumni Relations Office helps graduates stay in touch with the school and other alumni members by planning class reunions, regional events, free MCLE offerings, and other gatherings. The Law School holds a reception for alumni at the annual state bar convention and occasionally hosts gatherings around the country in conjunction with faculty trips.

Law Alumni Relations periodically coordinates publication of the *Golden Gate University School of Law Alumni Directory*, enabling alumni to locate their fellow graduates. The department also maintains a database of Law School graduates through which office staff can help alumni find former classmates around the country. Launched in 2002, our online alumni directory is available to all law graduates. This resource allows alumni to search by name, specialty, class year, degree type, and geographic location.

Each year, the Law School selects one graduate to receive the Judith G. McKelvey Outstanding Alumnus/a of the Year Award. The award recognizes a graduate, nominated by alumni in the fall, for his or her achievements and commitment to the legal profession and to the Law School.

Alumni Publications

- The magazine *Class Action*, published twice a year by the Law School, offers articles highlighting Law School activities, students, and alumni. It also features a "Class Notes" section that describes the news and accomplishments of individual Law School graduates.
- *GGU Magazine*, produced three times a year by Golden Gate University, provides an overview of university alumni and activities.
- *Law eNews* is an electronic newsletter that provides law alumni with regular updates on Law School news, events, and MCLE offerings.



Twice a year, Golden Gate University School of Law Alumni Association hosts a swearing-in ceremony for alumni who have passed the California state bar examination.

Career Planning

Law Career Services (LCS) (see pages 34–35) continues to help alumni at different stages of their careers. All graduates are eligible for free career counseling services, which are conducted in person or over the telephone. Career counselors can help attorneys revitalize their job search, learn more about the employment market, and present their credentials in the strongest possible light. LCS also conducts periodic workshops specifically for Golden Gate Law graduates to help demystify the job search process.

To inform alumni of job opportunities, LCS posts job listings online for free at www.eAttorney.com. Alumni may also subscribe to www.emplawyernet.com at a discounted rate.

Graduates may check out many of the books and videotapes in LCS's extensive resource library. Alumni may also use resource library computers, which provide access to a host of online career resources.

Other job search services include:

- Career counseling,
- Résumé/cover letter review,
- Workshops,
- Printed and online job listings, and
- For out-of-town alumni, access to other career services offices around the country.

Volunteer Opportunities

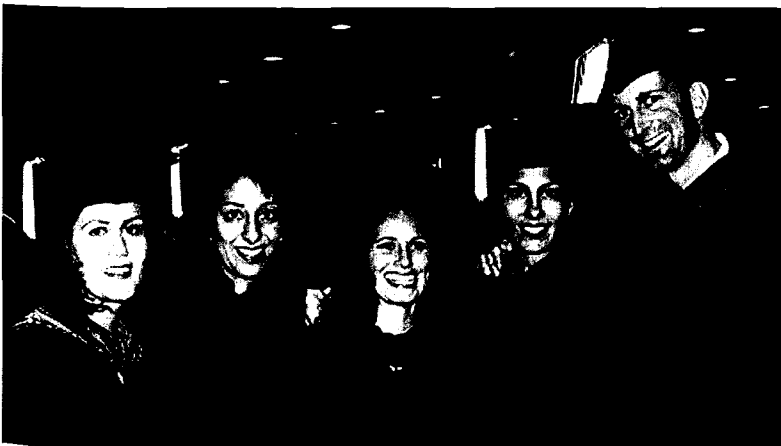
Graduates often return to Golden Gate to share their experiences and help students understand how classroom lessons relate to career goals. Volunteer opportunities include:

- **Mock Interviews**
Graduates sharpen their own interviewing skills as they help current students practice their presentation techniques.
- **Career Panels and Brown Bag Lunches**
Graduates describe and discuss their career experiences with students.
- **The Law School Alumni Association (LSAA)** is dedicated to promoting programs and events designed for personal and professional enhancement. All Law School graduates are automatically members and are encouraged to apply for leadership positions.
- **Volunteer Judges and Advisors**
Golden Gate alumni serve as judges and advisors for appellate and trial competitions.
- **Law School Recruiting**
Graduates meet prospective applicants at law school forums and fairs to answer questions about law school and the GGU experience.
- **Regional Alumni Receptions**
Graduates work with the alumni office to host various events, from informal barbecues to formal reception dinners.



Law Library

Use of the Law Library is free to Law School graduates for the first two years after graduation. (Alumni may continue their library membership for a small fee after the initial two-year period.) Membership includes borrowing privileges plus access to the print and microform collections, CD-ROM databases, reference services, and online public access catalog. Graduates will find a rich collection of practice materials, formbooks, and loose-leaf services in the more than 240,000-volume legal collection. Codes and statutes from every state are kept current.



Intellectual Property Law

Specialization Certificate* offered
LL.M. in Intellectual Property Law offered

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| Advanced Entertainment Law: Celebrity Rights | International Patent Law |
| ADR: International Intellectual Property Disputes | Internet & Software Law |
| Art & the Law | Negotiating & Drafting Contracts in the Entertainment Business |
| Biotechnology Law | Patent Law of the U.S. |
| Content Licensing | Patent Litigation |
| Copyright Law of the U.S. | The Patent Process from Start to Finish |
| E-Commerce Law | Sports Law |
| Entertainment Law | Trademark Law of the U.S. |
| Film & Television Law | Trademark Practice: Trials & Appeals |
| Intellectual Property Law Survey | Board |
| Intellectual Property Litigation: Copyright & Trademark | Competition: IP Law Moot Court |
| International Intellectual Property Law | Civil Practice Clinic
IP Law Clinic |

Environmental Law

Specialization Certificate* offered
LL.M. in Environmental Law offered

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|---|--|
| Administrative Law | International Trade & Environmental Protection |
| California Environmental & Natural Resources Law | Land Use Regulation |
| Clean Air Act Seminar | Public Natural Resources Law & Policy |
| Energy, Electricity Deregulation, & Environmental Law | Regulatory Takings & Environmental Law |
| Environmental & Land Use Implications of Real Estate Transactions | Superfund |
| Environmental Law & Justice Seminar | Toxics Law & Policy |
| Environmental Law & Policy | Urban Environmental Law & Policy |
| Environmental Practice | Water Law |
| Federal Wildlife & Endangered Species Law | Competitions: Environmental Law Moot Court |
| Global Warming Seminar | International Environmental Dispute Moot Court |
| International Environmental Law Seminar | Environmental Law Clinic
Environmental Law & Justice Clinic |

Family Law

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| Children and the Law | International Children's Rights Law |
| Community Property | Mediation Skills Training |
| Community Property Advanced Drafting Workshop | Sexual Orientation & the Law |
| Domestic Violence Seminar | Wills & Trusts |
| Elder Law | Women & the Law |
| Family Law | Civil Practice Clinic
Family Law Clinic |
| Family Law Practice | |

Corporate/Commercial Law

Specialization Certificate* offered in Business Law
LL.M. in Taxation offered

Students may also choose from dozens of advanced tax classes offered as part of our LL.M. Tax program.

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| Accounting for Lawyers | Commercial Finance |
| Advanced Bankruptcy Law | Contracts |
| Advanced Torts, Business Torts | Corporate Finance & Acquisitions |
| Alternative Dispute Resolution | Corporate Governance & Securities Regulation |
| Antitrust | Corporations |
| Aviation Law | Debtors' Rights & Creditors' Remedies |
| Banking & Financial Institutions Law | Federal Income Taxation |
| Bankruptcy Law | Insurance Law |
| Bankruptcy Litigation Workshop | Mergers & Acquisitions |
| Business Immigration Law | Negotiable Instruments |
| Business Litigation Workshop | Products Liability |
| Business Planning | Sales |
| | Securities Regulation |
| | Civil Practice Clinic |

Litigation

Specialization Certificate* offered

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| Advanced Mock Trial | Judicial Decision Making |
| Appellate Advocacy | Law & Social Change |
| Business Litigation Workshop | Law Practice Technology |
| Civil Litigation: Pre-Trial Phase | Trial Advocacy |
| Civil Procedure | Competitions: Mock Trial |
| Conflict of Laws | Moot Court |
| Courtroom as Theatre | Civil Practice Clinic
Criminal Litigation Clinic |
| Criminal Law | Innocence Project
Landlord-Tenant Law Clinic |
| Criminal Litigation | |
| Criminal Procedure | |
| Evidence | |
| Federal Courts | |

Labor/Employment Law

Specialization Certificate* offered

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| Administrative Law | Federal Courts |
| Alternative Dispute Resolution | Labor Law |
| Business Immigration Law | Sports Law |
| Employment Discrimination | Workers' Compensation |
| Employment Law | Civil Practice Clinic
Public Interest/Government Counsel Clinic |
| Employment Litigation Workshop | Women's Employment Rights Clinic |
| Entertainment Law | |
| ERISA: A Labor Law Perspective | |

REQUIRED COURSES

- Appellate Advocacy
- Civil Procedure I, II
- Constitutional Law I, II
- Contracts I, II
- Corporations
- Criminal Law
- Criminal Procedure I

**Property Development/
Real Estate**

Specialization Certificate* offered in
Real Estate Law

Community Association Law	Real Estate Development
Construction Law	Real Estate Finance
Federal Income Taxation	Real Estate Litigation Seminar
Housing Law Seminar	Real Estate Practice Seminar
Land Use Regulation	Remedies
Property	Landlord-Tenant Law Clinic
Public Natural Resources & Land Law	Real Estate Clinic

Public Interest/Human Rights

Specialization Certificate* offered
in Public Interest Law

Administrative Law	Literature & the Law
Alternative Dispute Resolution	Mental Disorders & the Law
Animal Law Seminar	Privacy, Defamation, & Other Relational Torts
Children & the Law	Products Liability
Comparative Constitutional Law Seminar	Race & Civil Rights Seminar
Constitutional Law	Sexual Orientation & the Law
Elder Law	Street Law
Fair Housing Law	Toxics Law & Policy
Federal Courts	Women & the Law
Federal Indian Law	Constitutional Law Clinic
Federalism Seminar	Criminal Litigation Clinic
Feminist Legal Theory	Environmental Law & Justice Clinic
Film & the Law	Innocence Project
Housing Law Seminar	Judicial Externships
Immigration & Refugee Policy Seminar & Clinic	Landlord-Tenant Law Clinic
Immigration Law	Public Interest/Government Counsel Clinic
International Human Rights Seminar	Women's Employment Rights Clinic
Jurisprudence	
Labor Law	
Law & Social Change	
Lawyering Skills: Client Advocacy	
Legislation Seminar	

International Legal Studies

Specialization Certificate* offered
LL.M. in International Legal Studies offered

Admiralty & Maritime Law	International Investment Law
Air, Space, & Telecommunications Law	International Law Organizations
Asian/Pacific Trade Seminar	International Patent Law
Comparative Criminal Procedure Seminar	International Security & Globalization
Comparative Legal Systems	International Trade & Environmental Protection
Corporate Governance & Securities Regulation	International Trade Regulation
European Union Law	Law of International Armed Conflicts
Immigration & Refugee Policy Seminar	Law of Japan
Immigration Law	Law of the Sea Seminar
International Business Transactions	Pacific Settlement of Disputes Between States
International Children's Rights Law	Private International Law
International Commercial Arbitration & Litigation	Western Hemisphere Trade Seminar
International Development Law	Competitions: Jessup International Law Moot Court
International Dispute Resolution	Outer Space Moot Court
International Economic Law: Special Topics	Willem C. Vis International Arbitration Moot
International Environmental Law Seminar	
International Human Rights Seminar	<i>plus courses offered in summer overseas programs</i>
International Intellectual Property Law	

ED COURSES

- Evidence
- Professional Responsibility
- Property I, II
- Solving Legal Problems
- Torts
- Wills & Trusts
- Writing & Research I, II

Lawyering Skills

Advanced Legal Research—eSearch	Lawyering Skills: Client Advocacy
Alternative Dispute Resolution	Mediation Skills Training
ADR: International	Professional Responsibility
Intellectual Property Disputes	Small Law Firm Practice:
California Legal Research: eSearch	Economics & Management
Courtroom as Theatre	Solving Legal Problems
Graduate Legal Research	Writing & Research
Law Practice Technology	Competition: Negotiation

Criminal Law

Specialization Certificate* offered

Comparative Criminal Procedure Seminar	Mock Trial
Criminal Law	Special Problems in Criminal Law
Criminal Litigation	Special Problems in Evidence
Criminal Procedure	Trial Advocacy
Domestic Violence Seminar	Criminal Litigation Clinic
Evidence	
Law & Social Change	

*See faculty advisor for specific course requirements for the specialization certificate.

To earn the J.D. degree, students must complete 88 units—55 units of required courses and 33 units of elective courses. Full-time students usually complete the requirements in three years, part-time students in four. This page offers the basic framework, but students are encouraged to seek academic advising for individual curriculum planning.

August Admission (Full-Time)

Full-time students usually take between 12 and 16 units of coursework per semester. To graduate in three years, students need to complete about 15 units per semester.

First Year

Fall Semester (15 units)

- Writing & Research I (2)
- Contracts I (3)
- Torts (4)
- Civil Procedure I (3)
- Criminal Law (3)

Spring Semester (14 units)

- Writing & Research II (1)
- Contracts II (3)
- Property I (4)
- Civil Procedure II (3)
- Constitutional Law I (3)

Subsequent Years

Students may follow programs of their own choosing, provided they complete the following:

Second Year

Fall Semester

- Constitutional Law II (3)
- Property II (2)

Fall or Spring Semester, as assigned

- Appellate Advocacy (2)
- Criminal Procedure I (3)

Second or Third Year

- Corporations (4)
- Evidence (4)
- Professional Responsibility (2)
- Wills & Trusts (4) [Recommended after Property II.]

Third Year

- Solving Legal Problems (2)

August Admission (Part-Time)

Part-time students usually take between 8 and 11 units of coursework per semester (with a maximum of 21 units for a fall/spring sequence). Part-time students must plan to attend at least one summer session. Students are encouraged to take required courses in the first summer. Nearly all classes are taken in the evening.

First Year

Fall Semester (10 units)

- Contracts I (3)
- Civil Procedure I (3)
- Torts (2)
- Writing & Research I (2)

Spring Semester (9 units)

- Contracts II (3)
- Civil Procedure II (3)
- Torts (2)
- Writing & Research II (1)

Subsequent Years

Students may follow programs of their own choosing, provided they complete the following:

Second Year

Fall Semester

- Criminal Law (3)
- Constitutional Law I (3)
- Property I (4)

Spring Semester

- Appellate Advocacy (2)
- Constitutional Law II (3)
- Criminal Procedure I (3)
- Property II (2)

Second or Third Year

- Corporations (4)
- Evidence (4)
- Professional Responsibility (2)

Third or Fourth Year

- Wills & Trusts (4)
- Solving Legal Problems (2)

January Admission (Full-Time)

The Midyear Admission Program emphasizes flexibility. Students admitted in January take 14 units of coursework in the spring semester, 14 units in the fall semester, and then between 10 and 16 units per semester.

First Spring Semester (14 units)

- Contracts I and II (6)
- Property I (4)
- Writing & Research I and II (3)
- Midyear Admission Seminar (1)

First Fall Semester (12 units)

- Civil Procedure I (3)
- Criminal Law (3)
- Property II (2)
- Torts (4)

Second Spring Semester (10–16 units)

- Civil Procedure II (3)
- Constitutional Law I (3)
- Criminal Procedure I (3)
- Electives (up to 7)

Subsequent Years

Students may follow programs of their own choosing, provided they complete the following:

Third Fall Semester

- Constitutional Law II (3)

Second or Third Year

- Appellate Advocacy (2)
- Corporations (4)
- Evidence (4)
- Professional Responsibility (2)
- Wills & Trusts (4) [Recommended after Property II.]

Third Year

- Solving Legal Problems (2)

January Admission (Part-Time)

The part-time (evening) Midyear Admission Program emphasizes flexibility. Students admitted in January take 8 units of coursework in their first spring semester, 0–5 units in their first summer session, and 11 units in their first fall semester. Thereafter, they take 8–11 units per semester, and 0–6 units during summer sessions.

First Spring Semester (8 units)

- Property I (4)
- Writing & Research I & II (3)
- Midyear Admission Seminar (1)

First Fall Semester (11 units)

- Civil Procedure I (3)
- Contracts I (3)
- Criminal Law (3)
- Torts I (2)

Second Spring Semester (10 units)

- Civil Procedure II (3)
- Contracts II (3)
- Property II (2)
- Torts II (2)

Second Fall Semester

- Constitutional Law I (3)

Third Spring Semester

- Constitutional Law II (3)

Second or Third Year

- Appellate Advocacy (2)
- Criminal Procedure I (3)
- Corporations (4)
- Evidence (4)
- Professional Responsibility (2)

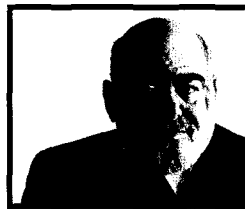
Third or Fourth Year

- Wills & Trusts (4)
- Solving Legal Problems (2)



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Applying to the Law School

Golden Gate University School of Law seeks students from diverse backgrounds with the potential to succeed in law school and become active members of the legal community. The Admissions Committee considers academic achievement, performance on the Law School Admission Test (LSAT), the personal essay, letters of recommendation, work experience during and after college, community activities, and other life experience.

The Law School encourages applicants to visit classes. If you would like to tour the campus or attend a first-year class, contact the Admissions Office.

Golden Gate University is a private institution strongly committed to promoting diversity. In order to ensure a diverse student body, we consider race, ethnicity, disability, socioeconomic status, sexual orientation, and other factors that would broaden the diversity of our student body.

Transcript

You must hold a baccalaureate degree or its equivalent from an accredited college or university when you register for Law School classes. No specific major or undergraduate course of study is required, but we encourage you to take a well-rounded program, including courses from the humanities and the sciences. Because the study and practice of law require clear thinking and communicating, you should take undergraduate courses in which your writing is edited vigorously and your analytical reasoning skills are challenged.

Foreign Transcripts

If you are an international applicant or have completed your undergraduate study outside the United States or Canada, you must take the LSAT; however, you need not register with the Law School Data Assembly Service (see below).

You must register with a qualified agency for an independent evaluation of your undergraduate work. Although we do not endorse any one particular service, the following organization has been used by our applicants: International Education Research Foundation Inc. Credentials Evaluation Service, P.O. Box 66940, Los Angeles, CA 90066; (310) 390-6276. The Golden Gate University Admissions Office requires a complete and detailed report, including course breakdown, grade evaluation, and degree equivalency. A report of basic equivalency is insufficient information.

**LAW SCHOOL
ADMISSION TEST (LSAT)**

The LSAT is given four times each year at test sites throughout the United States and abroad. LSAT dates for 2002-03 are October 5, 2002; December 7, 2002; February 8, 2003; and June 10, 2003.

**LSAT/Law School Data
Assembly Service**

All applicants for admission as J.D. candidates must take the Law School Admission Test (LSAT), which is administered by the Law School Admission Council (LSAC). Applicants must have taken the LSAT within five years of the date of application. Detailed information about the test is in the *Law Services Registration and Information Book*. Golden Gate University does not mail this information, but you can obtain it at any local college, university, or law school.

You may also contact LSAC directly: Law School Admission Council, Box 2000, Newtown, PA 18940-0998; (215) 968-1001; www.lsac.org.

The Law School also requires that U.S. and Canadian applicants participate in the

**TRANSFER OR
VISITING STUDENTS**

If you are a transfer or visiting student, please request "Application Materials for Transfer and Visiting Students" by contacting the Admissions Office.

Transfer Students

If you have successfully completed at least one full year at another ABA- or any state bar-approved law school, and are in the top 25% of your class, you may apply to transfer with advanced standing to the Law School.

Visiting Students

If you have successfully completed at least one full year at another ABA- or any state bar-approved law school, you may apply to attend the Law School as a visiting student. You may attend Golden Gate for one or more semesters but will receive your degree from your current law school.

If you are attending an ABA- or any state bar-approved law school and wish to take one elective course or Summer Session electives at Golden Gate University, you need not apply for visiting status. Instead, contact the Law School Registrar's Office at (415) 442-6620.

Law School Data Assembly Service (LSDAS), which collects and analyzes the academic and test records of law school applicants. **Be sure to submit transcripts of all college work to LSDAS as early as possible. If you are a college senior, do not wait for final grades before submitting transcripts to LSDAS. Students who complete their undergraduate degree outside of the United States and Canada should not submit their transcripts to LSDAS. Students with foreign undergraduate transcripts should register for the LSAT only. Foreign transcripts must be submitted directly to the Law School after the foreign transcript evaluation is complete.**

Application

You may use the application at the back of this bulletin or the one on our website at www.ggu.edu/law.

Golden Gate University also accepts printed applications that have been prepared using the Law School Admission Council's *LSACD* or *LSACD on the Web*. You can print out your completed application and send it directly to us, or you can use the *LSACD on the Web* to electronically transmit your law school application to LSAC, which will send both printed and electronic versions of your application to us. Applications submitted to LSAC for transmission to Golden Gate will be considered postmarked on the day they are electronically submitted. For more information, see www.lsac.org.

Submitting Your Application

You must answer all questions. If your answer is "no" or "none," or if the question is "not applicable," please so state. Failure to complete the form fully or to furnish supporting documents will delay the processing of your application.

Your application and all supporting documents, with the exception of your LSDAS report, must be postmarked by the appropriate deadline. (See chart below.)

Notify the Admissions Office in writing of any address changes immediately. Include your full name, social security number, current and former address, and current and former telephone numbers.

Application Fee

Your application must be accompanied by a \$55 processing fee. Checks or money orders should be made payable to Golden Gate University. Be sure to write your name and social security number on the front of your check. The application fee is nonrefundable.

Applicants with financial hardship may request a waiver of the application fee. To request a waiver, include with your application a letter asking for a waiver of the application fee and describing your financial hardship. You must also enclose documents that verify financial hardship, such as a current undergraduate financial aid award or current income tax return.

Personal Essay

The required personal essay is your opportunity to address the Admissions Committee. Your personal essay is a writing sample and should be polished, well organized, and no longer than four pages typed (double-spaced, preferably in 12-point font). Do not submit books, tape recordings, plays, theses, dissertations, or other such materials; the Admissions Committee will not evaluate them.

Your personal statement should highlight your strengths and describe experiences that have helped you develop the skills necessary for success in law school. The statement should also distinguish you from everyone else applying to law school by including background information that makes you unique, including personal accomplishments, extracurricular activities, career experience, or socioeconomic background. Returning students who have been out of school for some time often discuss their experiences raising families and/or working in diverse disciplines.

You may choose one of two forms for your required personal essay:

1) An essay that answers these questions: Why do you want to study law? What special skills, attributes, and experiences will you bring to the law school community? What strengths and experiences illustrate your development of the writing, research, and analytical thinking skills necessary for success in law school?

OR

2) An essay that describes a decision you made that had a significant impact on you or someone else. Looking back, would you have made the same decision? Why or why not? (Please do not use your decision to apply to law school as your topic.)

Optional Essay

The Admissions Committee takes into account an applicant's ethnicity, race, sexual orientation, and socioeconomic and cultural backgrounds. If you want the Admissions Committee to consider your background and heritage, please submit an optional essay. This essay may include a description of your community involvement, as well as any social, economic, or educational factors that influenced your desire to pursue a career in law.

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APPLICATION DEADLINES

All deadlines are postmark deadlines.

Program	Application Deadline	LSAT Test Date	Priority Financial Aid
January 2003 Midyear Admission Program	November 15, 2002	October 5, 2002	November 15, 2002
Fall 2003 Day Program	April 15, 2003	February 8, 2003	April 15, 2003
Fall 2003 Evening Program (part-time)	June 2, 2003	February 8, 2003	June 2, 2003
January 2004 Midyear Admission Program	November 14, 2003	October 4, 2003	November 14, 2003

ADMISSIONS (CONT.)

Letters of Recommendation

You must submit at least one letter of recommendation. Each letter you submit should be written by someone who knows your academic ability or is in a position to assess your potential for success in law school. We strongly discourage your obtaining letters of recommendation from friends, acquaintances, and/or family members.

We will also accept letters through the LSAC letter of recommendation service that is a part of the LSDAS registration subscription. Your letters will be copied and sent to us along with your LSDAS report. To use this service, follow the directions outlined in the *2002-03 LSAT/LSDAS Registration and Information Book*. Be sure to fill out and give each letter writer a letter of recommendation form from the *LSAT/LSDAS Registration and Information Book*.

The Application Process

A complete application file consists of:

- Application for admission,
- Personal essay,
- LSDAS report,
- Letter(s) of recommendation, and
- Application fee or fee waiver request.

No admission decision can be made until the Law School Admissions Office has received the application and all supporting documents. If you indicate on your application form that you plan to retake the LSAT, the Admissions Office will not consider your application complete until it receives the subsequent LSAT score. It is your responsibility to ensure that we receive all documents in a timely manner. Admission decisions are made on an ongoing basis. As seats are limited, it is advantageous for you to apply early.

When your application file is complete, we forward it to the Admissions Committee, which thoroughly reviews each application. Please note that all admission decisions are final.

Please note that all materials submitted to the Law School as part of your application are considered property of the Law School and will not be photocopied or

returned. Once you enroll as a student, you will have full access to all materials, unless a waiver precludes access.

If you have questions about Golden Gate University School of Law, you may call for an appointment with a member of the Admissions staff. We will be happy to meet with you, but this meeting will not be considered part of your application process. The volume of applications received by the Admissions Office precludes granting personal interviews for admission purposes.

Acceptance Deposit

Upon notification of admission to the Law School, you will be required to pay a deposit to secure your seat in the entering class. Later, you may be asked to reconfirm your intent to matriculate. The deposit will be credited toward your initial tuition payment.

Re-application

The Law School retains application files, including all supporting documents, for two years, but you need to submit a new application form and application fee to reapply. We recommend that you submit a new personal essay, an improved LSAT score (if appropriate), graduate transcripts (if new information exists), a new letter of recommendation, and other evidence demonstrating your potential success in law school.

International Students

You must indicate your visa status on your application. The Admissions Office will send the appropriate immigration documents to you to facilitate your matriculation. You must comply with U.S. immigration laws and regulations. It is your responsibility to obtain any required visas. Please contact International Student Services (ISS) upon arrival to learn about your immigration responsibilities and benefits.

Non-U.S. students in F-1 and J-1 immigration status are required to have health insurance. The health insurance fees are \$230 for the fall semester, \$325 for the combined spring/summer sessions, and \$95 for the summer session only. Students who have a comparable policy can apply for a waiver during the first 14 days of each

semester. Waivers and health insurance information are provided through the Office of International Student Services. For more information, please contact International Student Services, Golden Gate University, 536 Mission Street, Suite 501, San Francisco, CA 94105-2968.

Phone: (415) 442-7290

Fax: (415) 896-6485

Email: iss@ggu.edu

Website: <http://internet.ggu.edu/iss>

If you hold a law degree from outside the United States or Canada and want to earn an LL.M., please consult our LL.M. bulletins for admissions information.

Auditing Courses

Members of the bar, Golden Gate University School of Law alumni, graduates of other law schools, and members of foreign bars may apply to audit courses. To apply, contact the associate dean for student services, or the LL.M. program director for LL.M. courses, and explain why you want to audit a particular course. Documentation regarding your professional and/or academic status is required. Permission of the course instructor is required for anyone wishing to audit a course. Auditors pay two-thirds the tuition of matriculated students.

Special Programs

Honors Lawyering Program

If you are interested in applying to the Honors Lawyering Program (or IPAC, described on page 11), please check the appropriate box on the application.

Combined J.D./Ph.D. Program

If you wish to apply to the J.D./Ph.D. in Clinical Psychology Program (described on page 10), please check the appropriate box on the application.

Public Interest Law Scholars Program

If you wish to apply to the Public Interest Law Scholars Program (see page 25), check the appropriate box on the J.D. application. You must also write an essay describing your interest in public interest law.

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Golden Gate University School of Law administers a full range of programs to help students who need financial assistance. The Financial Aid Office provides budget and debt management counseling, evaluates students' financial needs, and determines financial aid awards. The Financial Aid Office is also responsible for maintaining standards and procedures that comply with federal regulations, donor restrictions, and University policies, and that most equitably help meet students' financial needs.

Eligibility

To be eligible for assistance from federal and campus-based financial aid programs at Golden Gate University School of Law, you must meet the following requirements:

- Admission into the J.D. program;
- Enrollment in the Law School (at least a half-time unit load is normally required);
- U.S. citizenship or proof of permanent residency or other eligible alien status;
- Satisfactory academic progress;
- Registration with the selective service, if required by federal law;
- No default on any Title IV loan and no refund owed on any Title IV grant;
- Demonstration of financial need, as determined by an analysis performed by the federal processor;
- Completion of a financial aid file. (You should apply for financial aid even if you have not been notified of your admission status.)

Financial Aid Application Forms

A separate application is not required for financial aid. You must complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) or, if you received financial aid for the previous academic year, the Federal Renewal Application. Send this application in the self-addressed envelope included with it or apply online and mail signature page to the Federal Student Aid Programs Processor. The FAFSA or Federal Renewal Application should be received by the FSAP processor on or before the priority deadline. Please be sure to indicate in Section H on the FAFSA form that Golden Gate University is the college you plan to attend. Golden Gate University School of Law's Title IV Institutional Code is **001205**.

Approximately four to six weeks after the FSAP processor receives your application, you will receive a Student Aid Report (SAR). The SAR summarizes the information you provided on your FAFSA (or Federal Renewal Application). You should review the SAR carefully and make any necessary corrections. If you need to make corrections, return your form to the FSAP processors. If your form requires no changes, retain the SAR for your records. The Law School will receive the information directly from the FSAP processor.

In addition to the SAR, you may be asked to submit additional documents. The Law School Financial Aid Office will notify you accordingly and provide a limited amount of time for you to submit the necessary documents. Be sure to retain a copy of your most recent federal income tax return in case it is requested later.

Financial Aid Awards

Once you have been accepted for admission to the Law School and your financial aid file is complete, you will receive an award letter stating the amount of financial aid you are eligible to apply for, the sources of financial aid funds, an estimate of expenses for the academic year, and any other available financial aid resources.

The financial aid awards letter may list any remaining documentation (such as loan applications) that must be completed and returned to the Law School Financial Aid Office in order for you to actually receive the financial aid funds.

You may choose to apply for subsidized and unsubsidized Stafford Loans and for state fellowships, if you are eligible. In addition, you may also apply for privately funded loans in order to meet your financial needs.

Financial Aid Resources**Federal Stafford Loans**

Depending on your eligibility and on the financial need analysis, you may borrow up to \$8,500 through the Subsidized Stafford Loan Program for each academic year of study (usually two semesters) from a bank or financial institution that participates in the Stafford Loan program. Repayment begins six months after you graduate or cease to be enrolled at least half-time.

If you do not have financial need, you may borrow up to \$10,000 through the Federal Unsubsidized Stafford Loan Program, which replaced the Federal

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FINANCIAL AID APPLICATION PROCEDURE — At a Glance

1. Complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) or the Federal Renewal Application and send it to Federal Student Aid Programs. Golden Gate University School of Law's Title IV Institutional Code is **001205**.
2. When you receive your Student Aid Report (SAR), review it carefully and make corrections. If your form requires no changes, retain the SAR for your records. The Law School will receive the information directly from the FSAP processor.
3. Submit any additional requested documents.

FINANCIAL AID (CONT.)

Supplemental Loan for Students (SLS). An unsubsidized Stafford Loan has the same terms and conditions as a Stafford Loan, except that the borrower is responsible for interest that accrues during in-school deferment periods. Students may borrow up to \$18,500, less the amount of the subsidized Stafford Loan.

The maximum amount that you may borrow through the Federal Stafford Loan Program is \$138,500. This amount includes any unpaid Stafford Loans previously borrowed for undergraduate and/or graduate studies.

Loans are disbursed in two equal checks: the first at the beginning of the loan period, and the second in the middle of the loan period. As a new borrower at Golden Gate, you must complete the online loan entrance counseling session, following the instructions in your financial aid award letter, before your Stafford Loan check will be released.

Campus-Based Financial Aid

The Campus-Based Financial Aid (CBFA) program for law students consists of the Perkins Loan and Federal Work-Study programs. It is funded annually by the federal government, the University, loan repayments from alumni, and wages from agencies that provide jobs. To be considered for CBFA for the following fall, spring, and summer semesters, mail the Financial Aid Application so that it is postmarked by the priority deadline.

Funding is limited, and eligible students who have the greatest financial need and apply by the deadline are given priority. Entering law students should apply as early as possible. Students who miss the application deadlines will be considered for funding that has been declined by priority applicants.

Federal Perkins Loan

The amount of a Perkins Loan varies but seldom exceeds \$3,000 per year. Loans are repayable at a five percent annual interest rate, beginning nine months (for new borrowers) after a student ceases to be enrolled at least half-time. As a new borrower, you may take up to ten years to repay the loan at a minimum of \$40 per month, depending on the amount owed. The maximum amount that you may borrow through the Perkins Loan program for graduate and professional study at all institutions is \$18,000.

Federal Work-Study (available only after completion of the first year)

The Federal Work-Study (FWS) program was designed by the federal government to expand part-time employment opportunities for students who demonstrate financial need. Besides providing a means of financial assistance for the student, an FWS job is intended to complement the student's educational program or career goal. Most jobs developed under this program are intended to serve the public interest and meet the needs of the community or the University; thus, most off-campus job providers are nonprofit agencies.

If you receive an FWS award, you are allowed to earn a specified amount in an FWS job. The employer and the federal government each pay a portion of your earnings. Award amounts may range from \$1,500 to \$6,000 for the academic year, including fall, spring, and summer semesters.

Private Loans

You may be eligible for private loans to meet the cost of your education. You must demonstrate credit worthiness to the lender or financial institution. Interest, fees, grace periods, and other terms vary slightly between private loan programs. Repayment begins after you have graduated or are no longer enrolled at least half-time. Contact the Financial Aid Office regarding these loans.

California Graduate Fellowships

California Graduate Fellowships are awarded to California residents who intend to become college or university faculty members. Recipients are selected on the basis of academic excellence (including grades and test scores) and financial need. The maximum award has been \$6,490 per year. The application must be submitted by the priority deadline.

The selection process for California Graduate Fellowships is very competitive. You must be a full-time student to get a Graduate Fellowship. You can renew the award up to three additional years if you are making normal progress toward your graduate or professional degree. You are not eligible for a California Graduate Fellowship if you have already received a graduate or professional degree or have completed graduate or professional work beyond the first year.

Veterans' Benefits

If you qualify for Veterans Administration Educational Assistance programs, you may use your benefits at Golden Gate University. You should request advance payment of your veterans' benefits by submitting a written request to the Financial Aid Office. Be sure to notify the Financial Aid Office of any changes in your academic program.

SCHOLARSHIPS

Entering Students

Merit Scholarships

To attract a highly qualified student body, the Law School awards to entering students a number of full-tuition and partial-tuition scholarships based solely on academic merit. Criteria include past academic achievement and LSAT results. Last year, a significant number of entering students received merit scholarships. There is no formal application for merit scholarships.

Minority Scholarships

Scholarships of \$5,000 are awarded to entering minority students who have demonstrated a commitment to their community. Commitment can be demonstrated in a collegiate, professional, or community environment. To apply, please check the appropriate box on the application. In addition, please provide an essay describing your community involvement and/or professional experience, including how it has benefited your community, and a list of the specific agencies, programs, and projects for which you have worked or with which you have been involved.

Public Interest Law Scholars Program

Entering students who are interested in careers in public interest law will be considered for the Public Interest Law Scholars Program. The program provides scholarship assistance, a guaranteed summer employment stipend with a public interest agency, and faculty and alumni mentors. (For more information, see page 25.)

First-Year Endowed Scholarships

All eligible first-year students are considered for the following scholarships:

The **Anne Marie Bourgeois Memorial Endowed Law Scholarship** was established in memory of a 1989 graduate. It is awarded to women students with prior experience in the legal field.

The **Louis Garcia Memorial Endowed Scholarship Fund** was established in memory of a 1952 graduate and the first Latino judge to serve in San Francisco. The primary objective of this fund is to assist minority students.

The **Diana Richmond Endowed Scholarship Fund for African-Americans** was funded with a major gift by Diana Richmond, a 1973 graduate and an established family practice lawyer in San Francisco. This award is given to African-American law students.

Continuing Students

Golden Gate offers continuing students merit scholarships and other grants and loans based on academic achievement and/or financial need. The following funds provide special scholarships to continuing law students:

The **Alumni Association Endowed Scholarship** is awarded to law students in the top fifteen percent of their class who have demonstrated leadership. The selection committee may also consider financial need.

The **Leon A. and Esther F. Blum Foundation Loan and Scholarship Program** provides financial aid to worthy students attending accredited law schools in the city and county of San Francisco.

The **Lawrence A. Cowen Scholarship Fund**, created by a bequest from one of the Law School's earliest graduates, provides scholarships to students based on financial need and other factors.

The **Anthony J. Pagano Dean's Merit Scholarship**, named for the dean of the Law School (1988–1998), is awarded at the discretion of the current dean to any law student with financial need who demonstrates outstanding achievement during law school.



Julia Adams, winner of the 2001–02 Michael A. Zamperini/W. Clay Burchell Endowed Scholarship, with Professor Michael Zamperini (left) and W. Clay Burchell (right).

Continuing students are also encouraged to apply for the following scholarships:

The **Frederick W. Bradley Endowed Scholarship**, named for a 1966 graduate of the Law School, is awarded solely on the basis of financial need.

The **Phillip Burton Endowed Law Scholarship**, named in memory of the former U.S. congressman and 1953 Law School graduate, is awarded on the basis of financial need.

The **Linda Caputo Memorial Scholarship** was established by the friends, family, law school faculty, and classmates of Linda Caputo, who graduated from the Law School in 1987 and struggled all her life with spina bifida. This scholarship is awarded to students who have overcome significant obstacles to obtain a legal education.

The **Martin S. Cohen Endowed Memorial Scholarship**, named for a former student, is awarded to Jewish students with demonstrated financial need and good academic standing.

The **Kevin J. Connell J.D. Memorial Endowed Scholarship Fund** was established in memory of a third-year student who died in spring 1995. The scholarship is awarded to students in good academic standing with demonstrated financial need, with preference given to veterans of the U.S. Armed Forces.

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SCHOLARSHIPS (CONT.)

The **Environmental Law Scholarship** is awarded to a student who has completed his or her second year of law school and has a demonstrated commitment to, and record of, achievement in environmental law. An essay is required with the application.

The **Helen A. and John A. Gorfinkel Endowed Scholarship**, was established in memory of John Gorfinkel, a former professor and dean, and is awarded on the basis of need and academic achievement.

The **Richard W. Johnson Memorial Endowed Scholarship** was created and funded by classmates and friends of a 1965 graduate of the Law School. This scholarship, given to a student who has shown great academic improvement since starting law school, is awarded at the start of a student's third year.

The **Paul S. Jordan Endowed Law Scholarship** is named for a Law School faculty member, dean, and university trustee. Preference is given to students who demonstrate scholastic excellence and financial need.

The **Hugh Geoffrey Major Endowed Women's Law Scholarship** was established by Patricia Carson (1952) and named for her son. The scholarship is awarded to women law students with financial need and good academic standing.

The **Masud Mehran Endowed Fellowship** is named for a member of the University Board of Trustees since 1986. The fellowship is awarded to students in good academic standing with demonstrated financial need. Preference is given to individuals displaying entrepreneurial spirit and initiative.

The **Joseph R. and June B. Rensch Endowed Scholarship** is awarded to upper-division students on the basis of need, academic achievement, and potential for business leadership.

The **Kathryn E. Ringgold Endowed Scholarship** is awarded to students with demonstrated financial need and solid academic standing, with preference given to women or African-Americans.

The **San Francisco Legal Auxiliary** awards a scholarship, based on academic achievement and financial need, to students who graduated from Bay Area high schools and plan to practice in the Bay Area.

The **Louie Sbarbaro Endowed Scholarship Fund** is named for a longtime bon vivant and raconteur who resided in Siskiyou County, California. This is a need-based scholarship, with preference given to students who resided in the northern part of California before entering law school.

The **Catherine Sherburne-Thompson Endowed Scholarship Fund** is named in memory of a 1956 Law School graduate and its first female faculty member. This fund provides assistance to part-time women students in their third or fourth year.

The **Professor James B. Smith Memorial Endowed Scholarship** is given to part-time women students with significant financial need or to older students of either gender.

The **Brad Swope Scholarship** is offered by the San Francisco Rotary Club to full-time or part-time law students who demonstrate academic excellence, leadership potential, contributions to the Law School and the legal community, and financial need.

The **Michael A. Zamperini/W. Clay Burchell Endowed Scholarship** is awarded to gay or lesbian students who are beginning their final fall semesters of law school. This scholarship is awarded based on overall academic achievement and academic performance in the Writing & Research courses. An essay is required with the application.

The **Joseph and Ruth Zukor Memorial Scholarship** was endowed by Ruth Zukor in memory of her husband, who graduated from the Law School in 1956. This scholarship is awarded to students who have demonstrated financial need and are in good academic standing.

Tuition & Fees for 2002-03

Tuition (per unit) \$844
(88 units required for the J.D.)

Nonrefundable Fees (per term)

Registration	\$40
Student Bar Association Fee (fall and spring only)	\$20
Materials ¹	
Fall and Spring Semesters	\$50
Summer Session	\$10
Public Interest Program (fall and spring only)	\$10

Nonrefundable Fees (per occurrence)

Application for Admission	\$55
Acceptance Deposit (applied to tuition)	\$300
Late Registration Fee ²	\$85
Installment Payment Fee	\$50
Late Payment Fee	\$25
Returned Check Service Charge	\$25
Student ID Replacement Fee	\$10
Corporate Reimbursement Payment Plan Fee	\$100

For International Students

International Student Services Fee (per term)	\$90
Student Health Insurance (fall coverage)	\$230
Student Health Insurance (spring/summer coverage)	\$325
Student Health Insurance (summer coverage)	\$95

Notes

1 Special Materials Fees will also be assessed in courses that require an excess amount of duplicated materials, use of audio-visual equipment, or rental of off-campus facilities. These fees will be announced prior to registration each semester.

2 Law students who complete their paperwork late will be charged a Late Registration Fee of \$85 in addition to the \$40 Registration Fee.

Note: Tuition and fees and are subject to change at any time.

WITHDRAWAL AND TUITION ADJUSTMENT POLICIES

As part of the registration agreement, the School of Law reserves a place in the courses a student selects, based on availability. As a result, if a student chooses to drop a course, the following policies apply.

Withdrawal from a course (commonly known as “dropping”) is official once the Law School registrar has been notified. Notification must be in writing and may be delivered in person, by standard mail, by fax, or by electronic mail from the email address on record with the Law Registrar’s Office. The date the written notice is received will be the official date of withdrawal. Oral notification is not sufficient.

Regular Courses

Regular courses are those that generally meet for the entire length of the term. Tuition will be adjusted as shown below. Fees other than Special Materials Fees are not reversible, except when a course is canceled by the Law School. The first week of the term begins on the day instruction begins per the Academic Calendar for the term and extends through the following four business working days.

Official withdrawal before the term start date: **100% reversal**

Official withdrawal during the first or second week of term: **100% reversal**

Official withdrawal during the third week of term: **75% reversal**

Official withdrawal during the fourth week of term: **50% reversal**

Official withdrawal after the fourth week of term: **No reversal**

Intensive Courses

Intensive courses are those that are shorter than four weeks in length and generally meet more than once a week. Tuition will be adjusted as follows. Fees other than Special Materials Fees are not reversible, except when a course is canceled by the Law School.

Intensive Courses (continued)

Official withdrawal before the first class meeting: **100% reversal**

Official withdrawal after the first or second class meeting: **100% reversal**

Official withdrawal after the third class meeting: **75% reversal**

Official withdrawal after the fourth class meeting: **50% reversal**

Official withdrawal after the fifth class meeting: **No reversal**

W Grades

Courses dropped after the last day of instruction as indicated in the academic calendar will be marked with a “W” for withdrawn and will appear on the student’s academic transcript. Courses with a “W” will not affect a GPA for the term or a cumulative GPA.

Financial Aid Recipients Who Withdraw Completely from All Courses

Up through the 60 percent point in each enrollment period, a pro rata schedule is used to determine the amount of Title IV funds (i.e., Stafford and Perkins Loans) the student has earned at the time of withdrawal. After the 60 percent point of the enrollment period, a student has earned 100 percent of the Title IV funds, and no return of federal student aid will be processed.

The school must return the lesser of: the amount of Title IV funds that the student does not earn or the amount of institutional charges that the student incurred for the payment period or period of enrollment multiplied by the percentage of funds that was not earned.

Continuing Title IV recipients receive the larger of the refunds resulting from either the federal refund policy or the established Golden Gate School of Law Withdrawal and Tuition Adjustment Policies.

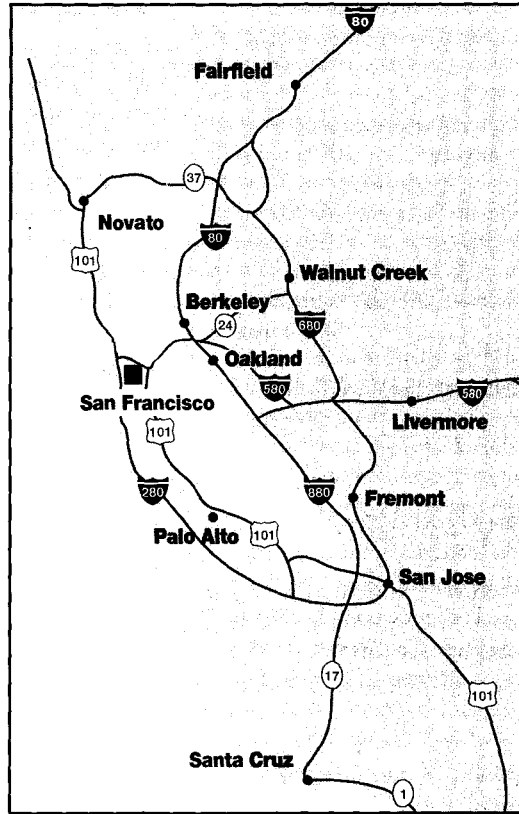
Financial Petitions

If you are confronted with an unexpected and serious circumstance which requires that you withdraw from your classes, you may petition the University to reverse a portion of your tuition charges. To do so, you must submit your petition in writing to the Law School’s associate dean of students, explaining in detail the circumstances, the correlation between these circumstances and the need for you to withdraw from the University, and what actions you have taken to resolve or prevent such an event from occurring in subsequent terms. In addition, you must provide any relevant third-party documentation. The University will not approve any petitions which are undocumented or are based upon pre-existing conditions.

The University will respond to all petitions in writing. You should allow a minimum of thirty working days to hear from us, as we are required to verify all facts from University sources prior to review by the Law School Financial Petition Committee. If your petition is approved and any adjustments to your tuition results in a credit balance on your account, the University will apply this credit balance toward future tuition charges within the next twelve-month period. In no case will credit balances resulting from a financial petition be refunded to a student. If you are a financial aid recipient and you have a financial petition approved, credit balances typically are refunded back to the appropriate financial aid program or lender, in accordance with federal regulations.

Disputes Concerning Student Accounts

All disputes concerning student accounts should be submitted in writing to: Student Financial Services, Golden Gate University, 536 Mission Street, San Francisco, CA 94105-2968. The University will respond within thirty working days of receipt of the student’s letter.



Directions to Golden Gate University

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.

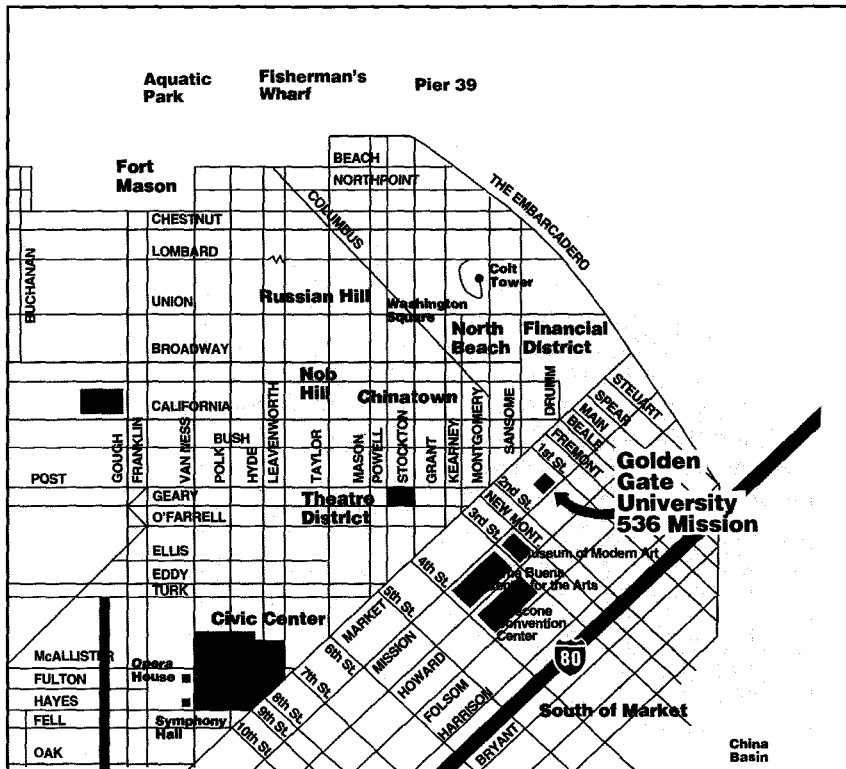
From the East Bay: Bay Bridge to Fremont Street exit. Left on Fremont Street, then left on Mission Street. One block on Mission Street.

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

J.D. Application

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Note: Do not use this application if you are a transfer or visiting student. Instead, contact the Admissions and Financial Aid Office to request "Application Materials for Transfer and Visiting Law Students."

Personal Information *(Please type or print in ink.)*

Social Security Number _____

Name Last: _____ First: _____ Middle: _____

Mailing Address

Street: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Home Phone: (____) _____ Work Phone: (____) _____

Email: _____ Fax: (____) _____

Date of Birth: _____ Country of Birth: _____

Gender: Male Female Title: Miss Mrs. Ms. Mr. Dr. Other _____

Country of Citizenship: _____

If not a U.S. citizen, what is your visa status? F-1 J-1 Other _____

Ethnic Survey, check all that apply (optional):

- | | | |
|--|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> African-American/Black | <input type="checkbox"/> Caucasian/White | <input type="checkbox"/> Puerto Rican |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Alaskan Native or American Indian | <input type="checkbox"/> Chicano/Mexican American | <input type="checkbox"/> Decline to state |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Asian or Pacific Islander | <input type="checkbox"/> Hispanic | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify) _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Canadian/Aboriginal | <input type="checkbox"/> Middle-Eastern | |

Program: You must select a term and a division.

General:

I plan to begin in: Spring, beginning January or Fall, beginning August Year: _____

Division: Full-Time Day or Part-Time Evening

Have you ever applied to GGU School of Law before? Yes No If yes, please indicate the term and year: _____

Special:

Check the appropriate box if you would like to be considered for any of the programs listed below. For further information on any of these programs, please consult the descriptions in this catalog, visit the website at www.ggu.edu/law, or contact the Admissions Office.

Priority application filing deadline: February 1.

Honors Lawyering Program (HLP or IPAC)

Admission to the Honors Lawyering Program is competitive and will be based on information contained in your LSDAS report, personal essay(s), and letter(s) of recommendation.

The following programs and/or scholarships require additional documentation and/or applications.

Public Interest Scholars Program (PISP)

Please include a *separate statement* describing your interest in Public Interest Law. Attach a list of public interest activities in which you have participated. Also list public interest organizations with which you are affiliated.

Minority Scholarship

Please include a *separate statement* describing your commitment to your community. Please attach a list of community involvement or volunteer experiences. To be considered for this scholarship, you must complete the Ethnic Survey question above.

J.D./M.B.A.

Check this box if you are interested in pursuing a J.D. and an M.B.A. Selection for the M.B.A. program will occur after successful completion of your first year in the J.D. program and after a meeting between the dean of student services and the academic advisor of the M.B.A. program.

J.D./Ph.D. in Psychology

In addition to the J.D. application, a *separate application* must be submitted to the Pacific Graduate School of Psychology. You must be admitted to both programs.

Academic Background:

List all colleges, universities, and law schools attended and degrees conferred. If you attended but did not earn a degree from an institution, state total number of units completed.

COLLEGE <i>(list most recent first)</i>	LOCATION	DATES ATTENDED <i>(or expected date of conferral)</i>	MAJOR	DEGREE
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

Has any college, university, or law school ever dismissed, disciplined, or disqualified you for academic or behavioral reasons? If the answer is "yes," attach a statement giving details. Yes No

Have you previously attended any law school? Yes No

If yes, indicate which school: _____

Please submit official law school transcripts.

All applicants must take the Law School Admissions Test (LSAT) and have an official score report sent to the Law School through LSDAS.

I took the LSAT on: _____

I will take the LSAT on: _____

If you believe that your LSAT score and/or cumulative grade point average does not accurately reflect your potential to succeed academically in law school, please explain on a separate sheet. (See "Optional Essay" on page 4 of this application.)

Personal History:

Have you ever been charged or convicted of a crime, including expunged offenses other than minor nonalcohol-related traffic violations, or are any charges pending? If any such charge or conviction occurs between your submission of this form and registration, or during your enrollment at Golden Gate University School of Law, you are expected to inform us. If the answer is yes, give dates and explain the circumstances fully on a separate sheet.

Yes No

As a member of, or applicant to, any profession or organization, or as a holder of any office, license, or credential, have you ever been disciplined or had a license or credential suspended, revoked, or denied? If the answer is yes, please attach a statement providing full details, identifying the license or credential involved, and providing the dates, details of the matter, final disposition, and the name and address of the authority in possession of the records. If any such charge or conviction occurs between your submission of this form and your registration at Golden Gate University School of Law, you are expected to inform us. Yes No

If you are related to any Golden Gate University alumni, please provide their name(s), relationship(s) to you, and program(s) attended:

NAME	RELATIONSHIP	PROGRAM
_____	_____	_____
NAME	RELATIONSHIP	PROGRAM
_____	_____	_____

Consult the rules and regulations of the Committee of Bar Examiners of the state in which you intend to practice to determine whether or not there is anything that might affect your eligibility for admission to the bar and whether you are required to register with the bar of that state when you commence the study of law.

Employment History:

Did you work while in college? Yes No

If answer is "yes," please complete the following:

POSITION(S) HELD	NO. OF HOURS PER WEEK
Senior year: _____	_____
Junior year: _____	_____
Sophomore year: _____	_____
Freshman year: _____	_____

State positions of employment after college, indicating employer, dates of employment, and reasons for leaving, or attach a résumé.

EMPLOYER <i>(list most recent first)</i>	DATES	POSITION	REASON FOR LEAVING
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

Student Groups:

Please indicate your interest in any of the following:

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|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> American Bar Association/Law Student Division (ABA/LSD) | <input type="checkbox"/> International Law Society (ILS) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Asian Pacific American Law Students Association (APALSA) | <input type="checkbox"/> Jewish Law Students Association (JLSA) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Association for Communication, Sports, and Entertainment Law (ACSEL) | <input type="checkbox"/> Latino Law Students Association (LALSA) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Association of Trial Lawyers of America (ATLA) | <input type="checkbox"/> LEGALS (lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender students) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Black Law Students Association (BLSA) | <input type="checkbox"/> National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers (NACDL) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Employment Law Association (ELA) | <input type="checkbox"/> National Lawyers Guild (NLG) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Environmental Law Society (ELS) | <input type="checkbox"/> Phi Delta Phi |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Federalist Society | <input type="checkbox"/> Public Interest Law Foundation (PILF) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Golden Gate Association of International Lawyers (GGAIL) | <input type="checkbox"/> Women's Law Association (WLA) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Intellectual Property Law Association (IPLA) | |

1. Personal Essay

Each new applicant is required to submit a personal essay, which should be no longer than four pages typed, double-spaced. Please choose one of the following for your essay:

(a) A personal statement that answers these questions: Why do you want to study law? What special skills, attributes, and experiences will you bring to the law school community? What strengths and experiences illustrate your development of the writing, research, and analytical thinking skills necessary for success in law school?

OR

(b) Describe a decision you made that had a significant impact on you or someone else. Looking back, would you have made the same decision? Why or why not? (We prefer that you **not** use your decision to apply to law school as your topic.)

2. Optional Essay

The Admissions Committee takes into account an applicant's ethnicity, race, sexual orientation, and socioeconomic and cultural backgrounds. If you want the Admissions Committee to consider your background and heritage, please submit an optional essay. This essay may include a description of your community involvement, as well as any social, economic, or educational factors that influenced your desire to pursue a career in law. Please limit this essay to two double-spaced, typed pages.

Other Information

List other law schools to which you are applying:

_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

A nonrefundable \$55 application fee or a fee waiver request must accompany this application.

If you are applying for a fee waiver, in addition to your request you need to submit one of the following: your current undergraduate award letter, fee waiver from Law Services, or current tax return.

I certify that the above application is correct in all aspects according to my best knowledge and belief, and I understand that if admitted to Golden Gate University School of Law, I must abide by the rules and regulations of the University and the School of Law. I understand that knowingly providing false or inaccurate information in admission and/or financial aid application material is grounds for denial of admission or, if discovered after admission, for revocation of any offer of admission or, if discovered after matriculation, for immediate dismissal from the Law School.

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT: _____ DATE: _____

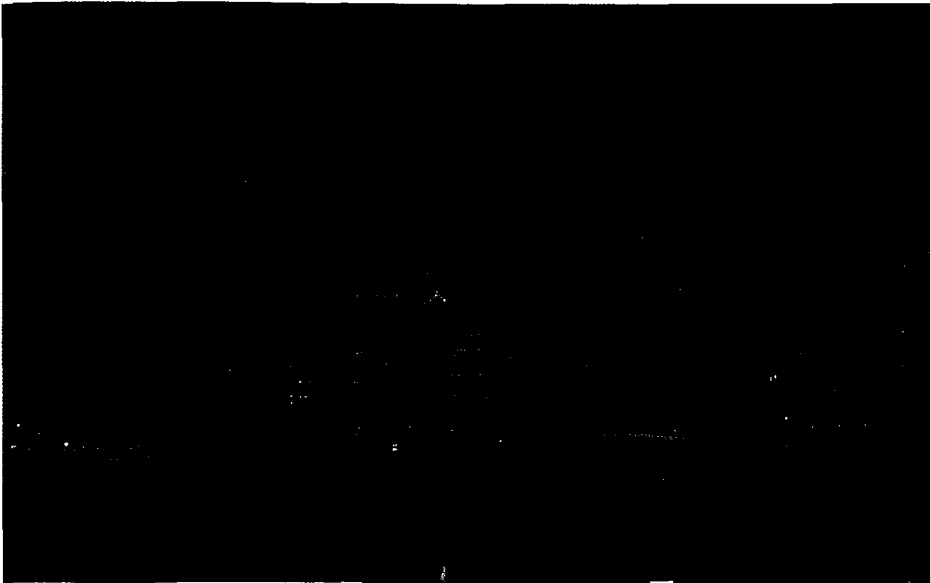
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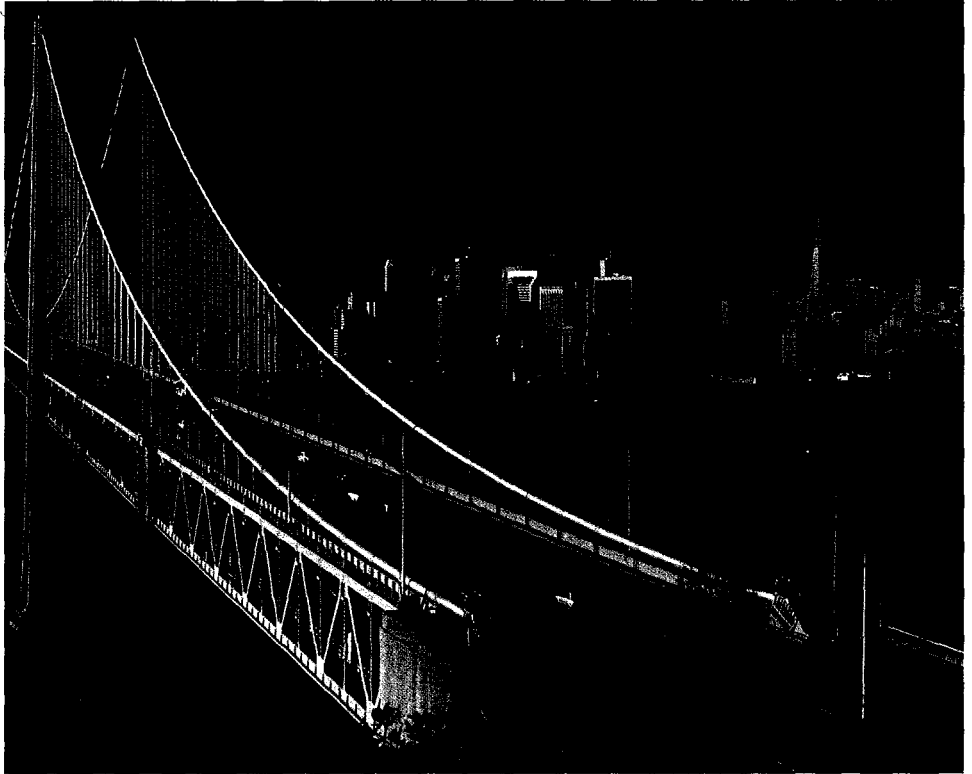
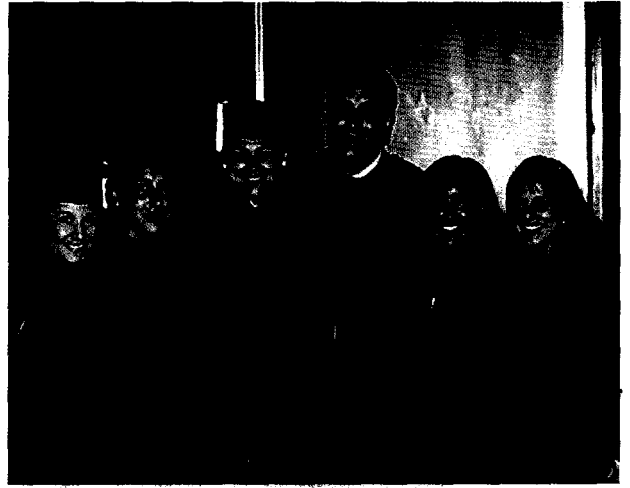
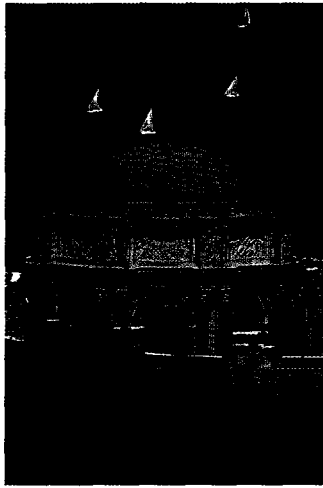
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