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Friday, the Eighteenth of May
Two Thousand Twelve
Louise M. Davies Symphony Hall
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Eleven O'Clock AM

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PROGRAM

GREETING

Drucilla Stender Ramey, Dean
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CONFERRAL OF DEGREES

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Master of Laws (LLM) in International Legal Studies
Master of Laws (LLM) in Environmental Law
Master of Laws (LLM) in Intellectual Property Law
Master of Laws (LLM) in Taxation
Master of Laws (LLM) in United States Legal Studies
Doctor of Jurisprudence (JD)

CLOSING REMARKS

Drucilla Stender Ramey, Dean

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Pamela Talledo †	Jennifer Young †

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✕ Highest Honors	● Golden Gate University
‡ Honors	<i>Environmental Law Journal</i>
✕ Jesse Carter Society	□ Golden Gate University
✕ Honors Lawyering Program (HLP)	<i>Environmental Law Journal</i>
† JD/MBA	Editorial Board
■ JD/PhD	❖ Golden Gate University
∩ Public Interest Law Scholars Program	<i>Law Review</i>
◆ Pro Bono Honor Society	○ Golden Gate University
♦ Environmental Law Scholars Program	<i>Law Review</i> Editorial Board

Certificates of Specialization

B Business Law	LE Labor/Employment Law
C Criminal Law	Li Litigation
E Environmental Law	P Public Interest Law
F Family Law	RE Real Estate Law
I International Law	T Tax Law
IP Intellectual Property Law	Y Youth Law

Golden Gate University School of Law and the Class of 2012 wish to recognize the 2012 Graduation Committee for its hard work, enthusiasm, and dedication in helping coordinate Commencement and other graduation events. The 2012 Graduation Committee members are Jessica Marie de Leon, Laura Frances Gible, Matejka Handley, Laura Elizabeth Horton and Luthien L. Niland.

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Academic Excellence in Civil Litigation
Dan Dressman

Academic Excellence in Criminal Litigation
Lauren Elizabeth Otto

International Academy of Trial Lawyers Award for Most Outstanding Student in the Field of Litigation
Julia Levitskaia

Academic Excellence in Corporate and Commercial Law
Olivia Dopler

Academic Excellence in Criminal Law
Paula Melina Vielman-Reeves

Academic Excellence in Environmental Law
Luthien L. Niland
Kathleen Elizabeth Nitta

Academic Excellence in Family Law
Amanda Leigh Feldman

Academic Excellence in Intellectual Property Law
Gregory Charles Magnuson
Mitchell Shayewitz

Grotius Award for Academic Excellence in International Law
Roderick Brown

Academic Excellence in Labor and Employment Law
Genevieve Noelle Hoffman

Academic Excellence in Real Estate Law
Melinda Anne Sarjapur

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Sarah E. Einhorn
Gregory Charles Magnuson
Luthien L. Niland
Melinda Anne Sarjapur
Melissa Noel Smart

Academic Excellence in Tax Law
Gregory Kevin Lachona

SPECIAL AWARDS

ALI-ABA Scholarship and Leadership Award
Shannon Grube

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Diva Mohamad Aziz

Environmental Law Journal Award for Dedication and Excellence
Luthien L. Niland

Honors Lawyering Program Outstanding Student Award
Christina Tetreault

Law Review Award for Dedication and Excellence
Pete J. Georgis

National Association of Women Lawyers Outstanding Student Award
Harmony Groves Kessler

Outstanding LLM Student Award
Florian Felix Walter Wenk (LLM in Environmental Law)
John Greer Sugden (LLM in Tax)

Outstanding Achievement in Public Interest Law Award
Mihaela Ecaterina Beloiu

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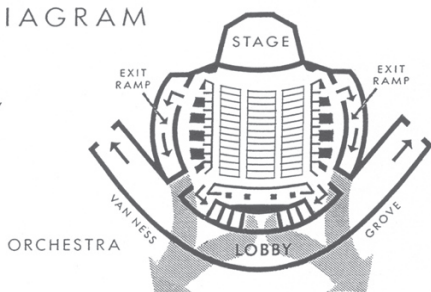
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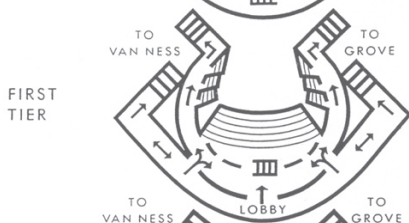
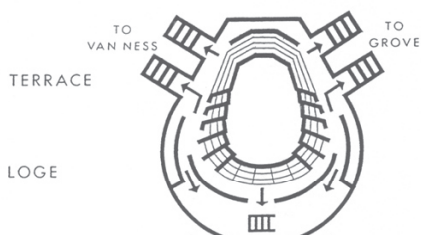
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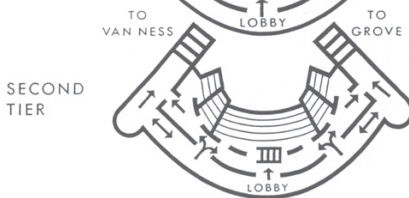
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