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GOLDEN GATE UNIVERSITY
SCHOOL OF LAW

CLASS OF
2017
COMMENCEMENT



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

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Program

GREETING

Rachel Van Cleave, Dean
Golden Gate University School of Law

WELCOME

Dr. David J. Fike, President
Golden Gate University
Jim O'Neil (MBA 86)
Golden Gate University Board of Trustees

ALUMNI WELCOME

Steven Morgan (MBA 90)
President, GGU Alumni Association

STUDENT FAREWELL

Marco Franz D. Samson
JD Program Class of 2017

COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS

The Honorable Teri L. Jackson
Presiding Judge, San Francisco Superior Court

ROBERT CALHOUN AWARD

Outstanding Professor

Jon H. Sylvester
Professor of Law

JUSTICE JESSE W. CARTER AWARD

Faculty Scholarship

Marc H. Greenberg
Professor of Law

J. LANI BADER AWARD

Academic Excellence

Andrew James Antczak, Sr.
JD Program Class of 2017

ROSE ELIZABETH BIRD AWARD

Professionalism and Integrity

Khaleelah Ahmad
Katherine L. Alphonso
Heather Ilene Varanini
JD Program Class of 2017

PAUL S. JORDAN AWARD

Service and Contribution

Anthony G. Booth
JD Program Class of 2017

CONFERRAL OF ACADEMIC AWARDS

Rachel Van Cleave, Dean

CONFERRAL OF DEGREES

Rachel Van Cleave, Dean

Hoarding of Scientiae Juridicae Doctor (SJD) Candidates
Master of Laws (LLM) in International Legal Studies
Master of Laws (LLM) in Environmental Law
Master of Laws (LLM) in United States Legal Studies
Dual Master of Laws (LLM) in Taxation and Estate Planning, Trust & Probate Law
Master of Laws (LLM) in Estate Planning, Trust & Probate Law
Master of Laws (LLM) in Taxation
Doctor of Jurisprudence (JD)

CLOSING REMARKS

Rachel Van Cleave, Dean

**SCIENTIAE JURIDICAE DOCTOR (SJD) IN
INTERNATIONAL LEGAL STUDIES CANDIDATES**

Yrene Enonchong Abanie
Panupong Chalermisin
John N. Haramalis
Sapri Tuma Kota
Zir-Wei Lin
Nutchu Sukhawattanakun
Zeynep Yakin Turgut
Weiwei Zhang

**MASTER OF LAWS (LLM) IN
ENVIRONMENTAL LAW CANDIDATES**

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Robert V. Garcia
Robert O. Hickey
Yuka Ohashi Merritt
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Benjamin Floyd Weston

**MASTER OF LAWS (LLM) IN
INTERNATIONAL LEGAL STUDIES CANDIDATES**

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Pauline Balaire
Agung Gumelar
Anne-Isabelle Legouy
Yasmine Malouche
Hasan Naemeh
Laura S. Pengel
Tairyne Gorrichategui Ribeiro
Jeremy Michael Tsuchitani-Watson

**DUAL MASTER OF LAWS (LLM) IN
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Ekaterina A. Barron
Phuong Kim Nguyen
Brandon Stewart Slykhous

**MASTER OF LAWS (LLM) IN
TAXATION CANDIDATES**

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Cameron Ross Boucher
Lloyd D. Cowell, Jr.
Neha G. Hemmad
Taylor Richard Hobin
Grace Mayumi Ikegami
Stacy Hyeok H. Kang
Ritzi K. Lam
Richard Timothy Marchini
Kelly L. Montgomery
Nastaran Tara Nazifi
Pamela A. Palpallatoc
Yasmeen Saba Quraishi

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UNITED STATES LEGAL STUDIES CANDIDATES**

Utku Galip Akcok
Inna Brickmann
Harsumit S. Gill
Maxence Jonvel
Alisa Karakhanian
Victoria Loubser
Ana Lupascu
Caner Ozcan
Djenane Cortez Santos

Golden Gate University School of Law and the Class of 2017 wish to recognize the 2017 Graduation Committee for its hard work, enthusiasm, and dedication in helping coordinate Commencement and other graduation events. The 2017 Graduation Committee members are: Katherine L. Alphonso (JD), Montana Bess Baker (JD), Linh Phong T. Ho (JD), Jenna Marie Patalano (JD), Cristina Resendiz-Pineda (JD), Chor Thao (JD) and Julie Ann Westerling (JD).

DOCTOR OF JURISPRUDENCE (JD) CANDIDATES

Khaleelah Ahmad ✧
Emily M. Aldrich
Katherine L. Alphonso ‡▲○
Cara Elizabeth Alsterberg ✧○✧
Andre T. Andoyan ▲✧○
April Belle Andrade *▲✧
Andrew James Antczak, Sr. *▲
Josue R. Aparicio ▲○✧
Montana Bess Baker ✧✧
Kevin L. Ballard *▲◆○✧✧
Derek L. Berg
Brooke N. Bolton ▲✧
Anthony G. Booth
Theresa Marie Brick
Sherri Lavonn Bridgeforth ✧●✧✧
Kevin Brendon Buiza ✧
Marcela Elena Calderon ✧
Bianca Calderon-Penalosa ◆
Dustin W. Cameron ◆✧
Michael P. Carty ✧
Earl P. Cease ✧
Christine Kathleen Claveria ✧✧
Whitney Cowell □
Chad Crews
Laurie Michelle Cross *▲✧
Eric E. Davidson
Brian Keith Del Bono
Alafia A. Delahaye ✧✧
Ava C. Elong
Regina Kristine Feliciano ✧
Sydney Alaina Frangieh ✧●
Emily Grace Genge ◆
David K. George ✧
Marianne Hanna
Zachary B. Harmon ◆✧✧
Aram Hauslaib *▲○
Jessica P. Herzog
Katrina Renee Hite ●
Linh-Phuong T. Ho
Venus Tsz Ching Ho ‡▲✧○✧
James W. Hull ✧
Julie T. Huyen
Gregory Alan Jackson, Jr.
Hampton A. Jackson ◆✧
Cynthia Hines Johnson ✧●✧✧
Youngha Kim ✧✧
Asia Kowalski ✧
Andy L. Lee
Alex Berel Lemberg ◆○✧✧
Christopher B Lewis ✧
Christina Shu-Yu Liang ✧
Julie Lim ✧
Elizabeth Rose London ○
Diego David Lopez Sanchez ✧
Mary Loung ✧●○✧✧
Erika I. Martinez
Melanie S. McCormick ◆●✧
Jenna D. Minard ✧
Geoffrea Morris
Gary C. Nelson ✧
Monique Kelly Nielsen ▲◆
Stephanie P. O'Dowd
Sarah Jean Oldridge
Thomas N. Palmer ◆
Jenna Marie Patalano ◆✧
Grace A. Power ‡▲✧●
Cristina Resendiz-Pineda ◆✧✧
Jordon L. Roberts
Kiara Robles Chavez ●
Giselle Rodriguez ◆
Marco Franz D. Samson
Norberto A. Sandoval Sotelo ✧
Shireen Seif ✧●
Diana Shapiro ‡▲●
Donald E. Smith ●
Stephanie M. Smith ●
Tyson C. Stokes

DOCTOR OF JURISPRUDENCE (JD) CANDIDATES (CONT.)

Nicole Suraci-Nguyen ◆
Lindsey Kay Terry *▲❖
Chor Thao ◆
Antonia E. Toomey ❖
Heather Ilene Varanini ○❖
Bryan S. Vix ❖
Priscilla A. Vuong
Kim T. Vuu ◆
Mostafa Wassel
Amethyst Webb
Julie Ann Westerling ❖
Sarah M. Wintermute ❖❖
Mark G. Winthrop ❖○
Aaron Wai Wu
Patrick Youkhaneh ❖
Elizabeth Anne Youngberg ▲❖○

Key to JD Candidates

* Highest Honors	◆ 1st STEP
‡ Honors	● <i>Golden Gate Environmental Law Journal</i>
▲ Jesse Carter Society	○ <i>Golden Gate University Law Review</i>
❖ Honors Lawyering Program (HLP)	❖ Pro Bono Honor Society
■ JD/MBA	❖ Moot Court Board
□ JD/PhD	

Warmest Congratulations
to the
Class of 2017

ACADEMIC AWARDS

Academic Excellence in Corporate and Commercial Law

Grace A. Power

Academic Excellence in Criminal Law

Kevin L. Ballard

Academic Excellence in Environmental Law

Stephanie M. Smith

Academic Excellence in Family Law

Asia Kowalski

Academic Excellence in Intellectual Property Law

Andrew James Antczak, Sr.

Grotius Award for Academic Excellence in International Law

Diana Shapiro

Academic Excellence in Labor and Employment Law

Regina Kristine Feliciano

Academic Excellence in Litigation

Kiara Robles Chavez

Emily Grace Genge

Academic Excellence in Tax Law

Andre T. Andoyan

Scribes American Society of Legal Writers Award

Cara Elizabeth Alsterberg

Laurie Michelle Cross

Marcela Elena Calderon

Venus Tsz Ching Ho

Mary Loung

Outstanding LLM in Estate Planning Student Award

Benjamin Floyd Weston

Outstanding LLM in International Legal Studies Student Award

Yasmine Malouche

Outstanding LLM in Taxation Student Award

Richard Timothy Marchini

Outstanding LLM in US Legal Studies Student Award

Victoria Loubser

SPECIAL AWARDS

ALI CLE Scholarship and Leadership Award

Sherri Lavonn Bridgeforth

Allan and Muriel Brotsky Pro Bono Award

Kevin L. Ballard

Dean's Award for Scholarship and Leadership

Nicole Suraci-Nguyen and Bryan S. Vix

Gregory Allen Egertson Award for Outstanding Staff Member

Rana Boujaoude

Honors Lawyering Program Outstanding Student Award

Alafia A. Delahaye

International Academy of Trial Lawyers Student Advocacy Award

Thomas N. Palmer

Jon H. Sylvester Award for Diversity and Leadership

Josue R. Aparicio

Law Journal Award for Dedication and Excellence

Melanie S. McCormick and Elizabeth Anne Youngberg

Most Significant Contribution to the Litigation Center Award

Emily Grace Genge

Outstanding Achievement in Public Interest Law

Alex Berel Lemberg

**RECIPIENTS OF LAW SCHOOL
NAMED & MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIPS**

(In alphabetical order by scholarship name)

Alumni Association Endowed Scholarship
Venus Tsz Ching Ho

Anthony J. Pagano Dean's Merit Scholarship
Cara Elizabeth Alsterberg
Josue R. Aparicio
Kiara Robles Chavez

Catherine Sherburne-Thompson Endowed Scholarship
Heather Ilene Varanini

Environmental Law Scholarship
Melanie S. McCormick

Frederick W. Bradley Endowed Scholarship
Jenna Marie Patalano

Handlery Endowed Scholarship
Cristina Resendiz-Pineda

John Davids Endowed Scholarship
Eric E. Davidson
Gregory Alan Jackson, Jr.

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Stephanie M. Smith

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Cynthia Hines Johnson

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Laurie Michelle Cross
Diana Shapiro

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Masud Mehran Endowed Fellowship
Hampton A. Jackson

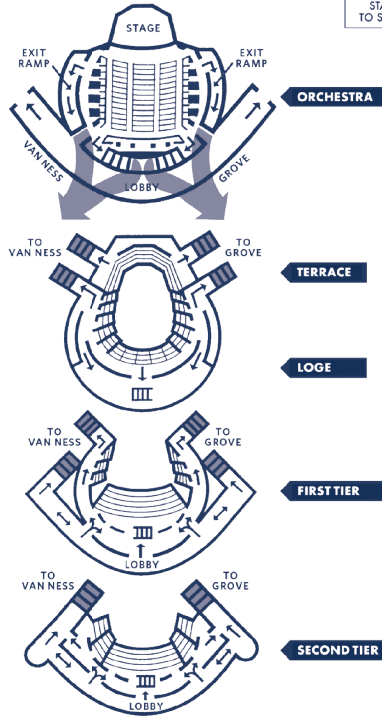
Michael A. Zamperini / W. Clay Burchell Endowed Scholarship
Alex Berel Lemberg

Professor James B. Smith Memorial Endowed Scholarship
Geoffrea Morris

EXIT DIAGRAM

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