

8-2016

2016 GGU Law School Viewbook

Golden Gate University School of Law

Follow this and additional works at: <http://digitalcommons.law.ggu.edu/bulletins>



Part of the [Legal Education Commons](#)

Recommended Citation

Golden Gate University School of Law, "2016 GGU Law School Viewbook" (2016). *Law School Bulletins & Prospectus*. Paper 139.
<http://digitalcommons.law.ggu.edu/bulletins/139>

This Newsletter or Magazine is brought to you for free and open access by the About GGU School of Law at GGU Law Digital Commons. It has been accepted for inclusion in Law School Bulletins & Prospectus by an authorized administrator of GGU Law Digital Commons. For more information, please contact jfischer@ggu.edu.



GOLDEN GATE UNIVERSITY

SCHOOL OF LAW

San Francisco
Since 1901



Because It Takes More Than Desire to Make a Difference.

We are downtown San Francisco's law school.



In the heart of the city's
legal and financial district



Direct access to the country's
top law firms, courts, banks,
tech companies, and non-profits



Most accessible campus in the
Bay Area, with virtually all trains
and bus lines less than one block away

Dean's Message

Golden Gate University School of Law has a long-standing tradition of leadership in practical skills training and litigation. We are also proud of our student body diversity because we believe that training future lawyers with diverse backgrounds and experiences provides for a stronger, more inclusive justice system. Here, you will learn traditional legal knowledge, skills, and values, while cultivating wisdom, resilience, entrepreneurship, compassion, and a deep sense of justice. At Golden Gate University School of Law, you are empowered to change the world around you.

I look forward to meeting you,

Rachel Van Cleave

Dean and Professor of Law



Table of Content

Practice Perfect	4
JD Curriculum	6
Honors Lawyering Program	7
1st STEP Summer Program	8
Wall Street of the West.....	10
Clinics & Centers	12
Course Offerings	16
Career Development & Bar Prep	19
Alumni	21
Campus, Library & Student Life	23
Financial Aid	25
Apply	26

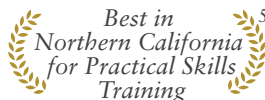
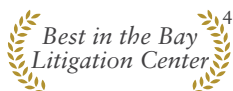
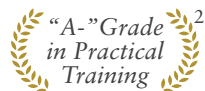
Legal Education, Redesigned

National Leaders

Golden Gate University School of Law has been repeatedly recognized by *preLaw Magazine* and the *National Jurist* as a regional and national leader in litigation skills, practical training, and experiential learning. Our goal is to prepare our students to be critical thinkers, problem solvers, and leaders with the ability to respond to changes in the legal profession. To that end, practical skills training, a cornerstone of GGU Law's program, is fully integrated with legal theory throughout the curriculum to provide students with a holistic learning experience.

Practice Intensive Courses

GGU Law has piloted Practice Intensive Courses that pave the way for a new form of legal education. Practice Intensive Courses engage students by assigning them tasks and roles directly tied to the substantive material. Faculty provide feedback throughout the semester to support improvement on practical skills by simulating actual legal practice, such as writing and presenting legal arguments before a supervisor or a judge.



1. *preLaw Magazine* placed GGU Law in Top 10 in the country for litigation skills training.
2. *National Jurist* ranked GGU Law 12th in the country for practical training.
3. U.S. News & World Report.
4. Unofficial title given to our teams for winning the San Francisco Trial Lawyer's Association Mock Trial Competition for four years in a row.
5. Ranked by the *National Jurist*.



A portrait of Natalie Lakosil, a young woman with blonde, wavy hair, smiling. She is wearing a blue sleeveless top and a thin necklace. The background is a blurred outdoor setting with vertical elements like a fence or trees.

Natalie Lakosil

Hometown: Sierra Vista, Arizona
College: University of Arizona
JD 2018

“

I have never felt such a sense of community in an academic institution as I do at GGU Law. The professors are much more than instructors; they offer endless support and guidance, both academically and professionally. Being a part of such an exceptional legal community helped me gain two internships before even completing my first year. The practical training and support you receive at GGU Law is invaluable.

- Honors Lawyering Program
- Criminal Law Society
- Asian Pacific American Law Students Association
- Public Interest Law Foundation
- OneJustice Volunteer
- Pro Bono Honor Society
- Winner of the Bernard L. Segal “Cross and Close” Competition
- Spring 2016 CALI Award for Legal Writing and Research II
- Spring 2016 Witkin Award for Lawyering: Landlord-Tenant Law
- Fall 2015 CALI Award for Legal Writing and Research I
- Fall 2015 Dean’s List
- Spring 2016 Dean’s List

Full-Time JD Program

First-Year Curriculum

Our curriculum provides you with a wide variety of electives, hands-on clinical programs, and practical training opportunities designed to shape your expertise as a future attorney. The full-time day program usually takes three years, but it can be completed in two-and-a-half years. To graduate, you will complete 88 units, which include approximately 30 units of electives. You will have the opportunity to take your first elective course in the second semester of your 1L year. First year electives, covering core lawyering skills, are crafted to introduce you to the basics of legal practice through simulations and real-world problems.

First Semester Courses - 15 units

Civil Procedure I	3
Contracts	3
Criminal Law	3
Torts	4
Writing & Research I	2

Second Semester Courses - 15 units

Civil Procedure II	3
Contracts II	3
Property	4
Writing & Research II	3
1L Elective	2

Joint Degree

You may earn a JD/MBA in just four years in conjunction with GGU's highly regarded Ageno School of Business.

Part-Time JD Program - Three Nights a Week

First-Year Curriculum

Our part-time program evening is the oldest in California, tailored to meet the unique needs of commuters and working professionals with classes meeting just three days a week during your 1L and 2L years. While many students take four years to complete this program, you can complete it in as little as three-and-a-half years if you enroll in summer courses after your 1L year. As a part-time student, you may switch to the full-time program at any point after your first year.

Courses are taught by the same faculty as the day division, and you will be afforded the same level of student and career support as the full-time students.

First Fall - 9 units

Contracts I	3
Torts	4
Writing & Research I	2

First Spring - 8 units

Contracts II	3
Writing & Research II	3
1L Elective	2

First Summer - 5 units

Civil Procedure I	3
Professional Responsibility	2

Specialization Certificates

We offer specialization Certificates in the following areas:

- Business Law
- Environmental Law
- Family Law
- Intellectual Property
- Litigation
- Public Interest Law



Honors Lawyering Program

Integrating Theory & Practice

The Honors Lawyering Program (HLP) integrates classroom learning with real-world legal practice. Qualified students attend a 10-week, intensive summer session followed by semester-long fall apprenticeships in law firms, courts, government agencies, and grassroots advocacy organizations in the San Francisco Bay Area and around the world. The combination of legal scholarship and practical training provides HLP participants with a level of knowledge and appreciation for the practice of law that is difficult to find in a traditional legal studies program.

HLP Intensive Courses

Each year, GGU Law selects a small number of highly qualified applicants to participate in HLP. If you are selected, you will complete the regular first-year curriculum, followed by a 10-week interactive summer program in which you will study two doctrinal subjects, Evidence and Professional Responsibility. You will also study Advanced Legal Research and Lawyering Skills, where you will learn about client relations, negotiations, interviewing skills, and case management. After a “crash course” in direct advocacy cases, such as landlord/tenant law, you will be assigned to work on actual cases under the supervision of your professors and practicing attorneys.

HLP Apprenticeship

After your first summer session, you will apprentice full-time in private law firms, judicial chambers, private companies, government agencies, or non-profit organizations. By the time you begin your 2L fall apprenticeships, you will be well trained and ready to provide meaningful assistance to employers. You will also qualify to represent clients in court through the State Bar of California’s Practical Training of Law Students Program. In your 3L year, you will complete a second apprenticeship prior to graduation, giving you deep exposure to legal practice and to the Bay Area’s legal employer network.

1st STEP - Summer Trial & Evidence Program

Honing Litigation & Advocacy Skills

First Summer Trial and Evidence Program (1st STEP) is a unique program offered by Golden Gate University School of Law's Litigation Center. Its integrated summer litigation curriculum is designed for students who recently completed their first year of law school. The faculty and practitioners who lead the Litigation Center developed 1st STEP to provide you an opportunity to be trained as a trial attorney and litigator as early as possible in your legal studies.

Why 1st STEP?

The earlier you receive training in evidence and fundamental trial skills, the better prepared you will be to litigate as a lawyer. We believe that law students are more receptive to advocacy, persuasion, and presentation training earlier in their law school career rather than later in their studies, as is the case at most other law schools. We also believe that the doctrinal course of Evidence is learned best when tethered to its practical application in the courtroom and in litigation.

1st STEP Curriculum

This innovative eight-week summer program begins the summer after you complete your first year of law school. Integrated courses are specifically designed to improve your litigation and advocacy skills including Evidence, Trial Advocacy, and a unique Litigation Center course, Evidence in the Courtroom. In 1st STEP you will develop a strong foundation in the knowledge needed to become an excellent litigator and to be better prepared for the Bar Exam.

Immersion Week

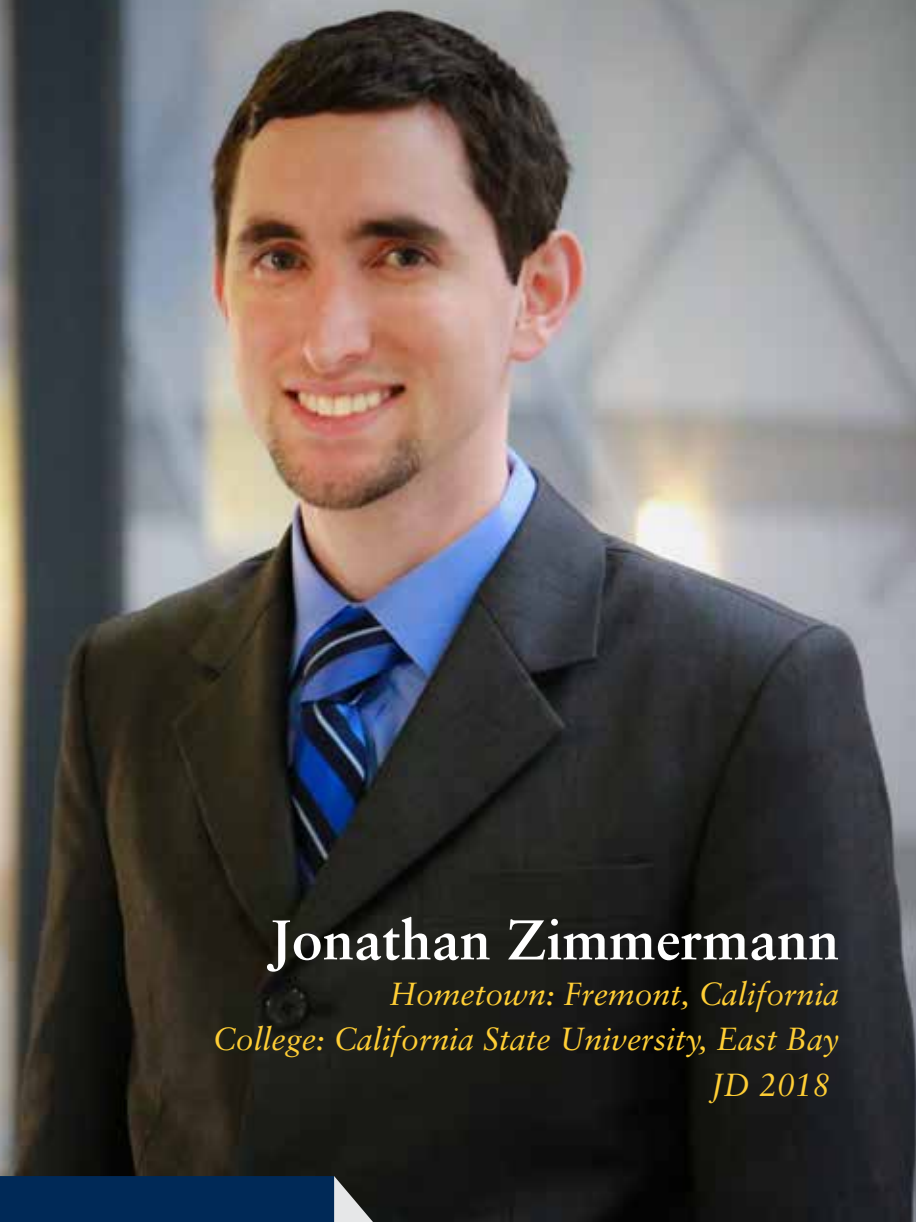
You will be introduced to the key skills that will serve you throughout law school and in mock trial competitions.

Evidence

In seven weeks, you will master the principles and arguments under the rules of evidence and learn to integrate them seamlessly into practice.

Integrated Practice

Trial lawyers recognize that students master evidence by learning how it comes to life through practice. In 1st STEP, you continuously apply and exercise the rules and concepts taught in the Evidence course.



Jonathan Zimmermann

Hometown: Fremont, California

College: California State University, East Bay

JD 2018

“

Although I had heard great things about Golden Gate University School of Law from other people, GGU Law still greatly exceeded my expectations. My professors do more than lecture; they mentor. GGU Law not only taught me the law, but trained me how to be a lawyer with hands-on learning experiences that I would not get elsewhere. Because of 1st STEP, I was able to receive crucial courtroom experience before the start of my second year of law school, allowing me to grow as a lawyer and a person overall.

- Vice President, Jewish Law Students Association
- Pro Bono Honors Society
- Veterans Law Students Association
- Wellness Law Students Association
- OneJustice Bus Volunteer
- Dean's List Spring 2016
- Dean's List Fall 2015
- 1st STEP Program

Welcome to the Wall Street of the West

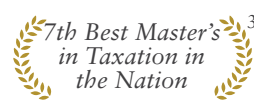
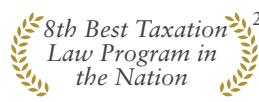
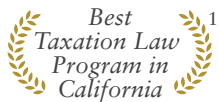
San Francisco's financial district, the home of GGU Law, has been called the 'Wall Street of the West' due to its impressive banking, tech, and taxation presence. We offer you the chance to be a part of it with a joint JD and Master of Laws degree (LLM) in Taxation or Intellectual Property Law, or with a joint JD and MBA. Location matters, and so does a supportive network. Come see what ours can do for your legal career.

Earn your JD and your LLM in as little as seven semesters by enrolling in 12 units of program-approved coursework from your JD electives. Alternately, you may transfer up to 12 units of elective units from your JD program toward your joint JD and MBA degrees, allowing you to earn both in as little as seven semesters.

Joint JD/LLM in Taxation From the Top Ranked Program in California

Taxation and Estate Planning are two of the fastest growing career fields for lawyers today. Earn your joint JD and LLM degrees in Taxation or Estate Planning, Trust, and Probate Law in as little as one additional semester with the transfer of approved coursework from your GGU Law JD program. While working toward your LLM degree, you will have the opportunity to take classes alongside seasoned tax practitioners seeking to enhance their professional credentials and their reputation in the taxation and estate planning communities. These programs are taught by some of the most esteemed tax and estate planning professionals in California, including sitting and retired judges.

You will also benefit from close ties to GGU's Braden School of Taxation, which features the 7th best Masters in Taxation program in the country according to top hiring authorities polled by Jobs in Tax and TaxTalent. In law, quality education and networking are important, as a GGU Law student you will have an edge.



Joint JD/LLM in Intellectual Property

San Francisco/Bay Area is the world's tech hub with some of the hottest tech companies and startups, like Google, Twitter, LinkedIn, and Zinga just a short walk from GGU Law. Become one of the most in-demand attorneys in the Bay Area by earning your joint JD and LLM degrees in Intellectual Property in as little as one additional semester with the transfer of approved coursework from your GGU Law JD program. Classes are taught by expert IP professors and practitioners who jointly publish the country's only peer reviewed academic IP Law Journal, the *IP Book Review*.

Earn Your MBA With Your JD

At Golden Gate University School of Law, you may earn your JD and your MBA concurrently through GGU's highly regarded Ageno School of Business. Your LSAT score and your undergraduate GPA are all that are needed to apply. Contact our Admissions team to learn more, or visit our website at law.ggu.edu/academics/degree-programs for more information.

1. Ranked by *TaxTalent* and *The Recorder*.

2. Ranked by *National Jurist*.

3. Ranked by *Jobs in Tax* and *Tax Talent*.



Andre Andoyan

Hometown: Orcutt, California

College: California Lutheran University

JD 2017

- Teaching Assistant, Contracts I and Contracts II, Fall 2015 and Spring 2016
- Student Bar Association, Treasurer
- Labor and Employment Law Association: Co-Founder and Vice President of Programming
- Dean's List Fall 2014, Spring 2015 and Summer 2015
- *Golden Gate University Law Review*: Executive Outside Articles Editor 2016-2017, Staff Writer 2015-2016
- CALI Award for Contracts II, Spring 2015
- CALI Award for Lawyering Supreme Court Litigation, Spring 2015
- Witkin Award for Characterization of Income and Expenditures, Fall 2015
- Asian Pacific American Law Student Association
- Honors Lawyering Program
- LLM in Taxation 2018

“

What I really like about GGU Law is the community. I feel like going to law school you hear a lot about what a terror it can be and all the hype around it. But I didn't feel that at GGU Law at all. It felt like a place to learn the law in a helpful and supportive environment. I still remember my professors from my first-year asking me how I was doing and if I felt like I was getting everything I needed to be successful. From my professors to classmates, I really could not have asked for a better environment to learn the law and that's why I chose GGU Law.

Environmental Law and Justice Clinic

The mission of the Environmental Law & Justice Clinic (ELJC) has been to improve the environmental conditions for communities of color and low-income residents of the San Francisco Bay Area and beyond. Environmental Law & Justice Clinic (ELJC) has been to improve the environmental conditions for communities of color and low-income residents of the San Francisco Bay Area and beyond. Students are trained to become clinicians who collaborate with faculty and staff attorneys, giving students the opportunity to interview and counsel clients on environmental issues, to develop effective legal strategies, negotiate with opposing parties, and to participate in litigation. Learn the practice of law, and have an impact on the community around you before you graduate by participating in the ELJC.

Center For Urban Environmental Law

The Center for Urban Environmental Law (CUEL) focuses on policy and regulatory strategies to improve urban environmental conditions. The Center also develops law school curricula to ensure the next generation of lawyers is well versed in the implications of environmental law on air and water quality, and the impact of climate change in urban settings.



Intellectual Property Law Center

The Intellectual Property (IP) Law center at GGU Law will provide you with expert training on the developments in the fast-changing world of IP Law and policy. The Center is led by faculty with extensive IP law experience, assisted by a distinguished advisory board of prominent attorneys from Bay Area law firms, the U.S. Patent and Trademarks Office, in-house counsel, and federal judges. With our proximity to Silicon Valley and our close ties to California's entertainment centers, the GGU Law IP Law Center offers you excellent opportunities for research and training.

If selected, you may participate in our IP Mentorship Program while taking advantage of our alumni network database used by attorneys throughout the country to keep current with IP events and job opportunities. Because GGU Law is located across the street from major IP Law firms and various big tech companies, you will benefit from our IP seminars and the numerous events that take place on campus. Meet local and national leaders in IP to discuss new developments in the ever-changing field while establishing your name in this growing practice area.

You will learn from your internships at major IP firms located across the street from our campus, or from our many IP seminars and events that take place at GGU Law, which has hosted local and national leaders in IP to discuss new developments in the ever-changing field.

Pro Bono Tax Clinic

2Ls May Join the Pro Bono Tax Clinic

In the Pro Bono Tax Clinic, you will work with supervising attorneys to represent low-income clients with pending tax appeals before the California State Board of Equalization (BOE). Your supervising attorney will offer guidance and instruction on relevant tax issues while you work independently to draft briefs, communicate with clients and opposing counsel, and research legal matters for your clients. Join the Pro Bono Tax Clinic as early as your 2L year for the chance to gain real-life experience representing clients. As a student clinician, you may appear at appeals conferences and oral hearings, which are similar to court trials.



Women's Employment Rights Clinic

Become an Advocate for Workers' Legal Rights

The Women's Employment Rights Clinic (WERC) of Golden Gate University School of Law, founded in 1993, believes that every worker has a right to decent wages and equal opportunity. In conjunction with community-based organizations, WERC advocates for the rights of low-wage and immigrant workers through direct service, impact litigation, and public policy work. The Clinic has recently focused its advocacy on domestic workers and caregivers. WERC also serves the dual purpose of training the next generation of ethical, competent, and socially-responsible professionals.

Veterans Legal Advocacy Center

Championing the Rights of Veterans

Students working with GGU Law's Veterans Legal Advocacy Center (VLAC) help military veterans with a variety of issues, including obtaining disability benefits from the Department of Veterans Affairs and changing the status of their military discharge in order to obtain benefits lost due to the effects of post-traumatic stress disorder, discrimination, or other factors. Participating students research the validity of each claim and submit persuasive briefs to the Department of Veterans Affairs and Department of Defense in support of their case. Throughout the semester, you will work under the supervision of a veterans' rights attorney while you interview and work with clients to obtain all information necessary to support their claims. The VLAC, and its student clinicians, have helped clients obtain thousands of dollars in benefits and upgrade their discharges to honorable conditions.

Veterans Law Students Association

Join our Veterans Law Student Association (VLSA), a coalition of military reserve, veterans, dependents, civilians, and those who hope to serve in the Judge Advocate General (JAG) Corps, to shape policy in the Bay Area and California. Each year, the VLSA works hosts the annual Veterans Law Conference, which features great legal minds like former U.S. Supreme Court Clerk and retired Army JAG Lieutenant General William Suter, and California Supreme Court Justice Ming Chin, a Vietnam veteran. You also have the option of working in support of San Francisco's newly created Veterans Treatment Court, which helps veterans get back on their feet with legal and medical support.



A portrait of Nicole Suraci-Nguyen, a young woman with long dark hair, smiling and wearing a black blazer. She is standing in front of a red wooden door.

Nicole Suraci-Nguyen

Hometown: San Leandro, California

College: California Maritime Academy

JD 2017

“

I have spent the majority of my adult life in the military and came to law school one month after I left active duty in the Army. Coming to Golden Gate University School of Law, I found a home in the Veteran's Law Students Association. The VLSA helped me get through not only the first year of law school, which we all know is a huge challenge itself, but I gained real friends and mentors who have helped me transition to life outside of the military in general. GGU Law is so much more than just another law school, because you will form bonds with fellow students, faculty and professors. These bonds will create lifelong friendships and become the basis for your professional career.

President, Veterans Law Students Association
Criminal Law Society
Dean's List Summer 2015 and Fall 2015

Course Offerings

Business/Commercial Law

- 401(K) Plans – Tax & ERISA Issues
- Accounting for Lawyers
- Alternative Dispute Resolution
- Antitrust
- Business Associations
- Business Bankruptcy
- Business Immigration Law
- Business of Solo & Small Firm Law Practice
- Characterization of Income & Expenditure
- Comparative International Tax
- Contracts I
- Contracts II
- Corporate Compliance & Ethics
- Corporate Governance
- Corporate Taxation
- Employment Discrimination
- Employment Law
- Executive Compensation
- Externship: Civil Field Placement
- Externship: Consumer Rights
- Federal Income Taxation
- Federal Income Taxation of Limited Liability Companies & S Corporations
- Intellectual Property Law Survey
- International Business Transactions
- International Taxation
- International Trade Regulation
- Mergers and Acquisitions
- Negotiating and Drafting Contracts in the Entertainment Business
- Partnership Taxation
- Sales
- Secured Transactions
- Securities Regulation
- Taxation of Mergers & Acquisitions
- Trade Secrets Law
- Transfer Pricing I
- Transfer Pricing II
- Venture Capital Business Transactions

California Bar Subjects

- Business Associations
- Civil Procedure I & II
- Community Property
- Constitutional Law I & II
- Contracts I & II
- Criminal Law
- Evidence
- Professional Responsibility
- Property Law
- Real Estate Transactions
- Remedies
- Torts
- Wills and Trusts

Criminal Law

- Advanced Trial Advocacy
- Competition: ABA National Appellate Advocacy
- Competition: Advanced Mock Trial
- Competition: Environmental Law Moot Court
- Competition: Jessup International Law Moot Court
- Competition: Traynor Moot Court
- Criminal Law
- Criminal Litigation
- Criminal Procedure I
- Criminal Procedure II
- Domestic Violence Seminar
- Evidence
- Externship: Criminal Litigation
- Trial Advocacy
- Wrongful Convictions: Causes & Remedies

Environmental Law

- Administrative Law
- Animal & Wildlife Law
- California Environmental and Natural Resources Law
- Competition: Environmental Law Moot Court
- Competition: Environmental Negotiation
- Energy & Climate Law
- Environmental Law & Justice Clinic
- Environmental Law & Justice Seminar
- Environmental Law & Policy
- Toxics & Brownfield Law
- Urban Environmental & Land Use Law
- Water Law

Family Law

- Alternative Dispute Resolution
- Children & the Law
- Combatting Financial Elder Abuse
- Community Property
- Domestic Violence Seminar
- Elder Law
- Estate Planning
- Estate Planning for the Blended Family
- Externship: Family Law
- Family Law
- Family Law Practice
- Gender, Children & International Law
- Real Estate Transactions
- Reproductive Rights & Justice
- Street Law
- Wills and Trusts

Intellectual Property Law

- Antitrust
- Biotechnology Law
- Competition: IP Law Moot Court
- Copyright Law of the U.S.
- Cyberlaw
- Entertainment Law
- Externship: Civil Field Placement
- Intellectual Property Law Survey
- Intellectual Property Litigation: Copyright and Trademark
- IP Practicum: Trademark & Copyright Transactions
- Negotiating and Drafting Contracts in the Entertainment Business
- Patent Law of the US
- Patent Litigation
- Privacy Law
- Privacy Law & Technology
- Sports Law
- Trade Secrets Law
- Trademark Law of the US
- Venture Capital Business Transactions

International Law

- Business Immigration Law
- Comparative International Tax
- Comparative Legal Systems
- Competition: Jessup International Law Moot Court
- Gender, Children & International Law
- Immigration & Refugee Policy Seminar
- Immigration Law
- International Business Transactions

International Law (Continued)

- International Human Rights Seminar
- International Investment Law
- International Law – Annual Survey
- International Organizations
- International Trade Regulation
- Intra-State Conflict & Peace Building
- Introduction to Islamic Law
- Law of International Armed Conflict
- Public International Law
- Terrorism & Counter-Terrorism
- Transnational Courts

Labor & Employment Law

- 401(K) Plans – Tax & ERISA Issues
- 401(K) Plans II – Tax & ERISA Issues
- Administrative Law
- Alternative Dispute Resolution
- Business Immigration Law
- Employment Discrimination
- Employment Law
- Entertainment Law
- Sports Law
- Women's Employment Rights Seminar
- Women's Employment Rights Clinic

Lawyering Skills

- Administrative Law
- Advanced Legal Research
- Alternative Dispute Resolution
- Appellate Advocacy
- Business of Solo & Small Firm Law Practice
- California Legal Research
- Civil Litigation: Depositions
- Civil Litigation: Pretrial Phase
- Civil Procedure I
- Civil Procedure II
- Competition: Advanced Mock Trial
- Competition: Mock Trial
- Competition: Traynor Moot Court
- Environmental Law Journal
- Essential Mindfulness for Lawyers
- Evidence
- Evidence in the Courtroom
- Externship: Civil Field Placement
- Externship: Judicial
- Law Review

Lawyering Skills (Continued)

- Legal Profession Seminar
- Practical Legal Writing
- Professional Presentation & Persuasion
- Professional Responsibility
- Remedies
- Trial Advocacy
- Writing and Research I
- Writing and Research II

Litigation

- Advanced Trial Advocacy
- Alternative Dispute Resolution
- Civil Litigation: Depositions
- Competition: ABA National Appellate Advocacy
- Competition: Advanced Mock Trial
- Competition: IP Law Moot Court
- Competition: Jessup International Law Moot Court
- Competition: Mock Trial
- Competition: National Veterans Law Moot Court
- Competition: Traynor Moot Court
- Criminal Litigation
- Criminal Procedure I
- Criminal Procedure II
- E-Discovery
- Ethical Prosecutions
- Evidence
- Evidence in the Courtroom
- Externship: Criminal Litigation
- Professional Presentation & Persuasion
- Trial Advocacy
- Trial Evidence & Advocacy
- Veterans Legal Advocacy Center
- Veterans Legal Advocacy Seminar

Property Development & Real Estate Law

- Environmental Law & Policy
- Federal Income Taxation
- Partnership Taxation
- Property
- Real Estate Development
- Real Estate Practice
- Real Estate Taxation
- Real Estate Transactions
- Secured Transactions

Public Interest & Human Rights

- Administrative Law
- ADR for Children & Families
- Alternative Dispute Resolution
- Animal & Wildlife Law
- Business Immigration Law
- California Election Law
- California Environmental and Natural Resources Law
- Children & the Law
- Cities Law & Policy Seminar
- Community Property
- Competition: Environmental Law Moot Court
- Competition: Environmental Negotiation
- Criminal Litigation
- Criminal Procedure I
- Criminal Procedure II
- Domestic Violence Seminar
- Elder Law
- Employment Discrimination
- Employment Law
- Energy & Climate Law
- Environmental Law & Justice Clinic
- Environmental Law & Justice Seminar
- Environmental Law & Policy
- Environmental Law Journal
- Essential Mindfulness for Lawyers
- Externship: Civil Field Placement
- Externship: Consumer Rights
- Externship: Criminal Litigation
- Externship: Family Law
- Externship: Judicial
- Family Law
- Family Law Practice
- Gender, Children & International Law
- Guerrilla Lawyering
- HLP Client Representation
- Immigration & Refugee Policy Seminar
- Immigration Law
- International Human Rights Seminar
- International Organizations
- Law of International Armed Conflict
- Legislation & Public Policy
- Poverty Law



Public Interest & Human Rights (Continued)

- Privacy, Defamation, and Other Related Topics
- Public International Law
- Reproductive Rights & Justice
- Street Law
- Tax Exempt Organizations
- Terrorism & Counter-Terrorism
- Toxics & Brownfield Law
- Transnational Courts
- Water Law
- Women's Employment Rights Seminar
- Women's Employment Rights Clinic
- Wrongful Convictions: Causes & Remedies

Taxation Law

- 401(K) Plans – Tax & ERISA Issues
- 401(K) Plans II – Tax & ERISA Issues
- Bankruptcy Taxation
- Characterization of Income & Expenditure
- Combatting Financial Elder Abuse
- Comparative International Tax
- Corporate Taxation
- Court Ordered Estate Planning
- Drafting Estate Plans
- Estate & Gift Taxation
- Estate Planning
- Estate Planning Lab
- Estate Planning Practice Management
- Executive Compensation
- Federal Income Taxation
- Federal Income Taxation of Limited Liability Companies & S Corporations
- Federal Tax Procedure
- Foreign Acc. Tax Compliance Act (FATCA)
- Generation Skipping Transfer Tax
- Income Taxation for Estate Planners

Taxation Law (Continued)

- Income Taxation of Trusts & Estates
- International Estate Planning
- International Taxation
- Internet Law & Digital Asset Inheritance
- IRS Litigation Clinic
- Litigating in Probate Court
- Mediating Trust & Estate Disputes
- Partnership Taxation
- Pro Bono Tax Clinic: Sales & Use Tax
- Pro Bono Tax Clinic: State Income Tax
- Probate Court Externship
- Probate Procedure
- Professional Responsibility for Tax Practitioners
- Professional Responsibility for Trust & Estate Practice
- Real Estate Taxation
- State & Local Taxation
- Tax Exempt Organizations
- Tax Litigation
- Tax Research
- Taxation of Mergers & Acquisitions
- Taxation, Politics & the Law
- Timing of Income & Expenditure
- Transfer Pricing I
- Transfer Pricing II

Youth Law

- ADR for Children & Families
- Children & the Law
- Community Property
- Domestic Violence Seminar
- Externship: Legal Services for Children
- Family Law
- Family Law Practice
- Gender, Children & the Law
- International Human Rights Seminar
- Poverty Law
- Street Law

These course offerings are subject to change

Career Development & Bar Preparation

Law Career Development

Through innovative programs and personalized attention, GGU Law staff and faculty work closely with you to help you become practice ready. Our Law Career Development (LCD) counselors are attorneys who remain connected to their professional networks, working in close collaboration with the law school's externship program and faculty to help you find meaningful work experience in a variety of settings.

Faculty Coaching

Faculty coaching is a unique aspect of the GGU Law experience. All first-year students are paired with faculty coaches who serve as trusted advisors outside the classroom. Through small group meetings and other activities, faculty coaches offer guidance to you as you navigate your first year of law school, develop your professional identity and interests, and build relationships in the legal community.

A few of the Employers Who Participate in Summer Recruitment

Andersen Tax
Bledsoe, Diestel, Treppa and Crane LLP
DLA Piper
Family Violence Law Center
Hanson Bridgett LLP
Kilpatrick Townsend & Stockton LLP
Legal Aid of Marin
Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office
Minami Tamaki LLP
Natural Resources Defense Counsel
Outten & Golden LLP
Santa Clara County Public Defender's Office
San Francisco District Attorney's Office
San Francisco Public Defender's Office

San Francisco Sheriff's Department
San Francisco Superior Court
Schoenberg Family Law Group, P.C.
Sedgwick LLP
Social Security Administration
Solano County District Attorney
Squire Patton Boggs
US Air Force JAG Corps
US Army JAG Corps
US Marine JAG Corps
US Department of Labor, Employee Benefits
Villegas Carrera, LLP
Wood, Smith, Henning & Berman LLP
Wilson Keadjian Browndorf, LLP

Bar Exam Success

GGU Law's Bar Exam Services offer essential training and programming to prepare you for the Bar Exam, including ongoing testing and education throughout enrollment and beyond. Our dedicated Bar Exam Services afford you training, bar preparation materials, and counseling to maximize your opportunity for success. Take advantage of our Bar Exam preparation electives during your 3L year to get a head start on your studies.

Academic Development Program (ADP)

Our ADP offers supplemental services, including advising and individual counseling, to help you enhance your academic performance. Workshops and discussion groups are held throughout the first semester and are aimed at teaching you to succeed in your classes and adapt to the rhythms and demands of 1L curriculum. Workshops include: Fundamentals for the Study of Law, Preparing for Midterms, Preparing for Finals, and Exam Taking Strategies.



Sherri Bridgeforth

Hometown: Columbus, Ohio

*College: Dominican University of California
JD 2017*

“

I continue to excel academically, succeed professionally, and positively impact the community on account of the support services provided at GGU Law and a deep camaraderie and fellowship with the members of the Black Law Students Association. Furthermore, the legal scholarship and practical skills I gained in the Honors Lawyering Program prepared me for an apprenticeship with the Department of Justice that I secured through Law Career Development's Spring Recruitment.

- President, Black Law Students Association 2015-2016
- Vice-Chair, Black Law Students Association, Western Region 2015-2016
- Diversity Chair, Student Bar Association, GGU Chapter 2016
- Phi Alpha Delta
- Dean's List Fall 2014, Summer 2015 and Spring 2016
- CALI Award for Legal Writing and Research
- Pro Bono Honors Society 2015
- Honors Lawyering Program

GGU Law Alumni

Our Alumni Community

Golden Gate University School of Law has a long history of training expert attorneys who go on to hold prominent positions locally, across the United States, and internationally. Bay Area courts, firms, corporations, and public interest organizations are filled with GGU Law alumni, many of whom return to campus as adjunct faculty or as guest speakers, eager to assist students with their professional goals. For example, a recent gift from alumnus Mark Burton (JD '95) now supports membership for all 1L GGU Law students to the Bar Association of San Francisco or to the San Francisco Trial Lawyers Association.*

Government Agencies & Public Interest Organizations

- Joan Blades (JD '80), Co-founder, MoveOn.org
- Ashley Eagle-Gibbs (JD '10), Attorney, Lawyers for Clean Water
- Peter Fowler (JD '84), Senior Counsel, U.S. Patent & Trademark Office
- Karen L. Hawkins (JD '79), Director, IRS Office of Professional Responsibility (Retired). Currently an Adjunct Professor at GGU Law
- Bill Hirsh (JD '86), Executive Director, AIDS Legal Referral Panel
- Jan M. Lecklikner (JD '78), Deputy Public Defender, San Francisco
- Michael Robertson (JD '04), Deputy Assistant to the President, Deputy Cabinet Secretary, The White House
- Christina Tetreault (JD '12), Staff Attorney, Consumers Union
- Matthew Wood (JD '07), Staff Attorney, Transgender Law Center
- Micah Wyatt (JD '09), Trial Attorney, U.S. Department of Justice, Antitrust Division

On the Bench

- Hon. Morgan Christen (JD '86), U.S. Court of Appeals, Ninth Circuit
- Hon. Gail Dekreon (JD '81), San Francisco Superior Court
- Hon. Matthew Guasco (JD '84), Ventura County Superior Court
- Hon. Tamara Hall (JD '97), Los Angeles County Superior Court
- Hon. Alan Jaroslovsky (JD '77), U.S. Bankruptcy Court, Northern District of California
- Hon. Carol A. King (JD '84), U.S. Immigration Court of the Executive Office for Immigration Review
- Hon. Bob Oliver (JD '73), Fresno Superior Court Judge
- Hon. Elia Ortiz (JD '99), Napa County Superior Court

On the Bench (continued)

- Hon. Philip M. Pro (JD '72), U.S. District Court, District of Nevada
- Hon. Sandra M. Snyder (JD '76), U.S. District Court, Eastern District of California
- Hon. Carol Yaggy (JD '79), San Francisco Superior Court

Business & Private Practice

- Rodrigo C. Aberin II (JD '05), Head of Legal at Mercedes-Benz Research & Development North America Inc. in Sunnyvale, CA
- Alan Bayer (JD '01), Partner at Bayer & Borlase
- Romy L. Celli (JD '97), Partner, Alston + Bird LLP
- Charles R. Conradi (JD '78), Treasurer and Vice President—Tax, The Clorox Company
- Rod M. Fliegel (JD '93), Shareholder, Littler Mendelson PC
- James Ford, (JD '09, LLM '11), Senior Domestic Tax Analyst, Salesforce
- Jessica Hannah (JD '08), Patent Litigation Counsel, Apple Inc.
- Julia Harris (JD '10), Counsel, MGM Studios
- Dawn M. Knepper (JD '00), Shareholder, Ogletree Deakins Nash Smoak & Stewart PC
- Jamil McClintock (JD '13), Associate, DLA Piper LLP
- Joseph A. Meckes (JD '97), Partner, Squire Patton Boggs
- Ronald W. Miele (JD '84), Executive Vice President of Business Affairs, Operations & General Counsel, Warner Bros. International Television
- Richard B. Nettler (JD '77), Partner, Arent Fox LLP
- Daniel B. Pickard (JD '95), Partner, Wiley Rein LLP
- Rebecca Prozan (JD '03), Manager, Public Policy Community and Government Affairs, Google
- Richard Rosenberg (JD '66), Former Chairman and CEO, Bank of America
- Petra Tang (JD '96), Partner, Berry Appleman & Leiden LLP
- Elise R. Vasquez (JD '98), Partner Ropers Majeski Kohn Bentley PC
- Michael R. Ward (JD '96), Partner, Morrison & Foerster LLP
- Jackie H. Xu (JD '96), General Counsel, Conviva

* GGU Law makes no promises or representations regarding individual graduate career placement for any current or prospective student.



Leo Cristobal

Hometown: San Pablo, California

College: University of California, Davis

JD 2016

- Co-President 2014-2015, Pilipino/a American Law Society
- Mock Trial - San Francisco Trial Lawyer's Association Competition, 2nd Place
- *Golden Gate University Law Review*, Online Articles Editor, Published Note
- Faculty Merit Scholarship
- Paul S. Jordan Law Scholarship
- Dean's List Fall 2013 - Summer 2014 and Spring 2016
- Honors Lawyering Program
- Witkin Award for Legal Writing and Research II, 2014
- CALI Award for Criminal Procedure, 2015
- CALI Award for Trial Advocacy, 2015

“

Because of GGU Law I have the skills and confidence to go out and make an impact on the world . GGU Law challenged me, supported me, and provided me with an environment where I could really learn and grow. When I look back at my time at GGU Law, I will remember fun, I will remember struggle, and I will remember joy.

Campus, Library, & Student Life

Law Library

The Law Library houses the largest law collection in San Francisco's Financial District —nearly 300,000 volumes. Its holdings include a comprehensive series of case law reporters, statutes, digests, periodicals, and treatises dealing with domestic and international law; an extensive tax law collection; and a growing body of work in environmental law. Students have full access to a variety of Internet-based legal databases and resources.

Housing

Golden Gate University School of Law's location in the heart of downtown San Francisco allows you to commute easily from anywhere in the greater Bay Area. Many GGU Law students live in the city, while others reside in the surrounding communities. We update and circulate a comprehensive Housing Resource Guide every year that provides detailed descriptions of Bay Area neighborhoods, rents, and public transit.

Life in San Francisco

Enjoy cable car rides and day trips to the Pacific Ocean and Redwood forests or visit nearby historic cultural and culinary centers of Chinatown, Fisherman's Wharf, the Mission District, and North Beach. World-Class shopping at Union Square and San Francisco Giants baseball games at AT&T Park are within short walks of campus. World-renown fine arts venues and the magnificent Golden Gate Park are all accessible from campus by public transportation.

Local Eats

Our campus is within steps of cuisine from all over the world that includes Chinese, Greek, Indian, Italian, Japanese, Thai, and even our own California Fusion. In addition, you can check out weekly farmers markets just blocks from the law school and enjoy the fresh agriculture from own backyard. GGU's Peet's Café offers a place to eat, study, and socialize with classmates.



Study | Practice | Explore | Relax



Financial Aid

Dean's & Faculty Merit Scholarships

Golden Gate University School of Law awards Dean's and Faculty merit scholarships in varying amounts to qualified entering students. All applicants are automatically considered for these awards. Graduates of California's UC and CSU systems are also considered for California Scholarships, which honor GGU Law's longstanding relationship with California's public universities. In addition, special scholarships are granted to students whose applications show a strong commitment to public service or environmental law.

Yellow Ribbon Program

Golden Gate University School of Law is a national leader in military support, proudly participating in the Yellow Ribbon Reintegration Program. Eligible students may have the entire cost of tuition met by a combination of scholarships and Yellow Ribbon Program funding. For more information please visit <http://law.ggu.edu/clinics-and-centers/veterans/>



Scholars Program

The Environmental Law Scholars Program, and the Public Interest Scholars Program grants \$5,000 annual scholarships to select entering students with extensive public service experience. In addition, GGU Law pays the employer's portion of a work study award for students working for public interest organizations and government agencies during the summer.

Federal & Private Loan Program

A variety of federal and private loan programs may be available to entering students. Our experienced Financial Aid Office works with new students to demystify the financial aid process and help them make wise borrowing choices. Applicants must complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) after January 1 to be evaluated for loan eligibility.

Public Interest Law Foundation

The Public Interest Law Foundation (PILF) is a student-led group that raises funds which benefit students working in public interest internships during the summer and fall. Over the years, they have raised hundreds of thousands of dollars, enabling students to accept unpaid legal positions at government, nonprofit, and environmental organizations.

Loan Repayment Assistance Program

To help students who secure employment in low-paying public interest and government jobs, Golden Gate University offers a Loan Repayment Assistance Program (LRAP). Under LRAP, Golden Gate University makes a loan to qualifying graduates to assist them with their school loan repayment.

Admissions

Golden Gate University School of Law strives to admit a diverse group of students who are seeking a rigorous legal education focused on practical, hands-on training in a close-knit, collegial environment. The Admissions Committee uses both objective indicators such as LSAT scores and undergraduate transcripts to determine an applicant's readiness to meet the challenges of legal study, as well as subjective indicators such as personal statements, resumes, and letters of recommendation. All of these indicators allow us to develop a deep understanding of each applicant's potential for success.

Application Checklist



1. Completed application
2. Personal Statement (two pages, double-spaced)
3. Resume
4. Credential Assembly Services (CAS) Report from LSAC:
 - A valid LSAT score
 - Two letters of recommendation (highly encouraged)
 - Copies of all post-secondary transcripts

Transfer & Visiting Students

The application must include:

- A current law school transcript
- A letter of reference from a law professor
- A letter of good standing from the Dean or Registrar at the applicant's current institution
- A letter of permission from your home institution for visiting students

For more information about applying as a transfer or visiting student, visit our website at law.ggu.edu or contact the Office of Admissions.

International Students

Students who have completed their undergraduate studies outside the United States or Canada must have their transcripts evaluated through the LSAC Credential Assembly Service. For more information about applying as an international student, visit our website or contact the Office of Admissions.



**Questions?
Contact Us**

Office of Admissions
T: 415-442-6630
E: lawadmit@ggu.edu

GGU Law at a Glance

Student Diversity

“A” grade in Student Body Diversity (*The National Jurist* 2015) and 8th in the nation (*U.S. News & World Report* 2015)

Practical Skills Leader

Top-ranked school in practical skills training in Northern California (*The National Jurist* 2014-2016)

Best JD Tax Law Program

Best Tax Law program in the Western United States and 7th in the nation (*TaxTalent* 2016)

Law Specializations

Earn a Certificate of Specialization in one of our six specialty areas of law

Top-Notch Clinics & Centers

Innovative Environmental, Intellectual Property, Employment, Tax, and Veterans Law clinics

Program Flexibility

Highly competitive part-time/evening program only three nights a week



Bar Exam Success

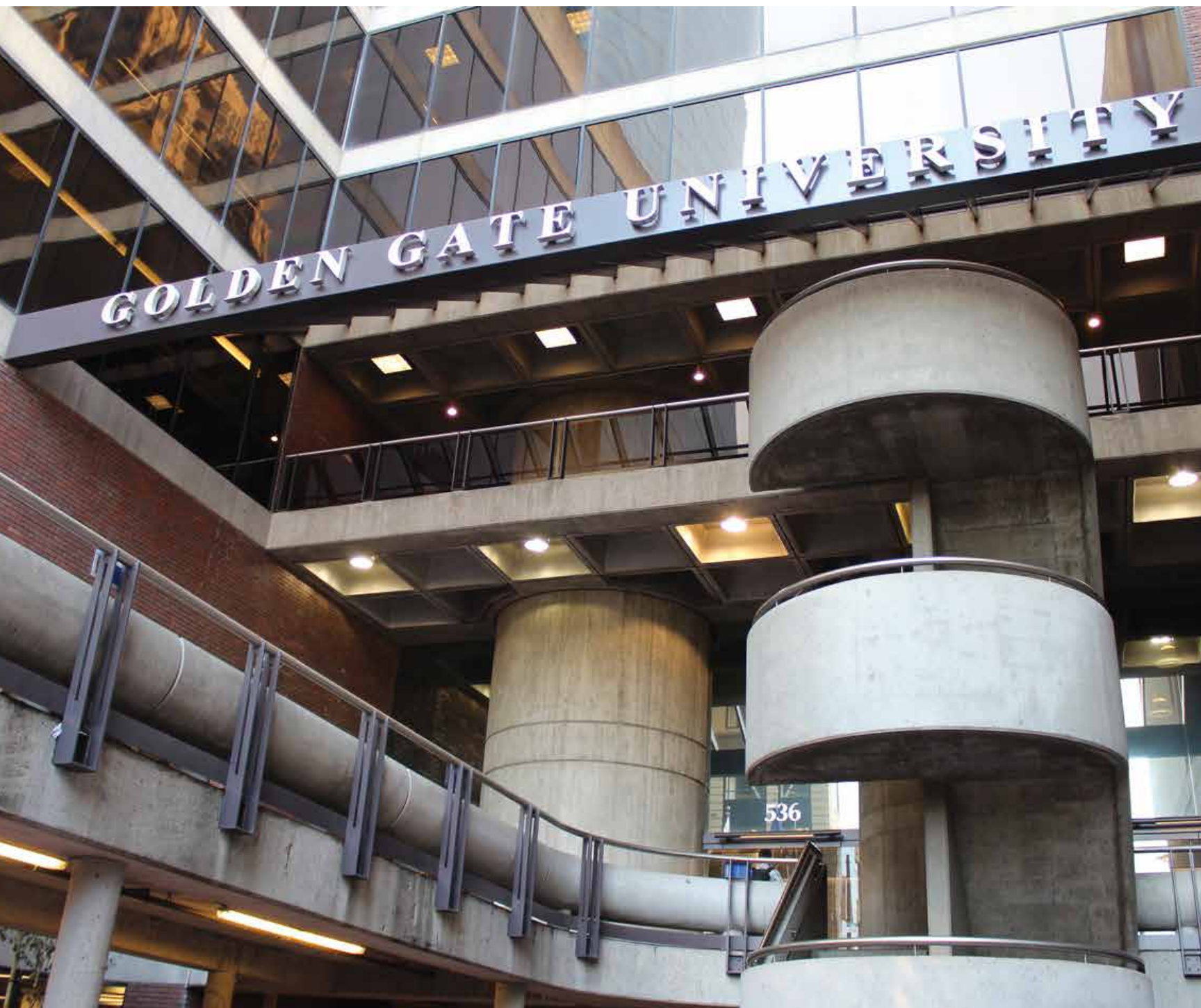
GGU Law's Bar Exam Services offer essential training and programming to prepare you for the Bar Exam, including professional materials, ongoing testing and specialized training education.

Class Profile as of July 31

- Entering class size: 140 (120 Full time day and 20 Part time evening)
- Entering students receiving a scholarship or grant: 93.1%
- Total number of applications: 1,289
- Average age: 28 years
- Minority: 52%
- Women: 58%
- Average merit scholarship: \$31,000
- HLP class size: 25
- Top 1/4 LSAT/GPA 152/3.37
- Median LSAT/GPA: 150/3.06
- Bottom 1/4 LSAT/GPA 147/2.70

Student Organizations

- American Constitution Society (ACS)
- Asian Pacific American Law Student Association (APALSA)
- Black Law Students Association (BLSA)
- Business Law Association (BLA)
- Criminal Law Society (CLS)
- Environmental Law Society (ELS)
- Estate Planning Society (EPS)
- Federal Bar Association (FBA)
- Intellectual Property Law Association (IPLA)
- International Law Society (ILS)
- Jewish Law Students Association (JLSA)
- Labor & Employment Law Association (LELA)
- Law Raza Law Student Association (LA RAZA)
- Law Students For Reproductive Justice (LSRJ)
- Law Wellness Club
- National Lawyers Guild (NLG)
- Philipino American Law Society (PALS)
- Phi Alpha Delta (PAD)
- Pride Law
- Public Interest Law Foundation (PILF)
- Society Of Litigators
- Sportvntertainment Law Club (SELC)
- Student Animal Legal Defense Fund (SALDF)
- Student Bar Association (SBA)
- Students For Sensible Drug Policy (SSDP)
- Veterans Law Student Association (VLSA)
- Women's Law Association (WLA)



JD Admissions

Suite 3316
415-442-6630
lawadmit@ggu.edu

Graduate Law Admissions

Suite 3320
415-442-7234
gradlaw@ggu.edu

Financial Aid

GGU Hub – 1st floor
415-442-6635
lawfao@ggu.edu

Registrar

Mezzanine
415-442-6620
lawreg@ggu.edu

Law Student Support

Suite 2333
415-442-6615
Lawstudentsupport@ggu.edu

**Academic Development
Program**

Suite 3314B
415-442-6664
relee@ggu.edu

Bar Services

Suite 3314A
415-369-5384
rboujaoude@ggu.edu

**Law Career
Development**

Suite 2333
415-442-6625
lawcareer@ggu.edu

Law Library

Plaza
415-442-6680

Litigation Center

Suite 3205
415-442-6668
sjackson@ggu.edu

Alumni Relations

Suite 5309
415-442-7820
alumni@ggu.edu

**Environmental Law
& Justice Clinic**

Suite 3326
415-442-6647

**Veteran's Legal
Advocacy Center**

Suite 3321
415-369-5225

GOLDEN GATE UNIVERSITY

SCHOOL OF LAW



536 Mission Street • San Francisco • CA 94105 | T: (415) 442-6630 | E: lawadmit@ggu.edu

Golden Gate University School of Law is fully accredited by the American Bar Association (ABA), 321 N. Clark St., Chicago, IL 60654-7598, 1-800-285-2221 and is a member in good standing of the Association of American Law Schools (AALS). Golden Gate University is fully accredited by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC).

This magazine does not constitute a binding offer. GGU Law reserves the right to change any portion of its curricula, tuition, fees, and any other aspect of the programs described in this JD Prospectus without notice.



law.ggu.edu



@GGULaw



/ggulawadmissions



gglaw

goldengatelaw

