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GOLDEN GATE UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW

YOUR PRIME SOURCE FOR TOP-FLIGHT ATTORNEYS

Legal employers today have limited resources to teach the nuts and bolts of legal practice to new hires. For over 100 years, Golden Gate University School of Law has produced graduates with a full skill set to hit the ground running. Our innovative approach to integrating legal theory and skills training has made us a leader in modern legal education. Our graduates possess the legal acumen, practical skills, professional demeanor, and ethical foundation to succeed in private practice and public service and to be an asset to your organization from their first day on the job.

TALENT

Golden Gate Law students bring a broad diversity of personal and professional backgrounds. Many graduated from top schools and have advanced degrees and years of professional experience. Golden Gate ranks among the 30th most diverse ABA-accredited law schools in the nation, in the latest survey from *US News and World Report*.

“Golden Gate students impress me with their excellent ability to think critically, research and write effectively, and communicate clearly.”

—**Hon. Thelton Henderson**, Senior Judge, U.S. District Court for the Northern District of California

“We have been very pleased with the variety, caliber, and abilities of summer clerk candidates from Golden Gate Law and consider our Golden Gate clerks and lawyers an integral part of our continued success.”

—**Rebecca E. Moore**, Knox Ricksen LLP

“We were excited to hire a recent Golden Gate Law graduate out of a very competitive field of candidates. He brings life experience that will help him communicate easily with clients, adversaries, and jurors in the courtroom. This feature is typical of the Golden Gate Law graduates we encounter and makes them attractive to offices such as ours.”

—**Mary J. Greenwood**, Santa Clara County Public Defender

INNOVATION

■ Golden Gate Law has been a pioneer in providing students with the highest level of analytical skills, broad-ranging substantive knowledge, in-depth practical legal skills, and a well-articulated professional identity.

■ In our unique Honors Lawyering Program (HLP), students spend their first summer in an intense skills-infused and practice-oriented curriculum, followed by a full-time fall apprenticeship in a variety of legal venues, including courts, private law firms, criminal prosecution and defense offices, and nonprofit organizations. Our HLP graduates gain a substantial edge for subsequent legal employment and achieved a 97% first-time bar pass rate this past year.

■ Golden Gate Law offers dozens of externship opportunities and three on-campus clinics: the Environmental Law and Justice Clinic, whose many awards have included the Environmental Award from the U.S. EPA in 2009; the highly regarded Women’s Employment Rights Clinic; and the rapidly growing Pro Bono Tax Clinic.

■ Golden Gate Law was recently ranked third in the nation for student participation in experiential learning programs, with 74% of eligible students participating in one or more such programs.

■ Golden Gate’s pioneering Law and Leadership Program prepares our students to serve as leaders in all aspects of professional life.

LEADERSHIP

■ Dean Drucilla Stender Ramey took the helm of the School of Law in 2009 after many years of service as a civil rights litigator, executive director and general counsel of the Bar Association of San Francisco, and executive director of the National Association of Women Judges. Her extensive contacts in the state and national professional communities, and her leadership in enhancing diversity in legal education, the legal profession, and the judiciary have heightened the Law School's profile and inspired a variety of new initiatives.

■ Golden Gate Law is home to top-notch faculty recognized for their scholarship, teaching excellence, and success in practice.

■ Our academic centers, including the Intellectual Property Law Center and the Sompong Sucharitkul Center for Advanced International Legal Studies, bring together students, faculty, attorneys, judges, and legal scholars to explore developments in fast-changing areas of law and policy.



SUCCESS

■ Over the past year alone, Golden Gate Law students have taken first place at the ABA Section of Labor & Employment Law San Francisco Regional Student Trial Competition; first place at the San Francisco Trial Lawyers Association Mock Trial Competition; and third place at the ABA Criminal Justice Trial Advocacy Competition.

Employers of Golden Gate Law students and alumni include:

- Bullivant Houser Bailey PC
- California Public Utilities Commission
- Chief Justice Ronald George, Supreme Court of CA
- Disney Studios
- DLA Piper
- Farella Braun + Martel LLP
- Gordon & Rees
- Hanson Bridgett LLP
- Haverstock & Owens LLP
- Hersh & Hersh
- Littler Mendelson P.C.
- Los Angeles District Attorney's Office
- Minami Tamaki LLP
- Paul, Hastings, Janofsky & Walker LLP
- Ropers Majeski Kohn Bentley PC
- San Francisco District Attorney's Office
- Santa Clara County Public Defender's Office
- Sheppard Mullin Richter & Hampton LLP
- Sierra Club
- Squire, Sanders & Dempsey LLP
- Townsend and Townsend and Crew
- U.S. Bankruptcy Court
- U.S. Court of Appeals
- U.S. Department of Justice
- U.S. Department of Labor
- U.S. District Court
- Warner Bros. Studios
- Wilson, Sonsini, Goodrich & Rosati

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