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GOLDEN GATE UNIVERSITY
SCHOOL OF LAW

CLASS OF
2018
COMMENCEMENT



*Monday, the Fourteenth of May
Two Thousand Eighteen
Louise M. Davies Symphony Hall
San Francisco
Seven O'Clock PM*

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Program

GREETING

Anthony Niedwiecki, Dean
Golden Gate University School of Law

WELCOME & ALUMNI WELCOME

Dr. David J. Fike, President
Golden Gate University
Randy Merk (MBA 85), Chair
Golden Gate University Board of Trustees

STUDENT FAREWELL

Renei Anne Caballes
JD Program Class of 2018

COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS

Lateefah Simon
President, Akonadi Foundation

ROBERT CALHOUN AWARD

Outstanding Professor

Mark Yates
*Associate Dean of Academic Affairs
& Professor of Law*

JUSTICE JESSE W. CARTER AWARD

Faculty Scholarship

Samuel Ernst
Associate Professor of Law

J. LANI BADER AWARD

Academic Excellence

Camille Frausto
JD Program Class of 2018

ROSE ELIZABETH BIRD AWARD

Professionalism and Integrity

Amber Briana Bryant Hudson
JD Program Class of 2018

PAUL S. JORDAN ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

Service and Contribution

Cesilia Fernandez
& Ryan Ken Ng
JD Program Class of 2018

CONFERRAL OF ACADEMIC AWARDS

Anthony Niedwiecki, Dean

CONFERRAL OF DEGREES

Anthony Niedwiecki, Dean
Hooding 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
Master of Laws (LLM) in Intellectual Property Law
Dual Master of Laws (LLM) in Taxation & 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

Anthony Niedwiecki, Dean

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

Karaman Mamand Faraj
Murat Can Pehlivanoglu
Atoosa Zeinali

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

Katherine Stockton

**MASTER OF LAWS (LLM) IN
ESTATE PLANNING, TRUST & PROBATE LAW CANDIDATES**

Natalie M. Lupo
Edward A. McDonald III
Anne Reilly
Megan Suzanne Smith
Christina Nalchajian Whitley

**DUAL MASTER OF LAWS (LLM) IN
IN TAXATION & ESTATE PLANNING, TRUST & PROBATE LAW CANDIDATES**

Derek L. Berg
Alicia M. Gamez
Evan Nathan Gologorsky
Yuka Merritt
Grace A. Power

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

Kelvin Prince T. Amorighoye
Agung Gumelar Sumenda

**MASTER OF LAWS (LLM) IN
INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY LAW CANDIDATES**

Ingrid Bruyas
Danping Feng

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

Andre T. Andoyan
Leoangelo C. Cristobal
Christopher Karum Donis
Marianna Felshtiner
Sydney Alaina Frangieh
Javier Baldemar Garcia
James W. Hull
Stephanie Mazzoncini
Daniel L. Moore
Monisha Oshtory
Yasmeen Saba Quraishi
Daniel R. Redman

**MASTER OF LAWS (LLM) IN
UNITED STATES LEGAL STUDIES CANDIDATES**

Drielle Carvalho Bennett
Karaman Mamand Faraj
Hiyam N. Hassan
Olga Konschuh
Sarah Neumann

Golden Gate University School of Law and the Class of 2018 wish to recognize the 2018 Graduation Committee for its hard work, enthusiasm, and dedication in helping coordinate Commencement and other graduation events.

The 2018 Graduation Committee members are:
Danielle Allison (JD), Cesilia Fernandez (JD),
Kelsey Lee O'Rourke (JD), and Ryan Ken Ng (JD).

DOCTOR OF JURISPRUDENCE (JD) CANDIDATES

Eva S. Able-Thomas ❖

Mason J. Aguirre ◆

Patrick M. Alegre

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Aren J.T. Ash ▲❖○

Annie B. Banh ▲●❖❖

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Sophie C. Benhamou ◆❖

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Amber Briana Bryant Hudson

Renei Anne Caballes *▲❖○❖

Julia Chernova ●❖

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Jamie Paige Cooperman †▲❖○❖

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Valorraine C. Dattan

Jordan Ashley Davis

Alexis Renise Debose ❖❖

Veronica Rocio Diaz ❖

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Harris Emran ◆❖

Lauren Bianca Fazio

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Rachael A. Fickes-Gordon *▲○❖

Alyssa M. Fielding ▲◆❖

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Sandra K. Khishen

Jacqueline N. Khong ❖❖

Natalie F. Lakosil †▲❖○❖❖

Lindsey Marie Lepire ◆❖

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Crystal Mendoza-Velarde ◆❖

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Eben G. Olvera

Christina Ontiveros ○

Kelsey Lee O'Rourke ❖❖❖

Emily Jaya Persaud ❖

Matthew Polk ❖

Zachary Scott Porter ◆

Nathan Lyle Putney ▲

Viridiana Raya ❖

Gary G. Rudholm ❖

Shane B. Sagisi ❖

Ishtar Saiyady ❖

Kenneth A. Seligson †▲❖○❖

Yubeixi (Bessy) Shi

Eric Stoeger

M. Tyler Sullivan ❖❖

Xiaohua Tang

DOCTOR OF JURISPRUDENCE (JD) CANDIDATES (CONT.)

Ling-Ching (Lulu) Tseng ◆‡

Caitlin Abille Verano ‡

Stephanie L. Veridiano ◇

Gilberto Villicaña, Jr

Anhthu T. Vu

Andrew Joel Walters

Alexander Weber ✚

Katherine Wilde ✚◇

Tai Yamanaka

Jong K. Yoon

Jonathan J. Zimmermann ◆‡

Key to JD Candidates

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|---|--------------------------------|---|--|
| ✱ | 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 2018**

ACADEMIC AWARDS

Academic Excellence in Corporate and Commercial Law

Jong K. Yoon

Academic Excellence in Criminal Law

Natalie F. Lakosil

Matthew Polk

Academic Excellence in Environmental Law

Elena Mara Idell

Academic Excellence in Family Law

Jamie Paige Cooperman

Grotius Award for Academic Excellence in International Law

Ana Allec

Academic Excellence in Labor and Employment Law

Annie B. Banh

Academic Excellence in Litigation

Alyssa M. Fielding

Nathan Lyle Putney

Academic Excellence in Tax Law

Xiaohua Tang

Scribes American Society of Legal Writers Award

Renei Anne Caballes

Natalie F. Lakosil

Rachael A. Fickes-Gordon

Kenneth A. Seligson

Accilya Garduno

Outstanding LLM in Estate Planning Student Award

Anne Reilly

Outstanding LLM in International Legal Studies Student Award

Kelvin Prince T. Amorighoye

Outstanding LLM in Taxation Student Award

Daniel L. Moore

Outstanding LLM in US Legal Studies Student Award

Olga Korschuh

SPECIAL AWARDS

ALI CLE Scholarship and Leadership Award

Crystal Mendoza-Velarde

Allan and Muriel Brotsky Pro Bono Award

Natalie F. Lakosil

Dean's Award for Scholarship and Leadership

Jamie Paige Cooperman

Renei Anne Caballes

Gregory Allen Egertson Award for Outstanding Staff Member

Usha Manandhar

Honors Lawyering Program Outstanding Student Award

Jessica J. Bennett

International Academy of Trial Lawyers Student Advocacy Award

Alyssa M. Fielding

Jon H. Sylvester Award for Diversity and Leadership

Ryan Ken Ng

Law Journal Award for Dedication and Excellence

Jamie Paige Cooperman

Elena Mara Idell

Most Significant Contribution to the Litigation Center Award

Zachary Scott Porter

Outstanding Achievement in Public Interest Law

Julie Chernova

RECIPIENTS OF LAW SCHOOL NAMED & MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIPS

(In alphabetical order by scholarship name)

Alumni Association Endowed Scholarship

Annie B. Banh

Anne Marie Bourgeois Scholarship

Eva S. Able-Thomas

Anthony J. Pagano Dean's Merit Scholarship

Jessica J. Bennett

Jonathan J. Zimmermann

Cesilia Fernandez

Barbara Matthews Memorial Law Scholarship

Annie B. Banh

Catherine Sherburne-Thompson Endowed Scholarship

Minna M. Fernan

Cruse Law Scholarship

Kelsey Lee O'Rourke

M. Tyler Sullivan

Environmental Law Scholarship

Elena Mara Idell

Frederick W. Bradley Endowed Scholarship

Madison Juschin

Handlery Endowed Scholarship

Harris Emran

Lindsey Marie Lepire

Helen A. and John A. Gorfinkel Endowed Scholarship

Natalie F. Lakosil

Hugh Geoffrey Major Endowed Women's Law Scholarship

Sophie C. Benhamou

John Davids Endowed Scholarship
Renei Anne Caballes

Joseph and Ruth Zukor Memorial Scholarship

Eva S. Able-Thomas
Sophie C. Benhamou
Julia Chernova
Nicholas W. Dahl
Minna M. Fernan

Elena Mara Idell
Crystal Mendoza-Velarde
Emily Jaya Persaud
Jong K. Yoon

Joseph R. and June B. Rensch Endowed Scholarship

Gregory Alan Jackson, Jr.
Kawika D. Kaulukukui

Yubeixi (Bessy) Shi
Jong K. Yoon

Kathryn E. Ringgold Endowed Scholarship

Eva S. Able-Thomas

Alexis Renise Debose

Laughlin, Falbo, Levy & Moresi Book Scholarship

Julia Chernova

Cesilia Fernandez

Law School Fund Scholarship

Nicholas W. Dahl
Rachael A. Fickes-Gordon

Natalie F. Lakosil

Linda Caputo Memorial Scholarship

Jessica J. Bennett

Louis Garcia Memorial Scholarship

Ana Allec

Louie Sbarbaro Endowed Law Scholarship

Zachary Scott Porter

Martin S. Cohen Endowed Memorial Scholarship

Jamie Paige Cooperman

Masud Mehran Endowed Fellowship

Matthew Polk

Michael A. Zamperini / W. Clay Burchell Endowed Scholarship

Eden Cheryl Bautista

Paul S. Jordan Endowed Law Scholarship

Jessica J. Bennett

Rachael A. Fickes-Gordon

Phillip Burton Endowed Law Scholarship

Sophie C. Benhamou
Jessica A. Herrera

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Richard W. Johnson Memorial Endowed Scholarship

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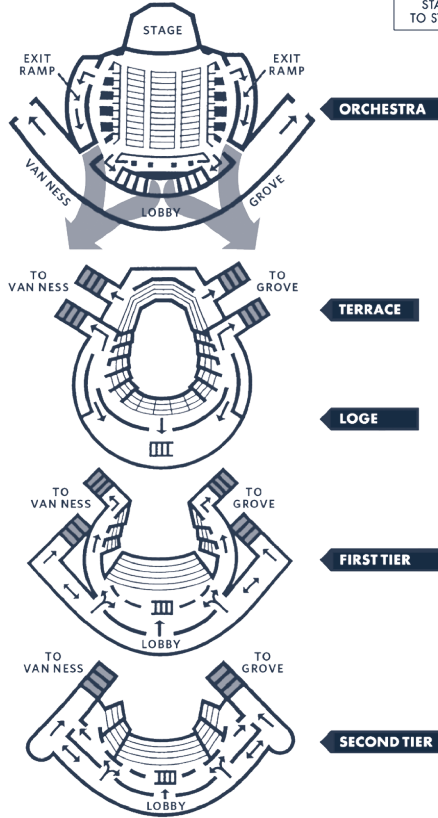
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