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SAN FRANCISCO, April 3, 2019 /PRNewswire/ -- Golden Gate University (GGU) announces the appointment of Amy B. McLellan, JD, LLM, as Dean of the Braden School of Taxation and Director of the LLM Taxation and Estate Planning programs— marking the beginning of a groundbreaking joint program, after separate operation within the University for many years. This new high-level role signifies another innovative step forward to prepare students for today's merging worlds of business, law, and technology— building on the recent addition of the prestigious McCarthy Institute as an interdisciplinary program serving GGU's business and law schools.

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Bridging the law and business schools at Golden Gate University-- (from l-r): David J. Fike, PhD, GGU President; Barbara Karlin, JD, LLM, VP of Academic Affairs; Amy McLellan, Dean of the Braden School of Taxation and Director of the LLM Taxation and Estate Planning programs, and Anthony Niedwiecki, JD, LLM, Dean of the School of Law and Professor of Law.

McLellan brings extensive experience in law, taxation, administration, and management to her position. Most recently, she served as professor at the University of Denver's Graduate Program in Taxation and Director of Online Education. Prior to this academic work, she was a senior attorney with Knudsen, Burbridge, & Manchur, P.C., preceded by many years of running her own law firm, with emphases on tax, business, and estate planning. She also taught related courses at the Massachusetts School of Law for nine years.

GGU President David J. Fike, PhD, notes, "As Golden Gate University continues to innovate to best equip our students for a complex, changing economy, we are delighted to have an exemplary talent like Amy McLellan joining our academic leadership team— representing another important evolutionary step toward greater cross-collaboration among all of the disciplines at GGU."

According to Barbara Karlin, JD, LLM, Vice President of Academic Affairs, "Amy is uniquely qualified with a spectacular professional and personal skill-set to serve as the dean who will bridge the Braden School of Taxation and the School of Law, and further develop key relationships within the accounting, legal, and business communities."

Anthony Niedwiecki, JD, LLM, Dean of the School of Law and Professor of Law, who chaired the search committee, comments, "As we forge ahead as a leader at the intersection of business and law, Amy brings a positive, aggressive vision for growing GGU's LLM and tax programs synergistically, and her substantial experience in online education will be instrumental to our strategic growth."

Drawn to GGU because of its outstanding national reputation, McLellan is eager to bring her vision into reality through this challenging new role. "I'm passionate about the power of online education, and look forward to advancing the intellectual and professional lives of students in the fields of law, accounting, and tax."

About Golden Gate University

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