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GOLDEN GATE UNIVERSITY
SCHOOL OF LAW

CLASS OF
2016
COMMENCEMENT



Friday, the Thirteenth of May
Two Thousand Sixteen
Louise M. Davies Symphony Hall
San Francisco
Eleven O'Clock AM

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PROGRAM

GREETING

Rachel Van Cleave, Dean
GOLDEN GATE UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW

WELCOME

Dr. David J. Fike, President
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Mark Burton (JD 95)
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Steven Morgan (MBA 90)
PRESIDENT, GGU ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

STUDENT FAREWELL

JD PROGRAM CLASS OF 2016: Leoangelo C. Cristobal

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ALAMEDA COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY

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OUTSTANDING PROFESSOR

Michele Benedetto Neitz
PROFESSOR OF LAW

JUSTICE JESSE W. CARTER AWARD

FACULTY SCHOLARSHIP

Paul Stanton Kibel
PROFESSOR OF LAW

J. LANI BADER AWARD

ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

Sara F. Dudley
CLASS OF 2016

ROSE ELIZABETH BIRD AWARD

PROFESSIONALISM AND INTEGRITY

Leoangelo C. Cristobal
CLASS OF 2016

PAUL S. JORDAN ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

SERVICE AND CONTRIBUTION

Salayha K. Ghoury
CLASS OF 2016

CONFERRAL OF ACADEMIC AWARDS

Rachel Van Cleave, Dean

HONORARY DEGREE

Marjorie Randolph

CONFERRAL OF DEGREES

Rachel Van Cleave, Dean

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

CLOSING REMARKS

Rachel Van Cleave, Dean

**SCIENTIAE JURIDICAE DOCTOR (SJD) IN
INTERNATIONAL LAW CANDIDATES**

Lantera Nadew Anebo	John N. Haramalis
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Vadim Anatolyevich Godorozha	Shufan Sung

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Elif Celik	Kuruvilla Mathen

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Chun-Yi Lin	Jason Z. Weissbein

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Amanda Elizabeth Ewing-Rice	Matthew A. Stevens
Nazar A. Ghosseiri	Steven J. Stewart
Kellen Clare Hassold	Audrey Sue Jwin Tam
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Daniela Lagoteta	Martha Zuppa
Shabnam Masoumzadeh	

Golden Gate University School of Law and the Class of 2016 wish to recognize the 2016 Graduation Committee for its hard work, enthusiasm, and dedication in helping coordinate Commencement and other graduation events. The 2016 Graduation Committee members are: Lynnette Baclig (JD), Sierra Fotos (JD), Danielle Jones (JD), Emily Levitan (JD), Bryana McGuirk (JD), Kelly Montgomery (JD), Gurkan Mus (LLM), Anna Nicolopoulos (JD), Kali Waller (JD) and Whitney Wu-Chu (JD).

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 Courtney Michelle Brown †⊗⊗♦○❖
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Aaron David Robles	Lin Zhao
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Key to JD Candidates

- ☿ Highest Honors
- ‡ Honors
- ☿ Jesse Carter Society
- ☿ Honors Lawyering Program (HLP)
- ◆ Pro Bono Honor Society

- Moot Court Board
- *Golden Gate University Environmental Law Journal*
- ❖ *Golden Gate University Law Review*
- *1st STEP*



ACADEMIC AWARDS

*Academic Excellence in Corporate
and Commercial Law*
Jane Z. Ma

Academic Excellence in Criminal Law
Daniella Lela Crownover

*Academic Excellence in
Environmental Law*
Phoebe Penelope Marcinek

*Academic Excellence in
Family Law*
Olivia Justine Porter

*Grotius Award for Academic Excellence in
International Law*
Sharmeen Ahmed

*Academic Excellence in Labor and
Employment Law*
Angela Giang

Academic Excellence in Litigation
Bryce C. Bommer
Danielle Amanda Jones

Academic Excellence in Tax Law
Matthew Andrew Stevens

*Scribes American Society of
Legal Writers Award*
Sharmeen Ahmed
Veronica R. Kontilis
Olivia Justine Porter
Jacob G. Reinhardt

Outstanding LLM Student Award
Kelsey Lyn Quaranto
Christian Willi Peter Schlieker

SPECIAL AWARDS

*ALI CLE Scholarship and
Leadership Award*
Jessica L. Conradi

Allan and Muriel Brotsky Pro Bono Award
Courtney Michelle Brown

*Award of Areté for Outstanding
Contribution to the Law School Community*
Whitney Lynn Wu-Chu

*Dean's Award for Scholarship
and Leadership*
Celina J. Holmes-Murphy
Francisco O. Martinez

*Gregory Allen Egertson Award for
Outstanding Staff Member*
Rana Boujaoude

*Honors Lawyering Program
Outstanding Student Award*
Courtney Michelle Brown

*International Academy of Trial Lawyers
Student Advocacy Award*
Daniella Lela Crownover

*Law Journal Award for
Dedication and Excellence*
Courtney Michelle Brown

*Most Significant Contribution to
the Litigation Center Award*
Salayha K. Ghoury

*National Association of Women Lawyers
Outstanding Student Award*
Emily Rachel Champlin

*Outstanding Achievement in
Public Interest Law*
Stephany G. Arzaga

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NAMED AND MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIPS

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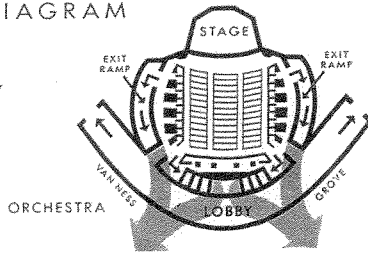
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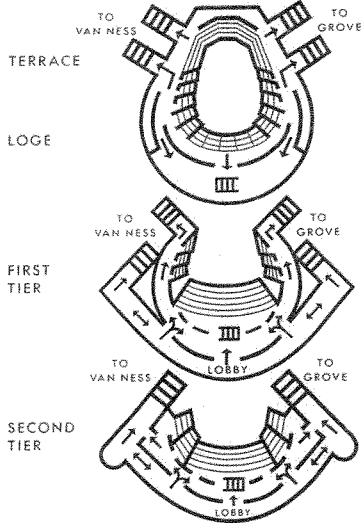
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