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GATEWAY TO SUCCESS

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LEGAL SPECIALIZATIONS

International Law


Labor and Employment Law

Litigation

Public Interest Law

Real Estate Law

Taxation



Golden Gate University School of Law provides a comprehensive legal education grounded in the theoretical and practical aspects of the law. Many students choose to supplement required coursework with targeted study and hands-on training in one or more of 10 specialty areas to receive Certificates of Specialization. Certificates of Specialization provide Golden Gate Law graduates searching for a job with clear proof of their interest and added knowledge. For more information on the programs available at Golden Gate Law visit the School of Law website at www.ggu.edu/law.

“The emphasis GGU places on helping prepare students to practice law has always been a special feature to its credit.”

—Andrew J. Wiegel (JD 77), landlord-tenant attorney and founder of Wiegel & Fried LLP

REAL ESTATE LAW

Courses in Real Estate Law include:

- Bankruptcy Law
- Commercial Finance (UCC Article 9)
- Environmental Law and Policy
- Federal Income Taxation
- Landlord-Tenant Law Clinic
- Public Natural Resources and Land Law
- Partnership Tax
- Real Estate Development
- Real Estate Finance
- Real Estate Litigation Seminar
- Real Estate Transactions Seminar
- Remedies
- Special Problems: Property

Certificate of Specialization in Real Estate Law

This certificate requires concentrated course work, clinical practice, and an independent study project. Students gain practical training through either the Real Estate Clinic or the Landlord-Tenant Clinic.

Clinics

In the Real Estate Clinic, students focus on either transactions or litigation in a field placement at a local law firm under an attorney’s direct supervision. Students interested in landlord-tenant law can participate in the Landlord-Tenant Clinic and work at a variety of public agencies and private firms.

Full-Time Faculty

Professor Roger Bernhardt, Co-Director, Real Estate Clinic

Professor Allan Cadgene

Professor Myron Moskovitz, Director, Landlord-Tenant Clinic



Golden Gate Law's Environmental Law Program is ranked in the top 20 in the United States and the top 3 in California by *US News and World Report*.

ENVIRONMENTAL LAW

Golden Gate Law's Environmental Law Program features faculty who are actively involved in environmental justice and protection efforts; on-site and off-site clinics offering unparalleled opportunities to effect change; and cutting-edge courses on current environmental law and policy issues.

Courses in Environmental Law include:

Advanced Seminars
California Environmental Law and Natural Resources
Environmental Law and Policy
Environmental Law Moot Court Competition
Environmental Law and Justice Seminar
International Environmental Law
International Trade and Environmental Protection
Land Use Regulation
Public Natural Resources and Land Law
Toxics Law and Policy
Water Law

Certificate of Specialization in Environmental Law

This certificate requires concentrated course work, a research paper, and clinical practice working with one of the School of Law's environmental law clinics or as an extern.

Environmental Law Clinics

Golden Gate Law was one of the first law schools in the country to establish an Environmental Law and Justice Clinic. Working under the supervision of clinic professors, students directly represent environmental organizations and community groups in low-income and minority communities on real-life public health, toxics, and environmental justice matters. Golden Gate Law also offers an off-site Environmental Law Clinic, in which students earn academic credit working as interns for government agencies, public interest groups, and national and local environmental organizations.

Other Opportunities

Environmental Law Journal and Environmental Law Society

In 2006 the School of Law created the *Environmental Law Journal*, dedicated to publishing scholars' and students' submissions on emerging environmental issues and the law. The student-run Environmental Law Society organizes beach cleanups, hikes, and career presentations and cosponsors, with the *Environmental Law Journal*, a daylong symposium on cutting edge environmental issues each year.

Competitions

Students may participate in local, state, and national trial competitions focusing on environmental law. In 2006, Golden Gate Law advanced to the quarterfinal round at the National Environmental Law Moot Court Competition and finished second in the California State Bar Law Student Environmental Negotiations Competition—which the law school won in 2005.

Full-Time Faculty

Associate Professor Helen Kang, Director, Clean Air Accountability Project

Professor Alan Ramo, Co-Director of the Environmental Law and Justice Clinic and Director of the LLM in Environmental Law Program

Professor Clifford Rechtschaffen, Co-Director of the Environmental Law and Justice Clinic

Visiting Faculty

Staff Litigation Attorney Brent Plater



“The intellectual property program provides excellent preparation for work as an IP and entertainment lawyer. Also, the network opportunities give students the chance to meet and interact with the Bay Area’s IP/entertainment legal community.”

—Patricia De Fonte (JD 02), Associate, Idell & Seitel

INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY LAW

Courses in Intellectual Property Law include:

Advanced Film and Television Law
Art and the Law
Biotechnology Law
Content Licensing
Copyright Law of the US
Cyberlaw and Privacy
Directed Study
E-Commerce Law
Entertainment Law
Film and Television Law
Intellectual Property Law Survey
Intellectual Property Litigation: Copyright and Trademark
International Intellectual Property Law
Internet and Software Law
International Patent Law
IP Law Moot Court
Negotiating and Drafting Contracts in the Entertainment Business
Patent Application Process from A to Z
Patent Law of the US
Sports Law
Trademark Law of the US

Golden Gate Law’s Intellectual Property Law Program features over two dozen IP-focused courses. Students gain broad theoretical and practical understanding of this rapidly emerging field and can explore its many subfields, including copyright, entertainment, and sports law; Internet and software law; patent and biotechnology law; and trademark and unfair competition law. Students gain extensive understanding of closely related and often overlapping fields of study, such as international law, particularly with respect to cyberlaw.

Certificate of Specialization in Intellectual Property Law

One of Golden Gate Law’s most popular specialization certificates, the Certificate in IP Law lets students develop highly specialized expertise in one of the many subfields in IP law. Students must complete 14 units of focused coursework, which can include a clinical experience, supervised research project, or participation in one of several moot court competitions.

Other Opportunities

[Intellectual Property Law Association](#)

This active student law organization at Golden Gate Law offers many opportunities for networking and participation in conferences and other professional events.

[Intellectual Property Law Conference](#)

Each year, the Intellectual Property Law Program at Golden Gate Law sponsors a conference addressing issues of interest and concern to the IP legal and business community. The conference draws distinguished speakers and is open to all Golden Gate law students, who can help organize the event and make invaluable contacts.

Full-Time Faculty

Associate Professor William Gallagher

Professor Marc Greenberg, Director of the Intellectual Property Law Program

Associate Professor Christian Okeke



Part of the Center for Advanced International Legal Studies at Golden Gate Law, the JD International Legal Studies Program offers in-depth coverage of specialized areas of public and private international law, as well as international trade and comparative law. Students interested in international legal studies at Golden Gate Law may go on to earn an LLM or SJD in international legal studies, programs that have graduated hundreds of students from more than 50 nations.

INTERNATIONAL LEGAL STUDIES

Courses in International Legal Studies include:

Air, Space, and Telecommunications Law
Banking and Financial Institutions Law
Comparative Legal Systems
Current International Legal Problems
Immigration Law
International Business Transactions
International Contracts
International Dispute Resolution
International Human Rights Seminar
International Intellectual Property Law
International Patent Law
International Security & Globalization
International Trade Regulation
Internet and Software Law
Law of International Armed Conflicts
Law of the Sea Seminar
Private International/Conflict of Laws

Certificate of Specialization in International Legal Studies

Students must complete 12 units of Golden Gate International Law courses.

Other Opportunities

Study Abroad

Students specializing in international legal studies may participate in the law school's summer study abroad programs. In the Bangkok program, students study international and comparative law and take courses on international contracts and Pacific Rim issues. In the Paris program, American students study comparative law together with French students in courses taught by noted French and American scholars.

Competitions

Golden Gate Law teams have achieved success at the Jessup International Law Moot Court and Outer Space Moot Court, among others.

Journal

The School of Law publishes the *Annual Survey of International and Comparative Law*, in which students can participate and submit articles for consideration.

Symposium

The School of Law hosts a prestigious annual symposium, the Fulbright Symposium on Current International Legal Issues. Students can participate in organizing the event and meet, learn from, and network with noted scholars from across the globe.

International Law Students Association

This active student organization organizes many social and professional events throughout the year, including lectures from visiting scholars and an annual traditional Thanksgiving dinner.

Full-Time Faculty

Associate Professor Christian Okeke

Professor Jon Sylvester, Associate Dean for Graduate Programs

Distinguished Professor Sompong Sucharitkul,

Associate Dean and Director of the SJD and LLM in International Legal Studies programs

Professor Rachel Van Cleave

LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT LAW

Courses in Labor and Employment Law include:

Alternative Dispute Resolution
Comparative Equality (Civil Rights) Law
Employment Discrimination Law
Employment Law
Gender and the Law
Labor Law
Race and Civil Rights Seminar
Sexual Orientation and the Law
Women's Employment Rights Seminar
Workers' Compensation

Certificate of Specialization in Labor and Employment Law

Students must complete two required courses and four units from elective courses; complete a research paper; and complete two units of practice.

Clinics

Through the on-site Women's Employment Rights Clinic, students can provide legal advice, counseling, and representation to low-income workers in the San Francisco Bay Area. The clinic has achieved many successes over the years, particularly for Latina and Asian-American workers. Students can also gain valuable labor and employment law experience with Golden Gate Law's off-site Public Interest/Government Counsel Clinic.

Full-Time Faculty

Associate Professor Doris Y. Ng, Supervising Clinical Attorney, Women's Employment Rights Clinic

Professor David B. Oppenheimer, Associate Dean for Faculty Development

Professor Marci Seville, Director of the Women's Employment Rights Clinic

LITIGATION

Courses in Litigation include:

Alternative Dispute Resolution
Civil Litigation: Pre-Trial Phase
Courtroom as Theatre
Criminal Litigation
Lawyering Skills: Client Advocacy
Mock Trial Basic
Moot Court Competition
Trial Advocacy

Certificate of Specialization in Litigation

Students must complete 14 units in approved litigation courses, including the required Trial Advocacy and Mock Trial Basic courses and either Civil Litigation: Pre-Trial Phase or Criminal Litigation. Clinical placements with significant litigation activity are highly encouraged.

Other Opportunities

Competitions

Students have made strong showings at prestigious competitions in recent years, including the Stanford Invitational Mock Trial, San Francisco Trial Lawyers Association, and National Mock Trial competitions.

Full-Time Faculty

Professor Emeritus Allan Brotsky

Professor Robert Calhoun, Dean for Academic Affairs

Professor Morton Cohen

Professor Myron Moskovitz, Director of the Landlord-Tenant Clinic and director of the Appellate Advocacy Institute

Professor David B. Oppenheimer, Associate Dean for Faculty Development

Professor Susan Rutberg, Director, Criminal Litigation Clinic

Professor Bernard L. Segal, Director, Litigation Program



“Through [GGU’s] Civil Practice Clinic, I worked for the East Bay firm of Fitzgerald, Abbott & Beardsley, LLP. I found a mentor in fellow GGU alum Timothy Smallsreed (JD 77), who has continued to monitor and guide my professional growth for the past five years.”

—Gayle N. Williams (JD 01), Staff Attorney, Domestic Relations, Legal Services Alabama

PUBLIC INTEREST LAW

Golden Gate University School of Law is one of the top public interest law schools in the nation and employs a full-time public interest law advisor. Many courses, programs, and clinics are especially designed to serve students interested in going on to work in the public sector.

Courses in Public Interest Law include:

Birmingham Civil Rights Cases Seminar
Children and the Law
Comparative Equality (Civil Rights) Law
Criminal Litigation
Employment Discrimination
Environmental Law and Policy
Gender and the Law
Immigration and Refugee Policy Seminar
Mental Disorders and the Law
Sexual Orientation and the Law
Wrongful Convictions

Certificate of Specialization in Public Interest Law

This certificate requires 14 units of specialized coursework, 150 hours of supervised legal work in a public interest or government setting, and 25 hours of community service.

Clinical Training in Public Interest Law

Students can gain direct experience in their particular area of interest working with Golden Gate Law’s on-site Environmental Law and Justice Clinic and Women’s Employment Rights Clinic or off-site field-placement clinics, including the Civil Practice Clinic, Criminal Litigation Clinic, Family Law Clinic, Environmental Law Clinic, Immigration and Refugee Policy Clinic, Landlord-Tenant Law Clinic, Public Interest/Government Counsel Clinic, and Tax-Aid Clinic.

Other Opportunities

Scholarships and LRAP

Each year, entering law students are chosen as Public Interest Scholars, receiving a \$5000 annual scholarship and funding for one full-time public interest or government internship while in law school. Golden Gate Law is one of the few US law schools to pay the employer’s portion of a work-study award for students working for public interest organizations and government agencies. The School hosts an annual Public Interest Law Foundation (PILF) fundraising auction that in 2006 raised over \$30,000 for public interest law students. And the Loan Repayment Assistance Program (LRAP) offers generous grants to graduates employed in low-paying public interest jobs.

Public Interest/Public Sector Legal Careers Day

This annual job fair draws over 100 public interest and government employers to San Francisco.

Full-Time Faculty

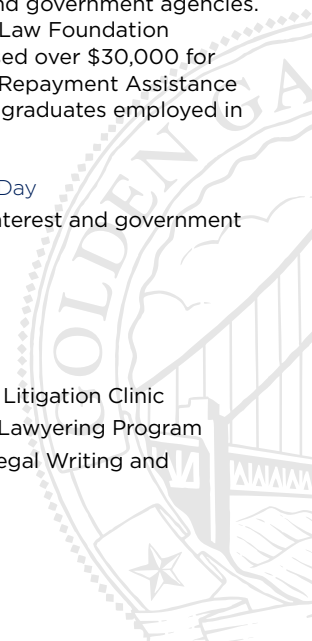
Associate Professor Michele Benedetto

Professor Morton Cohen

Professor Susan Rutberg, Director, Criminal Litigation Clinic

Professor Marc Stickgold, Director, Honors Lawyering Program

Professor Michael A. Zamperini, Director, Legal Writing and Research Program





“I would highly recommend the tax certificate for those who have an interest in tax law. I found the corporate tax classes, as well as the overall program, both intellectually challenging and stimulating. In addition, the tax certificate has given me a leg up in finding employment in the Bay Area, as the program is widely respected.”

—Sean R. Kenney (JD 06)

TAXATION

Courses in Taxation include:

Bankruptcy Taxation
Consolidated Returns
Corporate Taxation
Estate & Gift Taxation
Federal Income Taxation
Federal Tax Crimes
Federal Tax Procedure
Income Taxation of Trusts & Estates
International Taxation
Marital Taxation
Partnership Tax
Practical Accounting for Tax Attorneys
Principles of Valuation
Probate Procedures & Litigation
Tax Exempt Organizations
Tax Litigation
Timing of Income & Expenditures

Golden Gate Law's Taxation Program is one of the preeminent tax law programs in the Western United States. Studying under experienced faculty, students gain a solid foundation in the basics of federal, state and local taxation as well as real estate, partnership, corporate, and international tax law and are encouraged to branch out into areas of particular interest, including business taxation, estate planning, or employee benefits.

Certificate of Specialization in Taxation

Students must complete 14 units of core courses and electives. Many go on to earn an advanced degree (LLM) in Taxation; those who do can apply up to 9 units of related tax coursework to the LLM in Taxation Program.

Tax-Aid Clinic

Students can earn up to two credits for voluntary participation, following mandatory training, in the Tax-Aid Clinic at Golden Gate Law, offered in the spring semester on a “credit/no credit” basis. The Tax-Aid Clinic is operated in conjunction with Tax-Aid, a nonprofit organization with centers in San Francisco, Oakland, East Palo Alto, Redwood City, and San Rafael. Many taxation students also gain practical experience at Golden Gate Law through judicial externships, working as unpaid law clerks with the Probate Department of the California Superior Court.

Other Opportunities

Both the School of Law and Golden Gate University's School of Taxation offer innumerable tax-related programs throughout the year, including several hosted by the Young Tax Lawyers' Association.

Full-Time Faculty

Professor Allan Cadgene

Professor Marci Kelly

Associate Professor Kimberly Stanley, Associate Dean and Director of the LLM in Taxation Program

BUSINESS LAW

Courses in Business Law include:

Antitrust
Bankruptcy Law
Business Associations
Business Planning
Commercial Finance
Corporate Taxation
International Business Transactions
International Trade Regulation
Sales
Securities Regulation

Certificate of Specialization in Business Law

Students must supplement the required Business Associations class with at least six other business law courses, including three from either the Domestic or International tracks.

Other Opportunities

Students interested in business, corporate, and commercial law may gain practical experience through the Civil Practice, Real Estate, and Tax-Aid clinics, among others.

Full-Time Faculty

Associate Professor Michele Benedetto

Professor Roger Bernhardt

Associate Professor Marc H. Greenberg, Director, LLM in Intellectual Property Program

Professor Janice E. Kosel

Professor Jon H. Sylvester, Associate Dean for Graduate Programs

Visiting Faculty

Assistant Professor Joseph Lavitt

Employers often remark that Golden Gate Law produces students “who know where the courthouse is.” They also know what to do inside the courtroom, thanks to the School of Law’s simulation opportunities in the Moot Court Room and beyond.

Courses in Criminal Law include:

Comparative Criminal Procedure
Criminal Litigation Clinic
Criminal Procedure I and II
Domestic Violence Seminar
Mock Trial Basic
Moot Court Competition
Trial Advocacy
Wrongful Convictions

CRIMINAL LAW

Certificate of Specialization in Criminal Law

In addition to the required Criminal Law, Criminal Procedure I, and Evidence courses, students must complete at least 13 additional units in criminal law courses.

Clinics

Through the Criminal Litigation Clinic, students work as law clerks and for state and federal prosecutors and defense attorneys.

Other Opportunities

Competitions

Students have made strong showings at prestigious competitions in recent years including the Stanford Invitational Mock Trial, San Francisco Trial Lawyers Association, and National Mock Trial competitions.

Full-Time Faculty

Professor Robert Calhoun, Dean for Academic Affairs

Professor and Dean Emeritus Peter Keane

Professor Myron Moskovitz, Director of the Landlord-Tenant Clinic and director of the Appellate Advocacy Institute

Professor Susan Rutberg, Director, Criminal Litigation Clinic

Professor Bernard L. Segal, Director, Litigation Program

Professor Rachel Van Cleave

Honors Lawyering Program

Incoming students with notable academic and extracurricular achievements can apply to participate in Golden Gate Law's unique Honors Lawyering Program. In this enhanced three-year program, students can take their specialization interests to a higher level through apprenticeships, smaller classes during the summer, and special networking opportunities.

For details about all of Golden Gate Law's programs and Certificates of Specialization, including complete course and faculty listings, visit the School of Law website at www.ggu.edu/law.

For more information contact Golden Gate University School of Law Office of Admissions:

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Fax: 415-442-6631

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Website: www.ggu.edu/law

Mail: Office of Admissions, 536 Mission Street, San Francisco, CA 94105-2968

Golden Gate University School of Law is fully accredited by the American Bar Association (ABA) and is a member in good standing of the Association of American Law Schools. In December 2005 the ABA placed Golden Gate Law's accreditation on probationary status because of a low first-time passage rate on the California bar exam. While on probation, the law school remains fully ABA accredited, and all students who enter and/or graduate during this period are considered to have graduated from an ABA-accredited law school. Golden Gate Law is committed to supporting the academic achievement and success of our students. The Law School faculty has implemented an extensive bar passage improvement program and is working with the ABA to satisfy all accreditation standards.

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

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