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## 2019 Commencement Program

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GOLDEN GATE UNIVERSITY  
SCHOOL OF LAW

CLASS OF  
2019  
COMMENCEMENT



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

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# Program

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**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**  
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**STUDENT FAREWELL**

**Roxana Araujo**  
*JD Program Class of 2019*

**COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS**

**Diana Becton**  
*District Attorney, Contra Costa County*

**ROBERT CALHOUN AWARD**

*Outstanding Professor*

**Helen Chang**  
*Professor of Law*

**JUSTICE JESSE W. CARTER AWARD**

*Faculty Scholarship*

**Hina Shah**  
*Professor of Law*

**J. LANI BADER AWARD**

*Academic Excellence*

**Nicholas Bilof**  
*JD Program Class of 2019*

**ROSE ELIZABETH BIRD AWARD**

*Professionalism and Integrity*

**Joseph Alvarez**  
*JD Program Class of 2019*

**PAUL S. JORDAN ACHIEVEMENT AWARD**

*Service and Contribution*

**Joseph Alvarez**  
*JD Program Class of 2019*

**ALI CLE SCHOLARSHIP  
AND LEADERSHIP AWARD**

**Jamal Jackson**  
*JD Program Class of 2019*

**DEAN'S AWARD FOR SCHOLARSHIP  
AND LEADERSHIP**

**Danielle Allison,  
Holly Graves,  
& Alicyn Whitley**  
*JD Program Class of 2019*

**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

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

Golden Gate University School of Law and the Class of 2019 wish to recognize the 2019 Graduation Committee for its hard work, enthusiasm, and dedication in helping coordinate Commencement and other graduation events.

The 2019 Graduation Committee members are:  
Danielle Allison, Kyndal Currie, Stephanie Filice,  
Zildghean Lamas, Jessica Robles and Olivia Slippy.

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

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Yrene Abanie  
Quang Chau  
Mohammed Lateef Hama Ali  
Samuel Uchenna Ogbu-Nwobodo  
Akunna U C Prince-Oparaku

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

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Tamunotonye Oreoluwa Doherty  
Karen Lynn Prodromo

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

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Blessed Ebo-ojor Adodo

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

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Feven Asmerom  
Samuel Castro  
Francisco Javier Garcia Itza  
Bulent Gok  
Stephanie Altounian Kassighian  
Misa Mujevic Dzodic  
Çağil Yılmaz

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

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Donatella Gomez Paloma  
Rajinder Singh

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

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Michael G. Bland  
Beth Fai Chagonjian  
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Nicole Suraci-Nguyen

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

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Amir V. Adibi  
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Rayelle D. Sabo  
Megan Rebekah Torell

## DOCTOR OF JURISPRUDENCE (JD) CANDIDATES

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Daniel Francis Alper ‡▲✧●□  
Joseph C. Alvarez ✧✧✧  
Roxana Jasmin Araujo ◆□†  
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Ramon E. Barba ✧  
Kelly L. Barnett ✧  
Matthew D. Besant ‡▲✧✧  
Nicholas G. Bilof ✧✧▲◆●□✧†  
Maneesha K. Birdee ●✧✧†✧  
Ezekiel Bottorff ✧✧†  
Timothy U. Bradford ✧✧  
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Jessie Julian Burgueño ✧  
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Kevin Ku ✧✧  
Zildghean S. Lamas ✧✧  
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Elba Gisele Martinez  
Shawn McCall ▲◆○  
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Frank B. Myhre-Nunes  
Stephanie C. Nathaniel ✧○✧  
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Christopher S. Nichols ■◆  
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Hugo Ortega Jr. ✧

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 Giorgio O. Panagos †  
 Mackenzie Parker ◆★\*†  
 Christopher F. Price ▲♣◇  
 Jazzy S. Quintana Ratzler ◆†  
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 Jared K. Rahming  
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 Jessica A. Rivera  
 Rocio Rodriguez □  
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 Nastasha P. Sameem  
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 Robert S. Shaw ◆◇\*❖†  
 Rebecca Shawar-Quintero ★❖✕  
 Visley Ferreira Silva ◇\*  
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Daniel L. Sorkin ○  
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 Corey Michelle Timpson \*▲♣○❖✕  
 Yesenia Tovar ◇  
 Guadalupe Belen Vidales Magaña  
 Cecile Vue ♣  
 Sabine S. Wakim ▲†  
 Adam E. Wayne \*▲♣○  
 Alicyn B. Whitley ‡▲○✕  
 Andrey Yuen Woo □\*✕  
 Katherine M. Zarchikoff ▲◆

Key to JD Candidates

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|--|---|
| ❖ Top GPA                                      | □ Environmental Law and Justice Clinic (ELJC) |
| * Highest Honors                               | ◇ Pro-Bono Tax Clinic                         |
| ‡ Honors                                       | ★ Pro-Bono Honor Society                      |
| ▲ Jesse Carter Society                         | * Veterans Legal Advocacy Center (VLAC)       |
| ♣ Honors Lawyering Program (HLP)               | ❖ Women's Employment Right's Clinic           |
| ■ JD/MBA                                       | † Mock Trial Graduates                        |
| ◆ 1st STEP                                     | ✕ Moot Court Board                            |
| ● <i>Golden Gate Environmental Law Journal</i> |   |
| ○ <i>Golden Gate University Law Review</i>     |   |



## ACADEMIC AWARDS

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Academic Excellence in Corporate and Commercial Law

**Joseph Alvarez**

Academic Excellence in Criminal Law

**Nicholas Bilof**

Academic Excellence in Environmental Law

**Andreya Woo**

Academic Excellence in Family Law

**Jessie Burgueno**

**Jenna Gottlieb**

Grotius Award for Academic Excellence in International Law

**Karen Prodromo**

Academic Excellence in Labor and Employment Law

**Lauren Ocadiz**

Academic Excellence in Litigation

**Nicholas Bilof**

Academic Excellence in Tax Law

**Rikus Linschoten**

Academic Excellence in Intellectual Property Law

**Raisa Dyadkina**

Scribes American Society of Legal Writers Award

**Nicholas Bilof**

**Jaron Lines**

**Kiara Canales**

**Maria Cecilia Lopez**

**Aceilya Garduno-Hornes**

Outstanding LLM in International Legal Studies Student Award

**Karen Prodromo**

Outstanding LLM in Taxation Student Award

**Amir Adibi**

Outstanding LLM in US Legal Studies Student Award

**Stephanie Kassighian**

## **SPECIAL AWARDS**

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ALI CLE Scholarship and Leadership Award

**Jamal Jackson**

Allan and Muriel Brotsky Pro Bono Award

**Nicholas Bilof**

Dean's Award for Scholarship and Leadership

**Danielle Allison**

**Alicyn Whitley**

**Holly Graves**

Gregory Allen Egertson Award for Outstanding Staff Member

**Jessica Bride**

Honors Lawyering Program Outstanding Student Award

**Danielle Mohling**

International Academy of Trial Lawyers Student Advocacy Award

**Christine De Leo**

**MacKenzie Parker**

Jon H. Sylvester Award for Diversity and Leadership

**Kiara Canales**

Law Journal Award for Dedication and Excellence

**Julia Morreale**

**Stephanie Nathaniel**

Most Significant Contribution to the Litigation Center Award

**Jason Schmaltz**

Outstanding Achievement in Public Interest Law

**Katherine Stanford**

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

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*(In alphabetical order by scholarship name)*

Anthony J. Pagano Dean's Merit Scholarship  
**Holly Graves**

Barbara Matthews Memorial Law Scholarship  
**Danielle Gray**

Cruse Memorial Law Endowed Scholarship  
**Matthew Besant** **Nicholas Bilof**

Joseph and Ruth Zukor Memorial Scholarship  
**Yan Huang** **Hugo Ortega Jr.**  
**Dina Nehme**

Joseph R. and June B. Rensch Endowed Scholarship  
**Kiara Canales**

Kevin Connell Memorial Scholarship  
**Jason Schmaltz**

Paul S. Jordan Endowed Law Scholarship  
**Azita Rahim** **Guadalupe Belen Vidales Magaña**

Phillip Burton Endowed Law Scholarship  
**Jamal Jackson** **Lauren Havi Ocadiz**

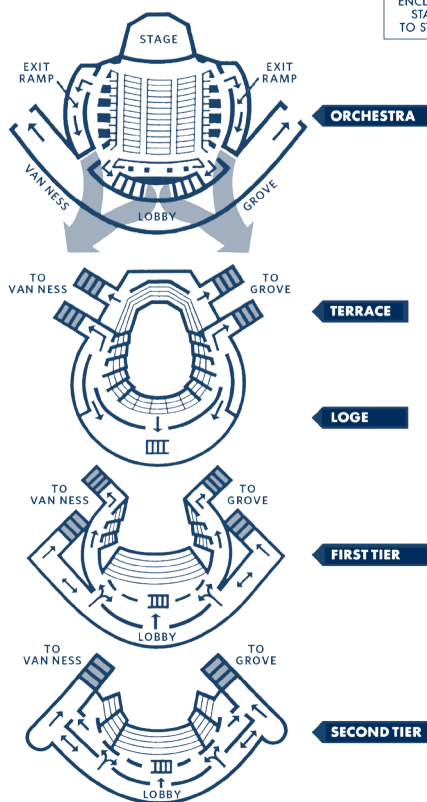
Richard W. Johnson Memorial Endowed Scholarship  
**Yesenia Tovar**

Wallace Scott & Lena Lee Myers Endowed Law Scholarship  
**Andrew Diaz**

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