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**GOLDEN GATE UNIVERSITY
SCHOOL OF LAW**

LL.M. IN ENVIRONMENTAL LAW



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Director's Message



Welcome to the Golden Gate University School of Law LL.M. program in environmental law. This program provides a unique opportunity to combine advanced study of U.S. and international environmental law with the practical experience of handling complex environmental cases through our innovative Environmental Law and Justice Clinic.

Our program features a blend of academic study, writing, and practical skills training. LL.M. students can choose from a broad range of environmental law courses including Water Law, Urban Environmental Law, Land Use Regulation, International Trade and Environmental Protection, Global Climate Change, and Environmental Justice. Students may also work closely with Golden Gate faculty and practicing attorneys to research, investigate, and prepare publishable papers on leading environmental issues.

This program provides a unique opportunity to combine advanced study of U.S. and international environmental law with the practical experience of handling complex environmental cases.

The program provides opportunities to develop professional skills and create bonds with practitioners in the field. Our mentoring program places students in government agencies, private firms, and public interest organizations for credit. The Environmental Law and Justice Clinic represents residents of low-income communities and communities of color burdened by environmental hazards. LL.M. candidates have the option of working in the clinic on cases chosen specifically for them. Through this work, they confront cutting-edge pollution and regulatory issues while gaining valuable practical experience.

On a typical day, an LL.M. student may attend a seminar on endangered species in the morning and argue about the Clean Water Act before a governmental agency in the afternoon. On another day, the student may attend a seminar with fellow LL.M. candidates debating the role of federal and state regulatory agencies and then spend the rest of the day researching and writing an advanced paper on the conflicts between market controls and environmental justice. Other days may be spent enjoying the natural and urban wonders of the San Francisco Bay Area or working at a part-time job.

The LL.M. program is designed for recent law graduates who would like to practice environmental law and need specialized training, practicing attorneys who wish to move into environmental law practice or a different environmental law specialty, and international students who wish to explore the development of environmental law in the United States. The program is available for part-time or full-time students beginning in August or January.

Come join our well-respected faculty and dedicated students working in this exciting and ever-changing field of law.

Alan Ramo
Director, LL.M. in Environmental Law Program

The University and the Law School

Golden Gate University is a private, nonprofit institution of higher education and a major center for professional study in the fields of law, management, business, and technology. It is accredited by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges.

The School of Law, founded in 1901, is one of the oldest law schools in the western United States. It is fully accredited by the American Bar Association and the Committee of Bar Examiners of the State of California and is a member of the Association of American Law Schools.

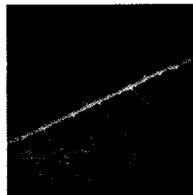
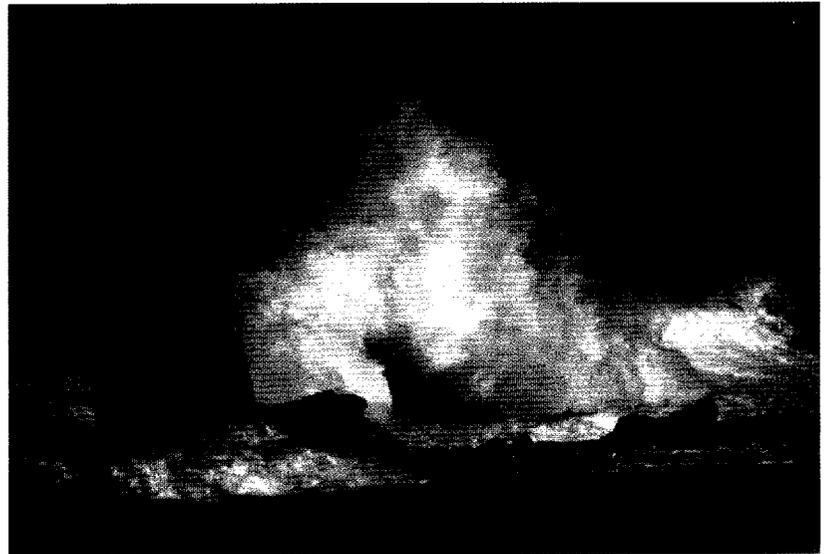
Students at Golden Gate come from across the United States and from a number of foreign nations. They represent a wide spectrum of ethnic, economic, and cultural backgrounds.

Contact us to request materials describing the following programs:

- Summer Study Abroad
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Overview & Requirements

The LL.M. program in environmental law is designed to provide in-depth study of environmental law combined with practical training with attorneys in the field. Courses are offered on a semester basis.

LL.M. Degree Requirements

The LL.M. program in environmental law is open to full-time and part-time students. To complete the LL.M., a student must earn 24 semester hours of credit over two semesters for full-time students or four semesters for part-time students. All LL.M. students must complete the program within four years of the date of matriculation.

LL.M. students must maintain a cumulative grade point average of 2.5 on a 4.0 scale. The grade scale is:

A 4.0 B 3.0 C 2.0 D 1.0
A- 3.5 B- 2.5 C- 1.5 F 0.0

Students with a grade point average of 3.5 or above graduate with honors.



Transfer of Credits

Students who have taken environmental courses while attending the Golden Gate J.D. program may apply up to 6 units to the LL.M. program. Students enrolled in another Golden Gate University LL.M. program may apply up to 6 units of credit with permission of the director.

Students who attended another law school may also transfer up to 6 units of environmental law coursework to the LL.M. program, if the director determines that the courses are substantially similar to course offerings in Golden Gate's LL.M. program.

Required Courses

All students are required to take one semester of the LL.M. Environmental Law Seminar (3 units) and at least two of the four core courses listed below:

Course	Units
Environmental Law and Policy	3
International Environmental Law Seminar	3
Public Natural Resources and Land Law	3
Toxics Law and Policy	3

Elective Courses

LL.M. students earn the remaining 15 units by enrolling in courses selected from elective courses, such as those listed below.

Course	Units
California Environmental and Natural Resources Law	3
Clean Air Act Seminar	2
Directed Study	1-3
Energy, Electricity Deregulation, and Environmental Law	3
Environmental Justice Seminar	3
Environmental Law and Justice Clinic	3-6
Environmental Law Clinic	2-4
Environmental Practice	2
Global Climate Change Seminar	2
International Trade and Environmental Protection	2
Introduction to the U.S. Legal System	3
Land Use Regulation	3
Regulatory Takings and Environmental Law	1
Urban Environmental Law and Policy	2
Water Law	3

LL.M. Writing Requirement

To complete the LL.M. program, each student is required to complete a satisfactory thesis/analytical paper as part of the LL.M. Environmental Law Seminar.

Admissions

Admission to the LL.M. in environmental law program is determined by the program director. American students must have a J.D. from an ABA-accredited law school or be a member of a state bar. Applicants must either be in the top half of their class or have a demonstrated background in environmental law. Applicants who have graduated from non-U.S. law schools must demonstrate academic credentials comparable to those of American law school graduates.

Application Deadlines

Deadlines for filing the LL.M. admissions application are:

- July 1, for starting in the fall.
- November 1, for starting in the spring.

Late applications will be considered if program space permits.

Documents Required

No decision can be made until the application and all supporting documents have been received by the program director. The following materials must be submitted:

- Official application for admission (see page 19)
- \$45 application fee
- Personal statement (see description on application form)
- Official law school transcripts (translated, if not in English)
- Certification of Finances and TOEFL score or equivalence (non-U.S. students only).

Application Form and Fee

The application form is on pages 19–20. Each application must be accompanied by a nonrefundable \$45 fee in the form of a check or money order payable to Golden Gate University. The applicant's full name should be written on the front.

Personal Statement

The personal statement allows the applicant to present credentials in nonstatistical terms. The applicant may discuss reasons for seeking an LL.M. Of particular interest are the applicant's environmental law experiences, either as a student or a practitioner.

The applicant is encouraged to discuss how a degree in environmental law will further his or her goals and contribute to the legal community. The personal statement provides an opportunity for applicants who may not meet the program's standard admission criteria to set forth any factors that may be important to the admissions committee's decision. The statement should be no longer than three double-spaced, typed, 8.5-x-11-inch (or A4) pages.

Law School Transcripts

From U.S. institutions: Official, original transcripts must be sent directly to the LL.M. in environmental law program.

From overseas institutions: Applicants must provide an original or certified copy of academic records for each year of study. These records must be in the original language issued. If not in English, an official English translation must be provided.

Transcripts should be sent to:

Golden Gate University School of Law
LL.M. in Environmental Law Program
536 Mission Street
San Francisco, CA 94105-2968
USA

Certification of Finances

All non-U.S. students must complete the Certification of Finances form. Applicants may download the form from the School of Law website at www.ggu.edu/law or contact us for a copy.

Letters of Recommendation

Letters of recommendation are not required but will be considered if provided. Letters should be from individuals who are acquainted with the applicant's academic ability or professional accomplishments.

Interview

An interview is not required but is available upon request by the applicant.

Acceptance Deposit

A deposit of \$200 is required of all applicants upon notification of admission. This deposit must be paid when due to avoid cancellation of the admission offer. The deposit is credited toward the initial tuition payment but is otherwise nonrefundable.

For More Information

For more information about the application process, contact the LL.M. in environmental law program coordinator by calling (415) 369-5356 or via email at envirolaw@ggu.edu.

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Admissions (cont.)

Tuition Payment

Tuition and fees are payable in full upon registration. A tuition installment plan and a corporate reimbursement plan are available, with all applicable fees due at the time of registration. Students pay a processing fee for participating in the installment plan. All balances from previous semesters must be paid prior to registration.

Financial Aid

Students seeking information about financial aid should contact the Admissions and Financial Aid Office by calling (415) 442-6630 or via e-mail at lawfao@ggu.edu.

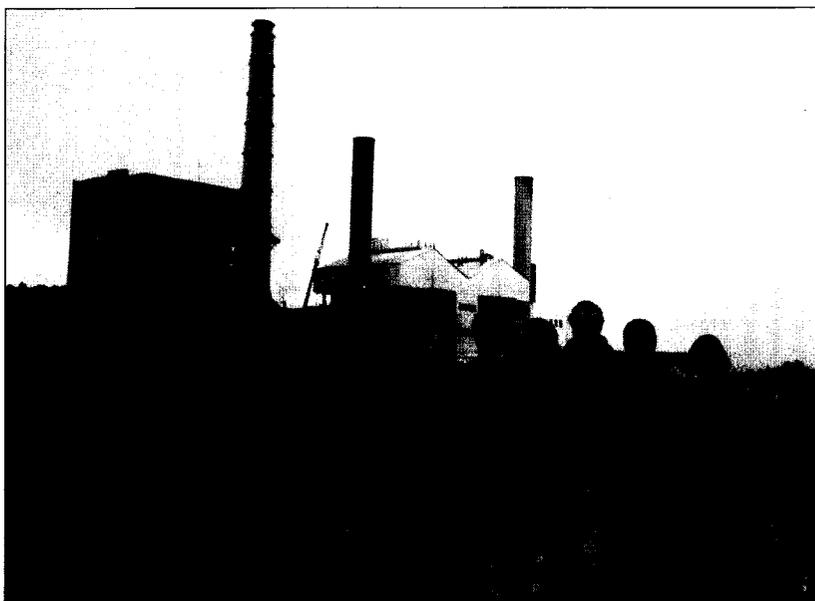
As part of the application review process, all applicants are considered for available need-based and merit-based scholarships.

Non-U.S. students are not eligible for U.S. government-supported financial aid and must make private financing arrangements.

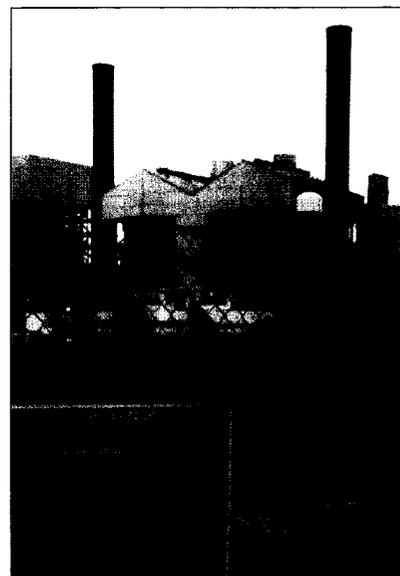
Withdrawal and Refund Policies

Students are enrolled with the understanding that they will complete the entire semester. If a student must withdraw from courses for personal or professional reasons, tuition adjustments will be made on the following basis:

If the student withdraws before or during the first or second week of class, 100% of the tuition will be credited to his or her account; during the third week, 70%; during the fourth week, 50%; after the fourth week, 0%. The acceptance deposit is not refundable.



Students in the Environmental Law and Justice Clinic take a field trip with Professor Ramo to a nearby power plant in San Francisco.



Annual Environmental Law Symposium

Each year, Golden Gate University School of Law holds a day-long symposium on current environmental law issues. One issue of the *Golden Gate University Law Review* is devoted to presentations at this symposium.

No adjustments will be made for late registration, absences from class, leaves of absence for a portion of a semester, or suspensions or dismissals by official action of the university. Fees other than tuition will not be adjusted.

A student may request in writing that a refundable credit balance be returned to him or her. Requests should be sent to the attention of Student Accounting Services. Refunds will be mailed to the address that appears on the student's refund request.

Admissions (cont.)

Special Requirements for Non-U.S. Applicants

Applicants who received their law degrees outside the United States must satisfy the admissions committee of the sufficiency of their academic backgrounds and the proficiency of their English language abilities. Applicants may demonstrate sufficient knowledge of the English language in a variety of ways, including a minimum score of 580 on the TOEFL. The TOEFL institution code for Golden Gate University School of Law is 4329.

International applicants must comply with U.S. immigration laws and regulations. It is the applicant's responsibility to obtain any required visas. All new international students must meet with an international student adviser upon arrival to complete the requirements established by the Bureau of Citizenship and Immigration Services or the Department of State.

All foreign applicants must submit a Certification of Finances form, properly filled out and with accompanying documents. The form may be downloaded at: www.ggu.edu/schools/law/pdf/cert_finances.pdf. (You must have Adobe Acrobat Reader installed on your computer to download the form.)

Students on F or J visas must pay an International Student Services fee of \$90 per semester. They are also required to purchase health insurance each semester. Students who can show proof of a comparable policy can apply for a waiver during the first 14 days of each semester. Waivers and health insurance information are provided through the Office of Admissions and Student Affairs, International

Anil Mehta

An LL.M. Student with a Mission

Anil Mehta was an environmental compliance engineer when a serious accident caused him to lose his left arm. He already had a law degree, earned through night classes while he worked full-time, but he had not planned to practice law. The accident changed his life. He wanted to be like Atticus Finch (in Harper Lee's book, *To Kill a Mockingbird*), "a country lawyer getting justice for low-income people."



Mehta spent 20 months providing pro bono legal services to the poor through the Public Law Center in Orange County, California. He received a number of awards for his work including the 1999 Public Law Center's Attorney of the Year. In September of that year, he received the Pro Bono Service Award from the California State Bar. In 2000, he was one of only two individuals to whom the American Bar Association awarded the ABA Pro Bono Publico Award, given in recognition of outstanding public service.

Mehta had always cared about the environment, but it became his passion, and he decided to pursue environmental law. He graduated from the LL.M. program at Golden Gate University School of Law in 2001 and is now working at the U.S. Department of Transportation.

"The program at Golden Gate is geared toward environmental justice, and the intellectual exchange among faculty and students is very high," he says. "My graduate study helped me realize how deeply environmental law affects day-to-day life. What we do has a profound impact on generations to come."

Admissions and Advising Services; contact that office for more information.

We recommend that applicants from other nations bring with them an extra official transcript and any official document they have received from the courts or bar associations of their home country indicating that they have been admitted to practice

law in that country. These documents are not required for admission to the LL.M. program but may prove useful in obtaining employment or applying to sit for a bar exam in one of several U.S. states. Lawyers admitted to practice in their home country may include such documentation in the application, but it is not required for admission.

Course Descriptions

California Environmental and Natural Resources Law (3 units)

California boasts some of the nation's most spectacular environmental resources and some of its worst environmental problems. It also frequently sets national trends with its cutting-edge pollution control and resource protection laws. This seminar examines some of the state's unique environmental problems and regulatory approaches. Topics that may be covered include the California Coastal Act, state water quality law, the California Forest Practice Act, the public trust doctrine, and the California Endangered Species Act.

Clean Air Act Seminar (2 units)

This seminar covers the core concepts of air pollution control in the United States, with an emphasis on the Clean Air Act amendments of 1990. Class discussions provide students with a working understanding of U.S. air pollution control law and the complex environmental regulatory system.

Directed Study (1-3 units)

Directed Study is an independent study project for LL.M. students done under the supervision of a faculty member or supervising attorney for academic credit. The project can be on any topic agreed to by the student, faculty member or supervising attorney, and the LL.M. program director. Directed Study can be taken for a letter grade or for a Credit/No Credit grade; the grading system must be decided at the time of topic approval. All papers submitted under this program should reflect approximately 70 hours of work per unit of credit.

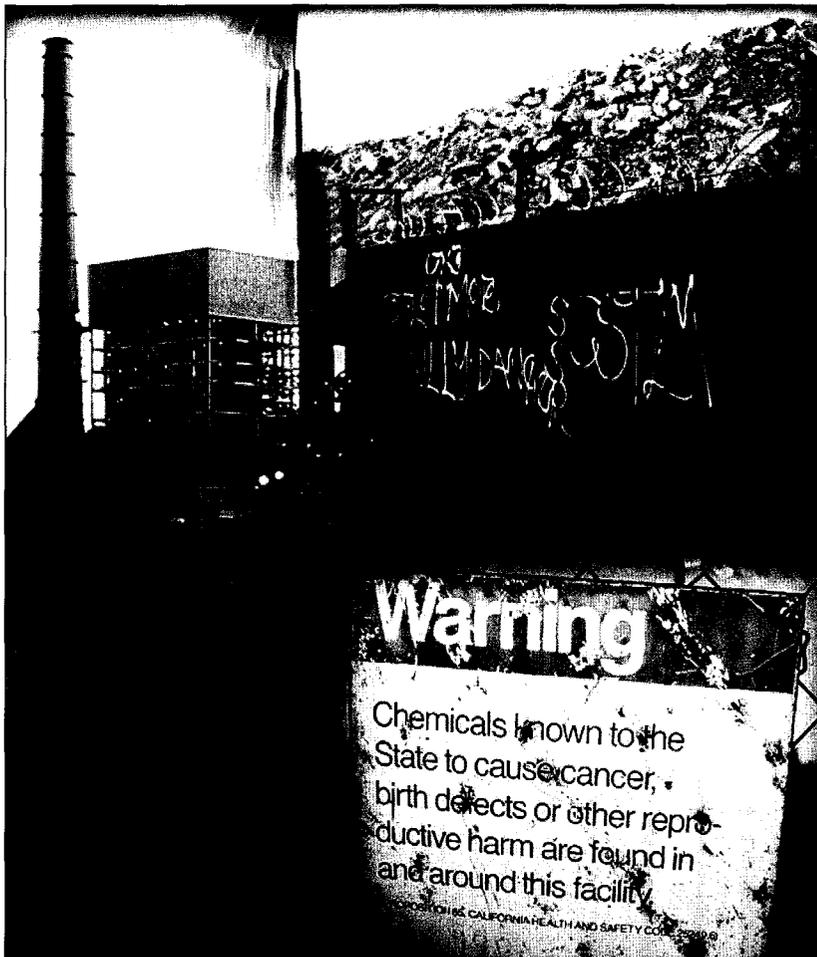
Energy, Electricity Deregulation, and Environmental Law (3 units)

This class is an overview of the legal issues raised in energy sector regulation, which intersects the disciplines of environmental law, natural resources law, and publicly regulated industries. The class studies in detail regulated public utilities and rate structures, specifically in the context of the California power deregulation and the 2001 energy crisis. In addition, the class studies the environmental and regulatory issues relating to water power, coal, oil, solar, and nuclear power. The course also examines the international regulation of petroleum, as well as global climate change

and its impact on the energy sector. This class is of value to students interested in environmental law, natural resources law, water law, administrative law, and international law.

Environmental Justice Seminar (3 units)

Students who choose not to enroll in the Environmental Law and Justice Clinic may take this course, which provides the seminar portion of the clinic and examines the background of the environmental justice movement and legal theories to address environmental injustice.



Course Descriptions (cont.)

Environmental Law and Justice Clinic (see below)

Environmental Law and Policy (3 units)

This course focuses on the federal Clean Water Act, the Clean Air Act, and the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), and the Endangered Species Act. Students explore federal regulatory strategies including technology-based requirements, health-based standards, environmental assessment, and government and citizen enforcement of environmental law, as well as alternatives to traditional

regulation such as market-based incentives and information disclosure laws. Students also learn tools of statutory interpretation.

Environmental Law Clinic (2-4 units)

Students work as externs with governmental agencies, environmental organizations, public interest groups, or private attorneys active in the field of environmental law.

Students also participate in a weekly seminar designed to provide them with practical skills and enable them to reflect on their cases and work experiences.

Environmental Law LL.M. Seminar (3 units)

These seminars explore—in depth—leading issues in environmental law practice and provide an opportunity for students to prepare a paper suitable for publication. Co-taught by the School of Law's environmental law program director and the LL.M. director.

Environmental Law and Justice Clinic (3 – 6 units)

Golden Gate University School of Law was one of the first law schools to establish an Environmental Law and Justice Clinic (ELJC). Working with School of Law professors, ELJC students provide free legal services and education about environmental justice issues to San Francisco Bay Area residents, community groups, and public-interest organizations. Students have opportunities to directly represent people in low-income communities and communities of color disproportionately affected by environmental degradation. Founded in 1994, the clinic has won awards from a variety of individuals and community groups. Outcomes from the clinic's work have included:

- A toxic cleanup of the Hunters Point Naval Shipyard in San Francisco
- A consent decree and settlement obtaining compliance with the Clean Water Act and RCRA at the Treasure Island Naval Base
- The rejection of a proposed new fossil fuel power plant in the Hunters Point neighborhood and the shutdown of another plant
- An agreement between a West Berkeley neighborhood organization and a local auto body paint shop to reduce paint fumes by 80 percent
- A settlement for a grass roots Latino community, assuring that waste recycling activities would comply with environmental laws and providing for a

\$500,000 investment in community education, job retraining services, and a community center

- Cal-OSHA findings of willful violations and a penalty of more than \$100,000 for injury to a worker handling toxins at a chemical facility.

The Clean Air Accountability Project is an exciting new ELJC program with a focus on enforcing clean air laws and public accountability of environmental agencies. Directed by Professor Helen Kang, the project has already been instrumental in forcing the EPA and local air agencies to improve their air quality plans, implement their rules, and prosecute violators. LL.M. and J.D. students partner with Kang and the clinic staff to prosecute lawsuits, comment on administrative rule-makings, and advise community organizations on their right to clean air.

The Environmental Law and Justice Clinic has received grants from the U.S. Department of Education, the U.S. Corporation for National Service, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, the American Bar Association, As You Sow Foundation, The Rose Foundation, and the San Francisco Foundation. Students receive 3 to 6 units, based on the number of hours they work.

Visit the ELJC website at:

www.ggu.edu/schools/law/clinics/eljc.html

Course Descriptions (cont.)

Environmental Practice (2 units)

This class is designed to teach students the skills of environmental practice and advocacy, including the preparation of enforcement actions and defenses, environmental compliance, discovery, and environmental ethics. The emphasis is on hands-on practice exercises such as drafting complaints, conducting discovery, and participating in environmental negotiations and mediation. Students enrolled in this class also must work on one or two actual projects or cases under faculty supervision.

Global Climate Change Seminar (2 units)

Climate change is a worldwide environmental, social, economic, and legal challenge. It touches on aspects of air pollution, land use, toxic waste, transportation, industry, energy, government policies, development strategies, and individual freedoms and responsibilities. Given the short-term planning horizon of most political and legal institutions, climate change presents major law and policy challenges. This course is designed to clarify the primary law and equity issues embedded in those challenges and the state, federal, and international laws and institutions that have been created to address them.

Golden Gate ranked third in a survey that examined every law school in the country with an environmental law program. Unlike other program rankings, which usually consider only one factor, this survey evaluated a number of factors including breadth of environmental law course offerings and faculty/student ratio. The study can be found in the spring 2000 issue of Wildlife Society Bulletin.

International Environmental Law Seminar (3 units)

This seminar considers the law and institutions relevant to managing transboundary, regional, and global environmental problems. Topics include emerging international environmental norms, global climate change, biodiversity, stratospheric ozone depletion, deforestation, international protection of endangered species, marine pollution, Antarctica, hazardous waste trade, the Chernobyl disaster, the Bhopal incident, acid rain, bilateral water regimes, and the limits of international governance.

International Trade and Environmental Protection (2 units)

This course focuses on the legal relationship between international trade rules and policies that protect the natural environment. More specifically, it explores inconsistencies between the principles expressed in GATT, NAFTA, APEC and the European Union, and the substantive provisions of national environmental legislation and international environmental treaties. The course is related to material covered in courses on international business transactions and international environmental law.

Introduction to the U.S. Legal System (3 units)

Students study the structure and procedures of the U.S. legal system; methods of legal analysis; writing and research; and basic terminology and principles of common law subjects including torts, contracts, and property. The course also provides a basic foundation for study of the U.S. Constitution. Open only to international students in LL.M. programs.

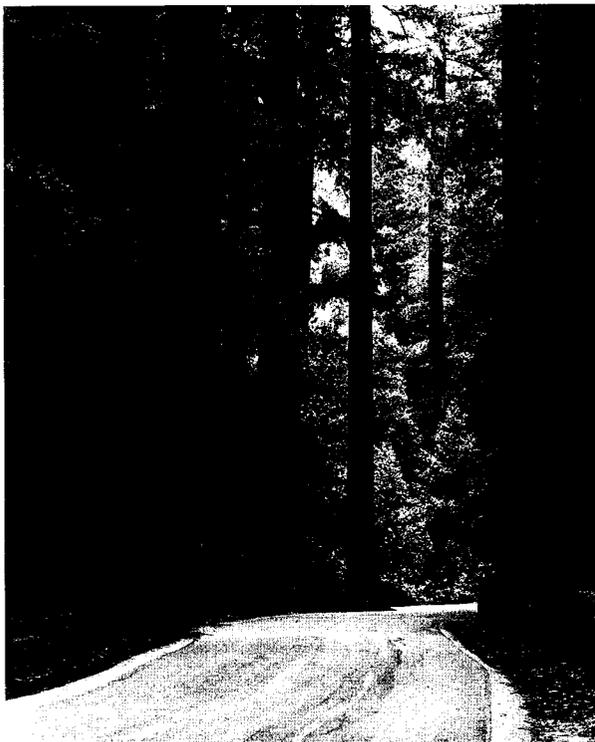
Land Use Regulation (3 units)

This review of the devices available to a community for regulating the development of land includes zoning, subdivision regulation, historic preservation, growth management, open space, and urban renewal. Also considered are the rights of owners, neighbors, environmentalists, and reformers to resist regulation on grounds such as just compensation, free speech, and housing welfare interests.

Public Natural Resources and Land Law (3 units)

This course examines the laws governing natural resources on the one-third of the United States that comprises our public lands including forests, minerals, ranges, wildlife, recreation parks, and wilderness. Students also explore laws protecting federal wildlife and endangered species.

Course Descriptions (cont.)



Regulatory Takings and Environmental Law (1 unit)

Environmental protection is inseparable from government regulation of land use. No attorney, public official, planner, consultant, developer, or environmentalist can function effectively in today's land use regulatory system without a thorough and current knowledge of the law of regulatory takings. This course provides an in-depth analysis of the historical and legal bases for regulatory takings and reviews current issues and trends in takings. Students will be challenged to apply takings concepts to real-life environmental issues.

as the federal hazardous waste management law (RCRA), the federal Superfund statute that deals with cleanup of abandoned waste sites, and other federal statutes controlling toxics in various other settings including drinking water (the SDWA Act) and pesticides (FIFRA). The course also covers risk assessment and risk management issues and information-based alternatives to traditional regulation, including California's Proposition 65.

Toxics Law and Policy (3 units)

How to regulate the thousands of toxic substances used in commerce today is a central focus of environmental law. This course first examines how effective common law actions are in dealing with exposures to toxic substances, then studies the range of regulatory responses dealing with toxic substances and hazardous waste, such

Urban Environmental Law and Policy (2 units)

This course provides an overview and analysis of urban environmental issues through the study of current policy, organizations, and case studies, with an emphasis on California and the San Francisco Bay Area. The course includes guest lectures from experts working on urban environmental issues and covers such topics as sprawl, transportation, water resources, open space, brownfields, and environmental justice.

Water Law (3 units)

This class provides an overview of the legal framework and principles governing the ownership, use, and distribution of water. It covers topics that are national in scope, but it also emphasizes laws and issues unique to California. The class covers surface water and ground water rights, California and federal water institutions, federal-state and interstate disputes, reclamation law, and water transfers. It also covers the environmental statutes and doctrines that are playing a central role in water allocation: the Endangered Species Act, the Clean Water Act, and the public trust doctrine.

"The Environmental Law and Justice Clinic presents students with valuable opportunities to make contacts and work directly with environmental activists and attorneys. A student clinician develops cases and legal theories; drafts briefs, discovery, and other legal documents; attends regulatory and court hearings; and interacts with opposing counsel and regulatory staff. I attribute my success today in large part to the skills and contacts I gained through the ELJC."

—Layne Friedrich (Class of 1997)
Co-founder and General Partner,
Lawyers for Clean Water, San Francisco

Professional Mentoring

Unique Practical Opportunities

For many, an LL.M. degree is an opportunity to transition directly into the environmental field. Making those first connections can be crucial for finding the right job opportunity or getting a reference that may secure the first job.

A key feature of our LL.M. program is the opportunity for students to work with leading professionals in the environmental field as part of the School of Law's outstanding Environmental Law Clinic. Often the best legal education is a student's insightful reflection on his or her own experience. While working in the field, clinic students attend a seminar to analyze their experiences and learn additional practice skills. They receive course credit that may be used to meet the LL.M. degree requirements.

Golden Gate law students work in government agencies such as the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, the California Attorney General, and the San Francisco City Attorney's Environmental Enforcement Department. Students have also worked with public interest organizations including Earthjustice Legal Defense Fund, Communities for a Better Environment, and the San Francisco Baykeeper. Students are also able to arrange externships in the private arena with leading environmental practitioners representing litigants in toxic tort cases and companies seeking compliance advice.

Practitioners who work with our LL.M. students enjoy having a law graduate, or often a practicing attorney, assist in their work, so they provide special opportunities for LL.M. students.

In 1999, the Environmental Law and Justice Clinic received the Environmental Protection Agency's Earth Day Award. Shown here: Clinic Director Alan Ramo (center) with Felicia Marcus (right), administrator of Region IX of the U.S. EPA.



Professional Mentoring Features

Students work closely with leading environmental practitioners and gain valuable contacts and insight into environmental litigation through:

- The Environmental Law Clinic, which gives program participants externship opportunities in the field
- The on-site Environmental Law and Justice Clinic
- Small seminars taught by local practitioners
- Ongoing panels, brown-bag lunches, and symposia that bring together students and environmental lawyers in small, intimate settings.

Combining the Practical and the Theoretical

Golden Gate's faculty is distinguished for its ongoing involvement with the surrounding community, and LL.M. students are able to integrate their own practical experience into the classroom. The LL.M. program also emphasizes theoretical analysis of environmental issues. Combining this study with practical experience, students evolve their own analytical approaches and develop innovative research projects. The mentoring program facilitates this process and forms a core part of the LL.M. experience.

"Mentoring can help students strengthen their abilities and match their talents to rewarding career paths. By partnering with a mentor, students can gain insight into the things they need to do to maximize their legal skills, the variety of career paths available to environmental lawyers, and the day-to-day working experience they should expect in those career paths. It is difficult for anyone to know what career suits him or her, but a mentor can shed light on promising paths and help to ward off less rewarding options."

—Arthur Haubenstock, Adjunct Professor and Assistant Regional Counsel, Region IX, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

Program Director

Alan Ramo

Professor of Law and Co-Director, Environmental Law and Justice Clinic and LL.M. Program in Environmental Law

Professor Alan Ramo joined Golden Gate University School of Law in 1994.

Over the previous nine years, he was the legal director and later general counsel for Communities for a Better Environment, a public-interest advocacy organization, where he contributed to numerous precedents in air pollution law and policy. Professor Ramo served as an advisory member of two Cal-EPA committees, including the environmental justice working group in Cal-EPA's comparative risk project, and as a consultant to the Department of Health Services on environmental justice and electromagnetic forces.

He also served on the advisory group for the San Francisco Health Summit in 1996. He is a founder of the Western States Legal Foundation, an organization that specializes in environmental issues relating to nuclear power and nuclear weapons, and a member of the advisory board of the Impact Fund, which funds public interest litigation. In December 2000, Professor Ramo received the Wells Family Award in the area of Urban Renewal from the Environment Now foundation. He graduated with a B.A. from Stanford University; a J.D. from Boalt Hall School of Law, University of California, Berkeley; and an M.J. from the Graduate School of Journalism at University of California, Berkeley. He is a member of the California Bar.



Full-Time Faculty



Helen Kang
Associate
Professor of Law
and Director,
Clean Air
Accountability
Project

B.A. (cum laude), Yale
College; J.D., Boalt Hall School of Law

Professor Helen Kang joined Golden Gate University School of Law in 2000.

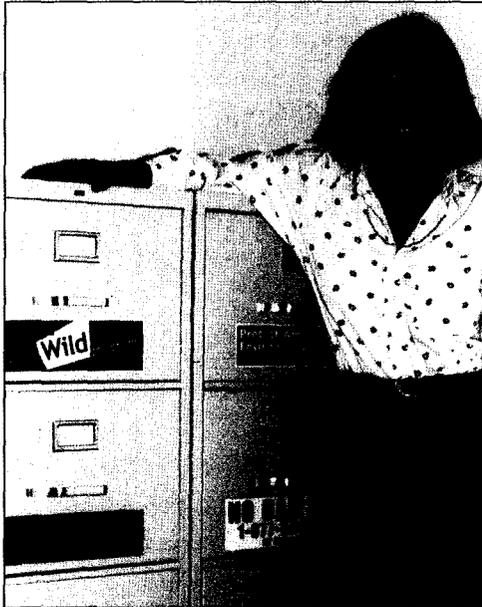
Previously, she was a partner for three years with Goodman|Kang LLP, a San Francisco law firm that represented businesses, citizen groups, and individuals in cases involving federal and state environmental laws. From 1990 to 1997, Ms. Kang was a trial attorney with the Environmental Enforcement Section of the U.S.

Department of Justice, representing EPA and other federal agencies in litigation

against corporate polluters. Over the course of her career, she has successfully handled an \$8 million cleanup of the Richmond harbor; tried a multi-million-dollar penalty and cleanup case against NL Industries; compelled oil refineries to improve petroleum storage tanks; and obtained significant penalties and/or settlements from the EPA, South Coast Air Quality Management District, Bay Area Air Quality Management District, Caltrans, Mirant Potrero LLC, and other corporate and public entities for violating federal and/or state clean air or water laws. She is active in the Asian American Bar Association of the Greater Bay Area and has served on its board of directors and as the association's treasurer.

Golden Gate has been ranked in the top 20 law schools in environmental law (out of more than 170 law schools nationwide) by U.S. News and World Report two of the past four years. Golden Gate is the only law school in California with an LL.M. program in environmental law.

Faculty (cont.)



Tara Mueller, Adjunct Professor
Deputy Attorney General, Land Law Section,
State of California Department of Justice

Adjunct Professor Tara Mueller didn't always know that she wanted to practice law, but she was always committed to environmental issues. Her stint as a paralegal fresh out of college convinced her that "as a lawyer you can really influence environmental policies and make a difference in the real world." After earning her J.D. from Hastings College of the Law, she completed a two-year clerkship with a federal district court judge. She also wrote *A Guide to the Federal and California Endangered Species Laws*, which established her as an endangered species expert and became the "bible" for California environmental lawyers and activists who want to understand endangered species law and policy.

Since then, Mueller has worked as staff attorney for the Natural Heritage Institute in San Francisco, a public interest natural resource law and consulting firm. She later started her own practice, heading up the Biodiversity Legal Program at the Environmental Law Foundation in Oakland. She advised citizen environmental groups, litigated cases, and worked on administrative agency, legislative, and environmental policy issues. She was involved in high-profile cases involving the Headwaters Forest and federal and state Endangered Species Acts.

In 1999, Mueller joined the California Attorney General's Office. She represents state environmental agencies in litigation and advises them on legal issues. She also investigates matters that the Attorney General's Office prosecutes in its independent role as a guardian of the environment.

Mueller is a frequent lecturer on the federal and state Endangered Species Acts and other environmental laws. She also is a coauthor, with Sharon Duggan, of a forthcoming comprehensive treatise on the regulation of timber harvesting on private lands in California, to be published by Solano Press Books.

"It's a miracle how ecosystems have evolved to function efficiently. Humans come in with an arrogant view that they can make it better. The environment doesn't have an independent voice, so some of us have to be out there speaking for it."

Adjunct Faculty



Ken Alex
Supervising
Deputy Attorney
General,
California
Department of
Justice

B.A., University of California, Santa Cruz; J.D., Harvard University
Adjunct Professor Alex works in the Environmental Section of the California Attorney General's office, where he handles some of the country's largest environmental enforcement, energy, and natural resource damage cases. He has been a visiting and adjunct professor at Hastings College of the Law and visiting instructor at Stanford University Law School, and he has lectured extensively on environmental and litigation issues.

Faculty (cont.)



Robert W. Byrne
Deputy Attorney
General,
California
Department of
Justice

B.A. (with high honors), Rutgers

University; J.D., Seton Hall Law School; LL.M. (with honors), Golden Gate University School of Law

In his current position in the Energy Task Force at the California Department of Justice, Adjunct Professor Byrne investigates possible violations of state and federal laws, including antitrust laws, by the electricity and natural gas industries. He also participates in complex civil litigation in state and federal courts. Prior to joining the Attorney General's Office, Mr. Byrne was vice president and general counsel of a Florida financial institution where, among other duties, he supervised the remediation and disposal of environmentally contaminated commercial real estate.

"I am an outdoor enthusiast with an affinity for the majesty of mountains and other natural places. I also have long been committed to working on social justice issues. Working on environmental justice matters and helping to launch the Environmental Law and Justice Clinic at Golden Gate have allowed me to combine these two important interests."

Clifford Rechtschaffen, Professor of Law



Professor Cliff Rechtschaffen's devotion to social issues and the environment isn't confined to the classroom. He frequently leads mountain bike trips for inner-city youth. "We get kids who are tough, macho, streetwise," he explains, "but going downhill on a mountain bike breaks down that toughness. They learn to work with others and to appreciate the environment."

Professor Rechtschaffen directs the Golden Gate University School of Law J.D. environmental law program and co-directs the Environmental Law and Justice Clinic. Before joining Golden Gate, he practiced environmental law with the California attorney general for seven years and clerked for Federal District Court Judge Thelton E. Henderson. He earned an A.B. from Princeton University and J.D. from Yale Law School.

Golden Gate law graduates stay in touch with Rechtschaffen after graduation. They call to discuss their environmental cases, including ones they started working on while in law school. "Former law students become colleagues," says Rechtschaffen.

Working for environmental justice isn't always easy, but as Rechtschaffen explains, "It's important to work for things you believe in and not to give up when confronted with long odds."

Professor Rechtschaffen is the coauthor of *Environmental Justice: Law, Policy and Regulation* (2002, with Eileen Gauna) and *Reinventing Environmental Law and the State/Federal Relationship* (2003, with David Markell), as well as a number of articles about environmental justice, environmental enforcement, and right-to-know laws.

Faculty (cont.)



**Richard
Toshiyuki Drury**
Senior Attorney,
Adams,
Broadwell, Joseph
& Cardozo
*B.S., B.A. (magna
cum laude), University*

of Illinois; J.D., Yale Law School

As senior attorney at Adams, Broadwell, Joseph & Cardozo, Adjunct Professor Drury represents labor unions in environmental matters. He was formerly the legal director of Communities for a Better Environment and before that, an environmental law fellow with Shute, Mihaly & Weinberger where he represented citizens' groups and local government agencies in environmental litigation. He is the former chair of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's Air Pollution Trading Work Group of the National Environmental Justice Advisory Council.



**Arthur
Haubenstock**
Assistant Regional
Counsel, EPA
B.A., Wesleyan
*University; J.D. (cum
laude), Georgetown*
University Law Center

Adjunct Professor Haubenstock's primary responsibilities at the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region IX, are to enforce and ensure compliance with air and toxics laws and regulations. His previous area of concentration was hazardous and petroleum wastes and their remediation. Prior to joining the EPA, Mr. Haubenstock was an attorney with Orrick, Herrington and Sutcliffe, where he represented clients in counseling, transactions, and litigation involving environmental matters.



Paul S. Kibel
Attorney,
Fitzgerald, Abbott
and Beardsley
B.A., Colgate
University;
J.D., Willamette;

LL.M., Boalt Hall School of Law

Before joining his current firm as an environmental attorney, Adjunct Professor Kibel worked for the Pacific Environment and Resources Center and the California State Coastal Conservancy (a state agency). In 1999, Routledge Press published a collection of his essays titled *The Earth on Trial: Environmental Law on the International Stage*. He has also published articles in the *Georgetown International Environmental Law Review*, *UCLA Journal of Environmental Law and Policy*, *NYU Environmental Law Journal*, and *Oxford*

University's Journal of Environmental Law. He directs and serves as faculty editor for the annual environmental symposium of the *Golden Gate University Law Review*.



David Sandino
Senior Staff
Counsel, California
Department Water
Resources

*A.B., University of
California, Davis;*
J.D., University of Santa

Clara; LL.M., University of London, King's College

Adjunct Professor Sandino joined the California Department of Water Resources in 1989. He specializes in environmental law, water law, energy law, government law, and administrative law. He previously served as deputy county counsel with Yuba County. He has been an adjunct professor at Santa Clara University School of Law since 1992 and has taught a comprehensive course on water law for University of California Extension at Davis. Through a 1999-2000 Fulbright fellowship, he taught international environmental law at the Moscow State Agricultural Academy in Russia. He is a member of the editorial board of the *California Environmental Law Reporter* and has written numerous articles on the environment and water.

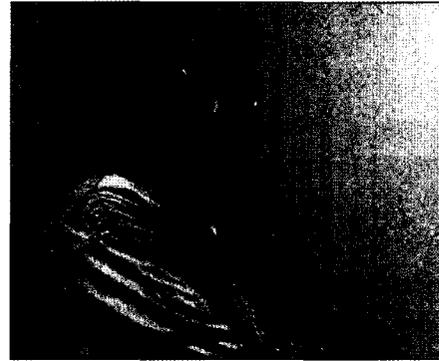


Tiffany Schauer
**Executive
Director, Our
Children's Earth
Foundation**
*B.A., San Diego State
University; J.D.,
Catholic University*

Adjunct Professor Schauer has more than ten years' experience in environmental law enforcement, specializing in clean air issues. From 1990 through 1995, she worked for the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, where she drafted, implemented, and enforced various regulations under the 1990 Clean Air Act Amendments. Later, she was appointed special assistant to the director of enforcement, responsible for advising agency officials of economic, legal, and political ramifications of environmental enforcement actions. Schauer later worked at Brobeck, Phleger & Harrison, where she represented various corporations in environmental matters. In 1998, she founded and now directs the nonprofit environmental organization, Our Children's Earth Foundation, which is dedicated to protecting the public, especially children, from the health impacts of pollution and other environmental hazards.

"Many people say that one individual can't make a difference, but one individual can. Any focused and committed person can make a big difference in the environmental movement."

**Armin
Rosencranz**
**Consulting Professor,
Stanford University**
*A.B., Princeton
University;
M.A., J.D., and Ph.D.,
Stanford University*



Adjunct Professor Armin Rosencranz should know about making a difference. His commitment to an environmental issue helped to launch an international movement.

It was 1991, and Rosencranz was at an EPA-sponsored meeting in Moscow with 150 U.S. and Russian environmental leaders. Rosencranz knew about the plight of Siberian forests, which comprise 22 percent of the earth's forest land. He announced a meeting with anyone interested in Siberian forests and expected a handful to attend. Forty-three delegates came—more than a third of the Russian delegation. This was the nucleus of the Russian forest protection movement.

In 1987, he founded, and then headed for nine years, Pacific Environment, which is devoted primarily to protecting global forests and wildlife. Through Pacific Environment and his writing, Rosencranz brought the plight of Siberian forests to international attention.

As a Fulbright Scholar in the early 1980s, Rosencranz developed one of the first environmental law courses taught in India. He also compiled an American-style casebook that was published in 1991. The second edition of *Environmental Law and Policy in India* (2001) is the standard text throughout that country. In July 2000, environmental law was made a required subject in Indian law schools.

Rosencranz's other works include *Acid Rain in Europe and North America* (1983), *Economic Approaches for a Green India* (1999), and *Climate Change Policy* (2002). He teaches International Environmental Policy and Law, as well as Climate Change Policy and Law, at Stanford University and at Golden Gate University School of Law.

Faculty (cont.)



Andrew Schwartz
Deputy City Attorney, City and County of San Francisco
B.A., Stanford University;

J.D., University of California, Los Angeles
Adjunct Professor Schwartz is a co-founder of the California Community Land Use Project. Since 1983, he has been with the City and County of San Francisco, where his practice emphasizes land use, regulatory takings, eminent domain, and real estate. Schwartz has represented the city in many precedent-setting land-use cases. In addition, he is a frequent participant in takings cases in state and federal appellate courts as amicus curiae. Schwartz's publications include *The Takings Litigation Handbook*; *Defending Takings Challenges to Land Use Regulation*, coauthored with Douglas Kendall and Timothy Dowling; *The Basics of Takings Law*; and the article "Overripe Takings Claims Produce Rotten Fruit for Regulatory Agencies." Schwartz is a frequent speaker on land use litigation and takings.

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Martin Wagner
Managing Attorney, International Program, Earthjustice
B.A., Whitman College; J.D.,

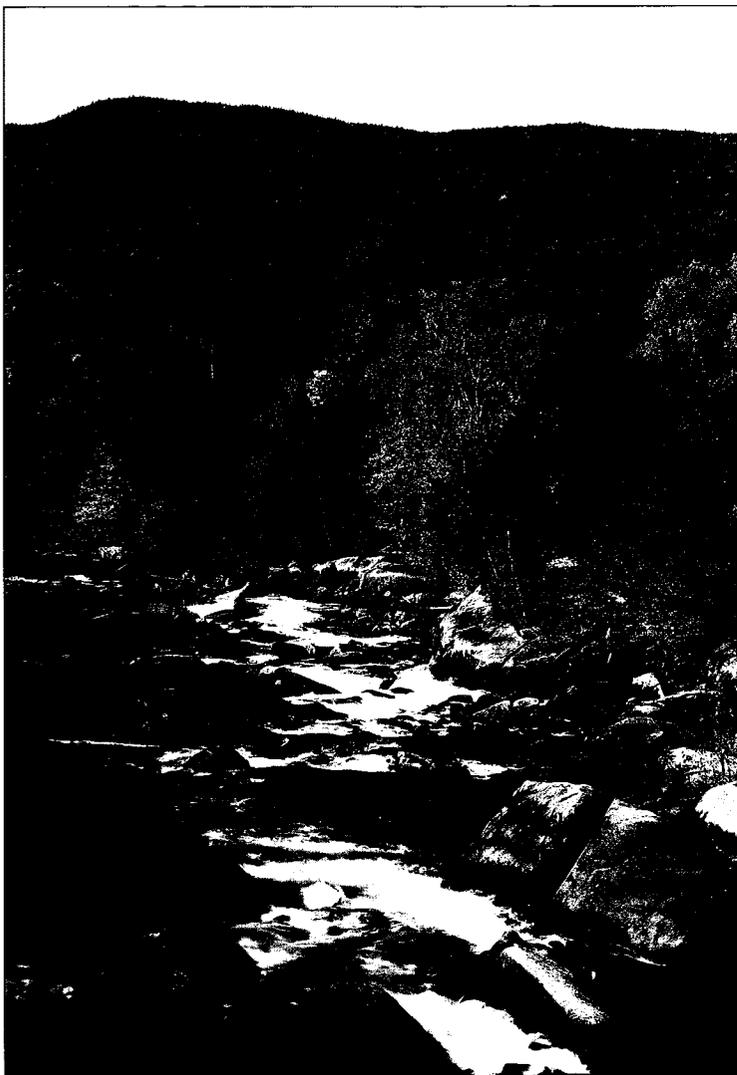
University of Virginia School of Law
Adjunct Professor Wagner is a nationally known expert in international environmental law. Before joining Earthjustice in 1996, he clerked for Judge Robert Beezer on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit and spent five years litigating environmental citizen suits and civil rights actions, and using international mechanisms for the protection of human rights. Wagner is treasurer and attorney for the Asociación Interamericana para la Defensa del Ambiente (AIDA). Before going to law school, he was a Peace Corps volunteer in Senegal, West Africa. He is fluent in French, Spanish, and Pulaar/Fulani.



Edward Yates
Senior Environmental Attorney, Tetra Tech
B.A., University of California Davis;
J.D., University of

San Diego School of Law
Adjunct Professor Yates has more than 12 years' experience in environmental law and policy, public involvement, and training. He previously was an assistant general counsel at the President's Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ), where he assisted numerous federal agencies in establishing and implementing National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) regulations and negotiated environmental provisions of international agreements. He also worked for the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and The Ocean Conservancy. His international experience also includes assisting the governments of Honduras, Colombia, Cuba, and Argentina draft environmental legislation and procedures. At Tetra Tech, Mr. Yates advises federal, state, and local agencies on land use, coastal, and environmental planning law.

Application Deadlines/Tuition & Fees



Application Deadlines

- Fall Semester begins late August.
Applications due July 1.
- Spring Semester begins early January.
Applications due November 1.

Late applications will be considered if space is available.

LL.M. Tuition

\$877 per unit

Fees per Semester (non-refundable)

Registration	\$40
Materials (see note 1)	\$10

Fees per Occurrence

Application for Admission	\$45
Acceptance Deposit (applied to tuition)	\$200
Late Registration Fee (see note 2)	\$85
Installment Payment Fee	\$50
Late Payment Fee	\$30
Returned Check Service Charge	\$25
Transcript Fee	\$5
Duplicate Diploma Fee	\$25
Student ID Replacement Fee	\$10
Corporate Reimbursement Plan Fee	\$100

Notes:

1 Special Materials Fees will also be assessed in courses that require an excess amount of duplicated materials, use of audiovisual equipment, or rental of off-campus facilities. These fees will be announced prior to registration each semester.

2 Law students who register late will be charged a Late Registration Fee of \$85 in addition to the \$40 Registration Fee.

Tuition and fees shown are for the 2003–04 academic year and are subject to change without notice.

Maps & Directions

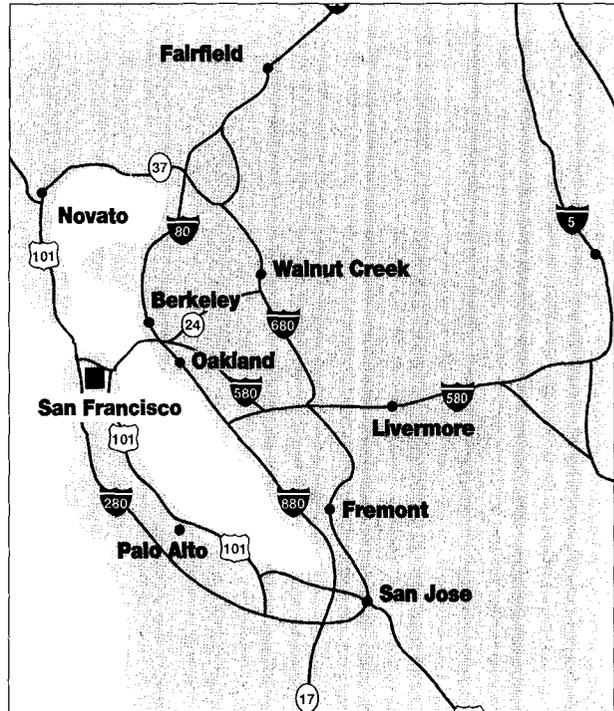
DIRECTIONS TO GOLDEN GATE UNIVERSITY

By car

From the north: Golden Gate Bridge and Highway 101 to Van Ness Avenue. Left on Bush Street across Market Street to First Street. One block on First Street to Mission Street. Right on Mission Street one-half block.

From the south: Highway 101 to 80 (Bay Bridge/downtown) to Fourth Street exit. One block on Bryant Street. Left on Third Street, right on Mission Street two blocks.

From the East Bay: Bay Bridge to Fremont Street exit. Left on Fremont, then left on Mission Street one block.

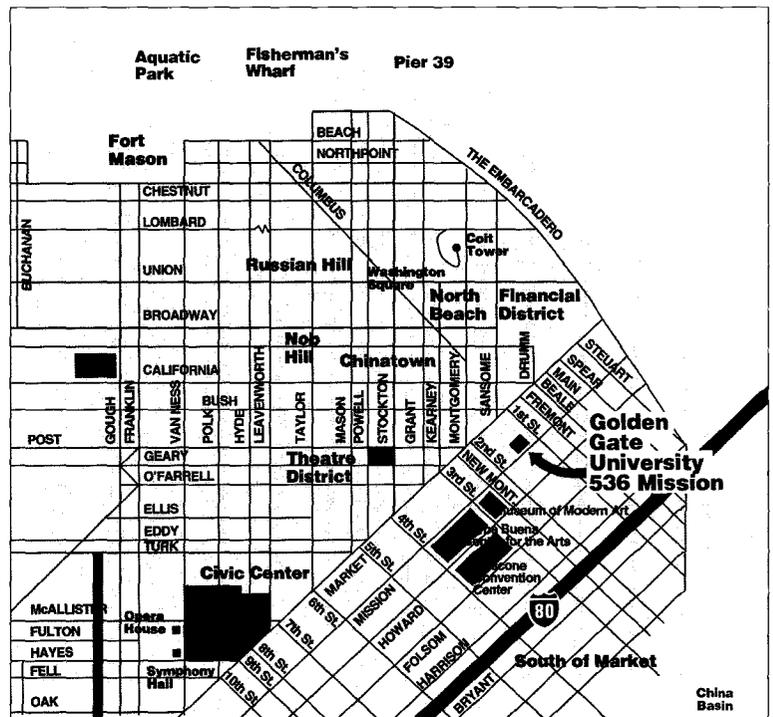


By public transit

- One block on Mission Street from Transbay Terminal at First and Mission Streets.
- BART and MUNI Metro, Montgomery Street exit. Walk on Second Street one block from Market Street to Mission Street. Left on Mission Street one-half block.
- From Caltrain Station at Fourth and Townsend Streets: Take #10 Townsend bus to Fremont and Mission Streets. Walk left on Mission Street one and one-half blocks.

OR

Take the N streetcar line to Embarcadero Station, walk south from Market Street to Mission Street. Turn right on Mission and walk two and one-half blocks.



This application must be completed in ink or typed, signed, and dated, and accompanied by the following:

- **Personal Statement.** The personal statement should explain why you want to enroll in the LL.M. in environmental law program and should describe your qualifications for graduate study in environmental law. Qualifications may include descriptions of the nature of your law practice, your experience in the environmental law field, or related academic preparation. Any other information which you believe is relevant to evaluation of your application should also be included. (NOTE: A résumé may be included with your personal statement. However, a résumé is NOT required and is NOT acceptable without an accompanying personal statement.)
- **Non-refundable US \$45 application fee.**
- **Certification of Finances** (foreign students only).

In addition, the following items must be sent directly from the appropriate institutions:

- **Official transcripts** from all academic institutions (graduate and undergraduate) where you have studied law must be *sent directly to* Golden Gate University School of Law, LL.M. in Environmental Law Program. (A translation must be attached if the transcript is not in English.)
- **Official TOEFL score report** (foreign students only) sent directly from ETS. Institutional code: 4329.

STATUS: Application for Full-time Part-time Entering Fall 200__ Spring 200__ Summer 200__

Personal Information (Please type or print in ink.)

Social Security Number _____

Name _____
UNDERLINE FAMILY NAME

Mailing Address

Home Phone (____) _____ Work Phone (____) _____

Email _____ Fax (____) _____

Gender Male Female Title Miss Mrs. Ms. Mr. Dr. Other _____

Citizenship/Residency Status (This section must be completed.)

Date of Birth _____ City of Birth _____ Country of Birth _____

Country of Citizenship _____

Native Language _____

If not a U.S. citizen, what is your visa status? U.S. Permanent Resident/Green Card F-1 J-1 Other _____
(Please specify)

HIGHER EDUCATION Provide information for all law schools attended. Use extra pages if needed.

Basic Law Studies

Name of Institution _____

Location _____ Dates of Attendance _____

Degree or Diploma _____ Date of Completion _____

Field of Study _____

Cumulative Grade Point Average (GPA) _____ Class Rank _____

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PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Bar Admissions and Dates _____
Name & Location of Employer _____
Telephone (_____) _____ Fax (_____) _____
Dates (from & to) _____ Position Held _____

Ethnic Survey for U.S. citizens. Check all that apply.

- African American/Black
- Alaskan Native or American Indian
- Asian or Pacific Islander
- Canadian/Aboriginal
- Caucasian/White
- Chicano/Mexican American
- Hispanic
- Middle Eastern
- Puerto Rican
- Decline to state
- Other (please specify) _____

PERSONAL HISTORY

Have you ever been charged or convicted of a crime, including expunged offenses other than minor nonalcohol-related traffic violations, or are any charges pending? If any such charge or conviction occurs between your submission of this form and registration, or during your enrollment at Golden Gate University School of Law, you are expected to inform us. If the answer is yes, give dates and explain the circumstances fully on a separate sheet.
..... Yes No

As a member of, or applicant to, any profession or organization, or as a holder of any office, license, or credential, have you ever been disciplined or had a license or credential suspended, revoked, or denied? If the answer is yes, please attach a statement providing full details, identifying the license or credential involved, and providing the dates, details of the matter, final disposition, and the name and address of the authority in possession of the records. If any such charge or conviction occurs between your submission of this form and your registration at Golden Gate University School of Law, you are expected to inform us. Yes No

Your application will not be considered complete until we receive your official transcripts.

I certify that the above application is correct in all aspects according to my best knowledge and belief, and I understand that if admitted to Golden Gate University School of Law, I must abide by the rules and regulations of the university and the School of Law. I understand that knowingly providing false or inaccurate information in admission and/or financial aid application material is grounds for denial of admission or, if discovered after admission, for revocation of any offer of admission or, if discovered after matriculation, for immediate dismissal from the School of Law.

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT DATE

Mail this application, your Personal Statement, application fee, and Certification of Finances (foreign students only) to:
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LL.M. in Environmental Law Program
536 Mission Street, San Francisco, CA 94105-2968 USA

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