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*Golden Gate University School of Law Director Leor Neta Appointed*

San Francisco, CA (May 25, 2012)- Leor Neta, Assistant Director for Public Interest Programs at Golden Gate University School of Law, has been named the 2012-2013 chair of the Public Service Section of the National Association of Law Placement (NALP); the association charged with serving legal career professionals.

As chair of the Public Service Section, Neta will oversee nine vice chairs separately exploring the impact of ABA accreditation revision on public interest programs, collecting and analyzing data regarding public interest hiring, updating and promoting resources on government hiring, and monitoring developments in loan repayment assistance programs.

“NALP plays a vital role in advancing public sector/public interest employment,” said Neta, “and I’m delighted for the opportunity to help move forward some key efforts of its Public Service Section. I’m also excited to share the good work we are doing at Golden Gate University with the broader law school community.”

**GGU Law Public Interest Programs**

Consistently ranked one of the best public interest law schools in the country, the National Jurist named GGU one of the two best law schools for public interest in California in 2012.

**Leor Neta**

As director of the public interest programs at Golden Gate University School of Law, Neta provides career counseling and academic advising to students seeking legal employment in the public interest and government sectors. He also manages the loan repayment assistance program and the pro bono program, as well as staff advisor to the public interest student organizations. Leor teaches practical skills courses such as Judicial Externships and Law & Leadership, and conducts public interest employer site visits for the Civil Field Placement Clinic.

Prior to joining Golden Gate University, Neta founded the City of East Palo Alto's first juvenile diversion program and served for two years as its Executive Director. His experience includes work with the State Public Defender where he assisted in the direct appeal of death penalty convictions on behalf of indigent clients. Immediately prior to founding the East Palo Alto Youth Court, Neta worked for WilmerHale where he litigated the successful state habeas petition of a man sentenced to die in the State of Alabama. Leor earned his J.D. from the University of Chicago in 2004 and his Bachelor of Arts degree from New York University in 1999.

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