Also in this issue: Two GGU Alumni Reach the Top of Mount Kilimanjaro
It is a great honor to write to you in my capacity as the new dean of Golden Gate University School of Law. As the second dean of Golden Gate in this new millennium, I intend to undertake the challenges ahead with a serious, yet compassionate, sense of purpose.

I see my role here at twofold. Part of my job will be to support the great traditions of this institution: providing access to legal education for people from all walks of life, establishing and maintaining strong full-time and part-time programs for day and evening students, and preparing our students to practice law in the real world.

In addition, I want to continue to partner with students, faculty, staff, and alumni to help build strong new traditions and programs. Besides strengthening our first-year curriculum to enhance our students’ ability to pass the bar examination, our faculty will continue to examine our entire curriculum to ensure that Golden Gate keeps pace with the changing needs of changing times.

In addition to our traditional J.D. curriculum, our other programs continue to grow and prosper. For example, our LL.M. program in environmental law was recently selected as one of the top programs in the United States and the best in the Bay area. Further, we continue to explore opportunities in the international legal community. We have an ongoing summer program in Bangkok, Thailand, and we continue to look for other ways to put the GGU Law stamp on the legal landscape.

Our physical campus is undergoing further change. As you know, a few years ago, we renovated our classrooms. Later this year, with the gracious help of the university’s Board of Trustees and the generous support of the entire GGU community, including the schools of business, tax, and technology, Golden Gate University will embark upon the first phase of a $16 million Law Library renovation project. The renovation project—phase four of the university’s master plan—will include the infill and renovation of the plaza-level courtyard for the purpose of library expansion, the construction of a first-floor library entry court and lobby, the renovation of the west wing plaza and basement for use by the Law Library, and preparation for an atrium and a student mall. Although the project will, of course, involve some noise, dirt, and discomfort for a short while, the result will be a facility that will better serve both GGU law students and alumni. Throughout this endeavor, we will be calling on you for your continued assistance.

I look forward to working with alumni, faculty, and current students to build an even better Golden Gate University School of Law. Please contact me if you have ideas or would like to talk about our plans.

Best regards,

Dean Frederic White
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On January 1, 2004, Frederic White was appointed dean of Golden Gate University School of Law, the first African American to be named dean of an ABA-accredited law school in California. Frederic practiced law for more than 5 years and taught at Cleveland-Marshall College of Law for more than 25 years.

Early Influencers

Frederic White was born and raised in Cleveland. From an early age, he was a high achiever due, in part, to his father’s encouragement. “Once my report card showed mostly As but one B,” Frederic recalls. “Instead of saying ‘Look at all the As!’ my father asked, ‘Why the B?’ I was worried because the other kids wanted to fight with me and didn’t want to play with me because I was getting As.” Frederic’s father’s response was, “Them or me.” Frederic’s next report card sported nothing but As.

Frederic was also inspired by other students who did well. When he was in junior high school, many of his classmates were not focused on academic success. But Frederic knew several other African-American students who played sports and were also on the Honor Society. “These guys were my heroes,” Frederic says. “I thought, ‘That’s cool. Get good grades and play sports—which the girls like. It was the best of both worlds.’”
Excelling in High School and Beyond

Frederic attended John Adams, a large high school with 4,000, mostly blue-collar, students. (The student body was half African American and half white.) There, his collection of honors and distinctions grew. When the nationwide program “Academic Challenge for High School Students” came to Cleveland, Frederic was on the school’s first three-student team. By the time he finished high school, Frederic had served as president of his class and president of the Honor Society. He was also the outstanding senior on the cross country team and editor of the school paper.

Frederic was the first in his family to graduate from a four-year university. He

1966–1970, where he earned a B.A. in political science. He proudly recalls participating in the student activism prevalent on college campuses at that time: “I was one of those radicals who helped take over buildings,” he says—then smiles, “In effect, I was fighting the system that I’m now a part of.”

By the time Frederic graduated from college, he was married and had one son. His original plan was to attend journalism school, but when he was accepted by both Columbia’s journalism school and its law school, he thought, “I want to write, but I don’t want to be a starving writer.” Perhaps most instrumental in his decision to go to law school was his experience as an undergraduate protester.

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“When we students took over buildings,” he explains, “I was impressed by the quality and fervor of the African-American and white lawyers who represented us. They weren’t doing it for money. I said to myself, ‘I ought to do that.’ That’s what drew me to law school.”

In his last year of Columbia Law School, Frederic was interviewed by a number of national firms, including Squire, Sanders & Dempsey, one of the biggest law firms in Ohio. He was not especially interested in the firm and didn’t think the interview went well. But as he was leaving, a strange thing happened: “In the hallway, I ran into the man who interviewed me, and he asked if I knew where he could get coffee. We had coffee together, and I really think that was my interview.” Each man won the other over; Frederic and his family moved back to his home town so he could work in the firm’s Cleveland office.

Frederic worked as a municipal finance attorney for five and one-half years at Squire, Sanders & Dempsey. One memory from that time always makes him laugh. “When I told my grandmother that I was a bond attorney, her response was, ‘I don’t want you to get hurt. I don’t want you to have to carry a gun.’ I said, ‘Grandma, I’m not a bail bondsman. Municipal bonds are different.’”
Our New Dean: Frederic White

A Family Man
Frederic has two sons (Alfred, 34 years old, and Michael, 31 years old) by his first marriage of 20 years. He has been married to Phyllis White for the past 11 years and has a stepson Jahru (32 years old).

While Phyllis may be Frederic’s second wife, he met her long before adulthood. “Phyllis was actually my first date,” Frederic explains. “We met in seventh grade when we were 12 and went on our first date at 14. We didn’t date again.” Frederic occasionally saw Phyllis again at high school class reunions. After both of their marriages ended, they began dating. Frederic recalls, “We married each other on December 23, 1992—46 years to the day after my parents married. I wear my father’s ring; she wears my mother’s ring.” They were married in the moot courtroom at Cleveland-Marshall.

Joining Academia
After several years at Squire, Sanders & Dempsey, Frederic gave a speech on municipal bankruptcy at Cleveland State University. Again, fate determined his next career move. He was approached by a Cleveland-Marshall College of Law professor (and former Squire associate) who asked if he was interested in teaching. He thought he wasn’t, but he agreed to an interview anyway.

“The interview was interesting,” Frederic recalls. “I went into the dean’s suite. Ten people were sitting in a semicircle, and my chair was in the middle. It was like hazing. The first question put to me was hostile: ‘Why do you want to teach here?’ My response was, ‘I don’t want to teach. You guys called me about a job. You tell me why I want to teach here.’”

Despite (or perhaps because of) this rocky beginning, Frederic received an offer to teach at Cleveland-Marshall. He considers his acceptance of the position “the best decision I ever made in my life.” He taught there for 26 years including serving as associate dean for 5 years.

His fondness for the law school stems from the nurturing he received from professors and administrators. In turn, he began to mentor students, many of whom he is still in contact with years after their graduation.

Frederic has a genuine desire to help his students thrive. “One of the best things about being an academic,” he says, “is being able to write a letter for a student who wants a job.”

When a student asks for a recommendation, I say, ‘One of these days you will be sitting where I am or in a like position, and somebody is going to come to you for a letter of recommendation. To the extent you can write one (sometimes you can’t), then you must write one. Don’t get to where I’m sitting and say, ‘I don’t have time for you.’”

So how did he come to Golden Gate? “When Golden Gate came calling, I had been a finalist for the dean’s job at three other law schools—close, but no cigar. While I had been treated well in each of those searches, I was not really interested in getting back into the market. I was not unhappy where I was at Cleveland State...
University, and I have a lot of family in the Cleveland area. Therefore, when the Golden Gate University search firm called, I simply said I wasn’t interested. Undaunted, they called me back after a few weeks and asked me again. Again, I told them I wasn’t interested, thank you very much. Luckily for me, my wife, Phyllis, overheard the phone conversation and ‘gently’ asked me to reconsider. The rest is history.”

What Frederic Hopes to Achieve at GGU

First on Frederic’s agenda is to usher in the reconstruction and expansion of the Law Library. “We have been meeting with the architects, and we have a plan that will increase space, efficiency, technology, lighting, shelving, seating, and more,” Frederic explains. “The result will be a wonderful facility for students, faculty, and alumni.”

Frederic sees his role at Golden Gate as steward for the future. He explains, “What makes an institution great is when it replenishes itself. I’m sitting at this table for the next dean. I want to be part of the nurturing process, working to attract people who are better than I am. I want to do great things here myself, but eventually—just as Peter before me and all those other deans who were here—I want to make it better for the next dean.”

Frederic strongly believes that supporting students, faculty, alumni, and staff is a critical part of his role as dean. “We want our alumni to mentor and support our students and the students to eventually become alumni and in turn support students. At the same time, all that doesn’t mean much if the staff and faculty morale aren’t good. Part of the dean’s job is to nurture that. It’s a balance.”

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Frederic plans to improve the Law School’s reputation and standing in the legal community. “I hope to continue to attract a student body that is diverse and competent,” he says. “I am taking a critical look at what we’re teaching and how we’re teaching it. Our reputation is fine, but I want to move it forward.”

Part of improving the reputation is increasing pride and satisfaction among faculty, students, and alumni. He explains: “I plan to support the current faculty members so they will mentor the new ones, who in turn will become mentors themselves. It’s a replenishment.”

On Becoming a Dean

“In my wildest dreams, I never thought I’d be a dean of a law school,” Frederic says. “I can remember in 1968 taking over buildings and railing against the system. I can remember walking out during law faculty meetings in 1978 or 1979 because of what I thought were injustices of race or gender or other problems. Now I’ve been chosen to become the leader of an institution.

“I have learned that growth includes realizing that what you said or did 20 years ago may or may not have validity today. Everybody has the capacity for adaptation. One thing I want to do here is help our students adapt to the changing times. Law is different now from 10 years ago, and 10 years from now it will be different. We must make sure our lawyers know that they are in the forefront of a new century. Some of the things they learn and do now will have implications in the next generation. It’s wonderful for me to be a part of that.”

Lorri Ungaretti, editor of ClassAction, is the director of marketing and events for the School of Law.
Two Alumni Reach the Top of Mount Kilimanjaro

by Chip Conradi (78)

In December 2003, Chip Conradi (78), Tim Smallsreed (77), and three friends traveled to Tanzania, Africa, to climb Mt. Kilimanjaro, the highest mountain on the African continent (19,345 feet). Chip met Tim at Golden Gate, where Tim was a classmate of Chip’s wife, Becky, and they have been friends and hiking buddies ever since.

Tim and I had talked about climbing Kilimanjaro for a long time, but the logistics had discouraged us: flying halfway around the world, finding a suitable guide, selecting a trip that made sense for our skills and appetites, coordinating calendars, getting shots, buying gear, etc. Finally, we met Simon Mtuy, a Tanzanian from Marangu Mbahe village on the flank of Mt. Kilimanjaro. Simon is a Chaga tribesman, one of the principal tribes of Tanzania. He speaks English, Swahili (the national language of Tanzania), and Chaga. He visits the United States every year to promote his guided climbs of Kili, to perform work for his non-profit organization that promotes the health and welfare of people in his village, and to compete in the Western States 100 and other ultra-running competitions. (This guy is quite a specimen.) We met with Simon last spring and hired him to guide us.

We set off for Kili on November 30, 2003, flying through Minneapolis and Amsterdam. While the flights were long (transit time of about 26 hours through 11 different time zones), our excitement about the prospect of the climb, some good reading material, conversation, and cat naps helped ease us into Kili International Airport. Simon met us there with a Land Rover and driver, and we drove the 60 or so miles to his village near Kili. The night sky was very dark, with occasional glimpses of brilliant stars. We even saw a rainbow illuminated by moonlight; we considered this a good omen.

Once near Simon’s village, we slipped off the hard-top road onto a rutted, rocky dirt road that would put the four-wheeler commercials we see on U.S. television to shame. We were on this dirt road for about 20 minutes when we arrived at Simon’s home, a farm nestled on the hillside in the shadow of the mountain. We slept fitfully, and then the following morning explored the countryside surrounding the village. We spent the afternoon reviewing our hiking gear with Simon, showering, and resting.

The Climb Begins

Our climb started in the west and traversed the Shira Plateau route. This is a longer, more challenging—but more scenic—way to climb the mountain than some of the more heavily traveled routes. It would take nine days of hiking, On the way to the Londorosi Gate to check in for the climb, we encountered severely rutted, muddy roads. We feared on several occasions that the truck we were in would tip over sideways (lean right!) or get stuck. Our driver was skilled and intrepid, however, and we made it to the trailhead without serious incident.

Our trailhead began at the Lemosho gate. Our porters had arrived the previous day and set up. We traveled with fifteen porters (a 3-to-1 ratio of porters to hikers is standard) who carried tents, made food, etc., during our hike. It was pouring rain, and the trail was very muddy; our walking sticks were helpful in negotiating the treacherous terrain. We saw beautiful Colobis monkeys in the nearby trees. These monkeys are black with white faces, with a stunning white cape that is particularly well displayed when they jump from branch to branch.

By late afternoon, we reached Forest Camp, on the edge of the rain forest. At dawn, porters awakened us, serving us tea in our tents. Very civilized. We ate a good breakfast of porridge, eggs, and toast, then started up out of the rain forest into lighter forest and heather. The trail continued to move up steeply but was much drier than the day before, and we made good progress. Our destination that day was the Shira One Campsite, where we would get glimpses of the peak. That day’s hike reminded us of hiking in the Marin headlands, with low foliage, fog and mist, and gusty breezes. We kept expecting to see seagulls flying overhead and to hear the ocean crashing nearby!

The next day, we completed our transit of the Shira plateau, camping on a bluff at Shira 2. This was a relatively short hiking day through heather and moorland, and after lunch at the camp, we hiked farther up the mountain to acclimate. Near the camp, in a misty valley, we encountered giant lobelia and eccinia plants that looked prehistoric. On our afternoon hike to bluffs with caves and salt licks, we saw evidence of large animals. We had reached about 14,000 feet, nearly as high as any of us had been before—and we still had a long way to go!

The Shira 2 Camp, also known as the Fisher Camp, had several memorials to Scott Fisher, who perished on Mt. Everest in the Into Thin Air tragedy. Scott used to guide on Kili and left many friends there.

The following day, our destination was a camp near Shark’s Tooth and Lava Tower, around 14,000 feet, where we would spend two nights acclimating. The camp was barren and rocky and above the moorland in the Alpine desert. Very little vegetation grows at
this altitude. After lunch, we hiked up to and scaled Lava Tower, a 100-foot tower of lava, dusted with snow, with several fairly tricky scrambles. We were now above 14,500 feet, the highest altitude any of us had seen. During the next day at Shark’s Tooth, we hiked up the scree, getting above 15,000 feet, then rested up for the more strenuous climbing to come.

I began to tire of the food, although that might have been the influence of the altitude. I was disappointed by Hemingway’s *The Snows of Kilimanjaro,* which I read in my tent. I hadn’t remembered what it was about, and it left a grim impression.

Our next camp destination was Arrow Glacier. The name does not refer to a glacier that looks like an arrow. Rather, it is a camp near a rock formation that looks like an arrow. A glacier was once nearby, but it has now receded so far as to be out of sight in the low overhead. We were amused when we encountered a group of Australians who were searching for Arrow Glacier and finally gave up after not locating it in the terrain above us.

In the late afternoon, Simon led us partway up the Western Breach, the trail by which we would enter the crater the next day. On our way down, we met and chatted with other American hikers.

Climbing the Western Breach
To climb the Western Breach, we needed to be up early and through a potentially dangerous rock-fall area before the sun warmed things up, so we started hiking shortly after 6:30 am. The hike was strenuous and somewhat slippery, as new snow had fallen overnight. The rocks below the snow were stable, however, and moving at a deliberate pace, rest-stepping all the way, we made steady progress up the breach. For the most part, we used our walking sticks; there were a number of places, however, where we had to dispense with them and climb using our hands, knees, and feet up rocky bluffs or over large boulders. We found this quite tiring at this altitude; we were now approaching 18,000 feet.

Finally, about five and one-half hours after we started, we scaled the breach and entered the crater. The crater is a vast cylinder, basically the top of the Kibo volcano. The surface is a grayish sandy soil, and there are large, sheer glaciers running across the crater rim, some we estimated to be as high as 70 feet or more. We settled at the base of the trail up to Uhuru Point (The Peak), and we were eager to try for the summit that afternoon. It was not to be, however; we spent the night in the crater at 18,000 feet.

The sun in the crater is intense, and the breeze is cold. We quickly felt like kids who have spent too long at the beach on a sunny, breezy day. We were otherwise feeling okay, not suffering much from the exertion of the climb or the lack of oxygen.

Throughout the trip so far, five of us had shared three tents. We took turns having one person sleep in a tent by himself, while the others shared. On this cold night, we decided to sleep three per tent and to store gear in the extra tent. The extra body heat made sleeping more comfortable, although a liter bottle of water in one tent’s inside pocket froze solid before morning!

To the Roof of Africa
To reach Uhuru Point by sunrise, we began hiking at 6:30. The entire crater was bathed in an eerie pre-dawn light as we started our final ascent. A light snow/ice had fallen on the face overnight, and footing was somewhat precarious. Near the top of the face, we encountered an icy spot where we had to abandon walking sticks and scramble. Hearts beat fast, but we successfully negotiated the area and stood at the edge of the peak, several hundred yards from the sign marking the top. The sun shone brightly, and we saw awesome, sheer glaciers down the slope to our right. Fleecy clouds surrounded the peak, so we could not see the African plains below.

The surface underfoot was similar to that in the crater—gray sand. At the sign marking the top, we slapped high-fives, hugged

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In Memoriam

Fred Drexler (47)
Terry M. Kulber (68)
Samuel Ragent (83)

John M. Filippi (43) retired after 58 years in private practice to spend more time with his family. Congratulations on earning the time to enjoy the finer things in life. Email: mapafilip@aol.com.

Frederick Bradley (66), at 71, reports that although he is trying fewer cases, he still works for Bradley, Curley, et al. as a senior trial attorney. He started at GGU in 1961, when it was at the YMCA on Golden Gate Avenue. He says, “Guess we are all moving up in the world. And who needs retirement?”

Hon. Coleman A. Swart (67) is now the supervising judge for the Northeast and North Central Districts of Los Angeles County. The districts cover 40 courtrooms and judicial officers in five courthouses.

Lyle Cavin, Jr. (69) has made a career out of representing injured seamen and longshore workers. He has tried more than 100 cases to juries or judges and just in the past several years has both a $5 million and a $3 million verdict to his credit. He has tried cases in most of the major U.S. port cities and was featured in The Recorder on November 10, 2003, as one of the 20 “Top Attorneys.”

Hon. Joseph N. Gruber (69), a commissioner of the San Mateo County Court, was recently profiled in the Daily Journal. The article notes that among his peers and those who practice before him, he is noted for his quick wit, eclectic neckties, and extreme sense of fairness. He is well known for running a fast calendar without being overbearing. He handles assault and battery cases, alcohol-related crimes, and restraining order violations.

Hon. Bernard Garber (70) was recently profiled in the Daily Journal. Judge Garber presides over the San Joaquin County Superior Court and has heard many high-profile criminal cases. Lawyers who have been before Judge Garber recommend being prepared and concise. One commented that, “You’d better have an extremely clear case precedent to support your defense arguments or you’re out of luck. He doesn’t waste time and doesn’t like anyone who does.”

Hon. Walter L. Gorelick (70) was recently profiled in the Daily Journal. Judge Gorelick is a certified criminal law specialist and has written several criminal law textbooks. He is known for taking his time in sentencing proceedings and remarked in the article, “It might be more time consuming, and it may mean my calendar will go a little slower, but you’d be surprised at what you can accomplish if you just put in a little more time talking to people.”

Kathryn E. Ringgold (70) was recently awarded the James P. Preovolos Award for Outstanding Pro Bono Service in Family Law. Congratulations on doing well by doing good. We’re proud of you.

Hon. Edward P. Moffat (72) was recently profiled in the Daily Journal. Judge Moffat sits on the Madera County Superior Court and is noted for a fast-paced courtroom management style. Moffat, who was elected to the bench in 1986, hears on average at least one trial a week on a full criminal calendar.

Hon. Carl Morris (72) was featured in The Recorder on January 20, 2004. Judge Morris is the new juvenile court presiding judge for Alameda County. He previously worked with youth as a juvenile court referee, a probation officer, a public defender, and a criminal defense attorney. This new appointment gives him new leadership responsibilities, but Judge Morris commented that, “What hasn’t changed is my belief in what we are trying to do. It amounts to what is in the best interest of the child.” Judge Morris was appointed to the Superior Court by Governor Pete Wilson in 1993.

Diana Richmond (73) was profiled in The Recorder on November 10, 2003. She was described as “a stalwart in family law for probably 20 or 30 years.” Her practice emphasizes mediation and private judging, although she still takes clients and appellate cases. She says, “I enjoy working with people at a difficult time in their lives and help by giving them tools to make the rest of their life better.”

Neil Franklin (74) took early retirement in December 2003 from the University of Idaho College of Law after 25 years as professor of law, director of clinical programs, associate dean, and interim dean. He immediately began a one-year assignment with the American Bar Association Asia Law Initiative on a human rights project in Cambodia.

Sidney J. Hymes (76) recently joined Jacobs Engineering as the national claims manager for civil engineering. He is also an adjunct professor in the graduate school of civil engineering at Washington University in St. Louis. Hymes is a trustee of the
Karen Kudushin (77) has been named to the board of the Sunset Cultural Center Inc. in Carmel, CA, a volunteer group selected to operate the newly renovated Sunset Center. She is the former dean at the Monterey College of Law and has served as director of the Pacific Repertory Theater and the Monterey Peninsula College Foundation.

Peter J. Smith (77) has been practicing law in Carson City, NV, for 25 years and provides free consultation on Nevada law to any GGU alumni.

Marc Van Der Hout (77) was profiled in The Recorder on November 10, 2003, and described as “the premier advocate in deportation and asylum cases for many years in the Bay Area.” He says he believes in taking on cases that can have a large impact as opposed to taking on only cases that are individual in nature. Marc is the senior partner of the eight-lawyer firm of Van Der Hout, Brigagiano & Nightingale in San Francisco.

Hon. Michael Rosas (79) was appointed an administrative law judge, transferring from a similar position with the Federal Maritime Commission. He is responsible for conducting trials and issuing initial decisions in cases brought by the National Labor Relations Board on charges filed by unions, employers, and individual employees.

Roberta G. Willenkin (79) won a seat on the Madison, CT, Board of Selectmen and works part time as the state-appointed attorney for juvenile matters.

J 1980s

Joan Blades (80), a founder of the online political mobilization forum/community MoveOn.org, has been busy this last year. Her tireless work on the political front in preparation for the upcoming elections has not gone unnoticed. She was featured in the Winter 2003–04 Ms. Magazine as one of its Women of the Year. Her views on the future of the Internet in organizing and including voters? She is quoted in the article: “I have a real sense of optimism that we are revolutionizing the way we do politics in this country … Through the website, ordinary citizens who once felt powerless are much more involved in the democratic process in a direct and meaningful way.” Her pragmatic idealism is contagious. At last count, MoveOn.org had more than 500,000 members.

Mary Canning (81, LL.M. 82) was a presenter at the Education Conference for the California Association of County Treasurers and Tax Collectors in January.

Hon. Gail Dekreon (81) was profiled in The Recorder on December 18, 2003. Judge Dekreon currently serves on the San Francisco Superior Court where she presides over cases ranging from domestic violence to assault and battery. An assistant district attorney who has tried cases in her courtroom commented, “Whether she rules for you or against you, you are treated as graciously as I’ve ever been treated in this courthouse.”

Diana Guido Bicksler (82) was a former partner with the firm of Berding & Weil and founding partner of Cushing Bicksler Group, which has just merged with The Tiro Company to become Cushing Bicksler Van Liere. Cushing Bicksler Van Liere is a Bay Area attorney search firm.

W. Scott Thomas (LL.M. 82) was profiled in The Recorder on November 10, 2003, for his expertise in estate planning and was found to be one of the top estate planning practitioners in the Bay Area. Many of Scott’s clients are CEOs or other successful executives. As a litigator, Scott represented the charitable beneficiaries in the dispute over DHL Worldwide Express founder Larry Hillblom’s estate.

Michele Modena (83) is chief administrative officer with the San Francisco Unified School District and reports that the daughter she had while at GGU turned 21 and Michele’s five-year-old has started kindergarten.

Nancy O’Malley (83), chief assistant district attorney in Alameda County, has been inducted into the Alameda County Women’s Hall of Fame. O’Malley, who joined the DA’s office in 1984, created the sexual assault unit, which has become a model for other offices. Among her other achievements, she started the Statutory Rape Vertical Prosecution Program in 1995, which continues today in 55 California counties.

Samuel Ragent (83) passed away January 26, one day after being struck by a vehicle while riding his bicycle in Walnut Creek. Ragent was an active outdoorsman whose passion was bicycling and had interests that included mountain climbing and flyfishing. Ragent had a 14-year career with San Francisco’s First District Court as a “Wende” specialist, which entails perusing trial records when attorneys in an appeal cannot find issues to raise and request the court conduct an independent review. Before law school, Ragent briefly taught sociology at Santa Clara University and served a stint in Paris as an assistant to the CBS News Paris bureau. Additionally, he served as the executive director (continued on page 12)
Community groups and professional associations have been working to end child labor, make international trade institutions more democratic, and uphold the national sovereignty of governments to draft environmental laws. In the past few years, the world has seen a number of large-scale protests around the World Trade Organization, the World Bank, and the war in Iraq. This was evidenced in Seattle; Washington, D.C.; Cancun; and major cities across the globe. Although these protests have captured widespread media coverage, they are somewhat limited in their utility because they are reactive rather than proactive. Slogans and banners alone will not catalyze a movement unless they coincide with detailed analysis about how to make these international institutions serve the needs of the majority. Detailed analysis certainly guided these protests, but it was often isolated at think tanks and community meetings across the globe, without a common understanding or agenda on an international scale.

**World Social Forum**

The annual World Social Forum brings together activists from all over the world to share information, meet one another, integrate cross-cultural perspectives and different histories, and ultimately stimulate collective action. This year, more than 80,000 people attended the fourth annual World Social Forum in Mumbai (Bombay), India, from 132 countries, spanning every continent on earth. As a May 2003 graduate of Golden Gate, I was sponsored by the New Voices Fellowship to be a delegate to the forum, which took place January 12–21, 2004.

I was inspired and surprised by the number of people at the forum and its truly international character. It is hard to get Americans to attend jury duty or local meetings; I wondered why people were traveling such great distances and expending so many resources to respond to a call for a new civil society.

**Another World Is Possible**

The central slogan of the forum was, “Another World Is Possible.” The forum’s organizers did not claim to know the details of what this other world would look like; instead, the forum functioned as a process to help the delegates define what the world should look like. Delegates described the forum in many ways, including “an open university of world civil society” and a “crossroads where those opposed to neo-liberal economics can converge and seek alternatives.”

But, more than anything else, the World Social Forum (WSF) represents a movement of people seeking to reform global governance so that the basic needs for sustenance and opportunity are met for the majority of the earth’s people. At the opening plenary, Arundhati Roy described the WSF as a process to “globalize resistance.” She also stated that this forum is where some of the best minds in the world come together to exchange ideas, a place for conversations that “refine our vision of the kind of world we are fighting for.”

The forum unites around several core areas of agreement but has no preordained ideology. The foundational principle is that if we are too rigid in our goals from the beginning, we will probably alienate our most valuable allies.
I was impressed with the sense of urgency and commitment of the delegates at the forum. People had expended many resources to get there, and each person generally represented an entire organization. I represented Tri-Valley CAREs, a San Francisco Bay Area watchdog group that monitors the activities of the Lawrence Livermore Nuclear Laboratory. I organized a workshop called “From Mining to Designing Nuclear Weapons.” The workshop served to build international alliances with groups critical of the entire nuclear fuel cycle, from the mining of nuclear materials, through the design of nuclear weapons, to their ultimate disposal. The WSF organizers had requested that self-organized panels collaborate with other groups on joint events. This had the positive effect of making people link their topics with others, think more broadly about their work, and ultimately build relationships with others who work on similar issues.

Learning the Concerns of Other Communities

My panel included speakers from Italy, India, South Africa, France, and Australia. Shriprakash was a speaker from Jadugoda, India, an indigenous community plagued by uranium mining and the resulting birth defects associated with this mining. He reminded me that it was especially important to include the histories of people adversely affected by the mining of radioactive elements in light of the current U.S. nuclear weapon buildup and the preemptive war doctrine. He said that it is crucial now, more than ever before, to know the tragedies of the nuclear cycle so that we will more fully understand the implications of this build-up to nuclear war. The workshop also took a critical look at new U.S. nuclear weapons designs and deployment in violation of the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty.

More than 800 workshops were offered in three-hour increments during the week-long forum. With so many people together in one place, I benefited from the diversity and opportunity to hear firsthand about other countries’ struggles. I met many Korean nationals who were organized to oppose the reelection of President Bush; they were worried that the next liberation war would occur on their soil. Many Japanese people there stood in solidarity with the Korean groups, worried that the United States would attempt to use Japanese troops to invade Korea. This information does not reach the U.S. media, so attending a forum like this one is a great opportunity to get this information firsthand from activists, scholars, and professionals.

The forum officially endorsed the March 20th march commemorating the anniversary of the war in Iraq. The next forum in 2005 will take place in Puerto Allegro, Brazil. In addition, regional and thematic forums will occur throughout the year. For more information about the World Social Forum, visit www.forumsocialmundial.org.br.

Loulena Miles (03) is a Staff Attorney at Tri-Valley CAREs in the San Francisco Bay Area. She was awarded the New Voices 2003 Fellowship, which will continue until September 2005.
of the Sacramento-based California Public Interest Research Group.

Deborah Bellush (84) works for the Bayer Corporation at its Berkeley campus, where she serves as the manager of site development and community relations. She provides grants, mobilizes volunteers, and supports many community activities. She is also a volunteer and member of the Friends of CIL (Center for Independent Living). Debbi volunteers in the CIL’s Youth Services Program and recently helped welcome the Russian disabled youth as part of the CIL’s exchange program.

Joel Silik (84) received an award by the Bar Association of North San Diego County proclaiming: “The Citizens of North San Diego County honor your selfless devotion to the pursuit of education and justice during your term.” As chair for the Personal Injury Section for 2002 and 2003, Joel presented more than 20 legal education seminars on litigation, personal injury, and ethics.

Susan Holland (85) was united with her beautiful baby daughter, Ilana Baoiling Holland on September 16, 2002. Ilana was adopted from Guiping, China. Susan writes that Ilana is “happy, smart, and very well adjusted.” Susan lives with her daughter in Mill Valley and continues to practice plaintiff’s personal injury law as a solo practitioner in her office in San Rafael.

Col. Kathleen J. Moorehead (85) has retired after 31 years in the military. She began her military career as a Navy nurse. In 1980, she joined the Army Reserve acting as a medical surgical nurse, intensive care nurse, and head nurse. Most recently, she trained post-mobilization teams for deployment to south-west Asia. She now works as an attorney in Walnut Creek.

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James A. Kaplan (86) is moving to London after 17 years of living in Hong Kong. James will be joining Kerzner International where he will look after Global Development for Kerzner International’s “One & Only” Resorts.

April Fisher (88) has accepted a position with Gordon & Rees. She previously was with the Larson King firm.

Erwin J. Basinski (89) opened a patent prosecution and counseling practice in Santa Barbara in December 2003. He was formerly with Morrison & Foerster in San Francisco and in-house patent counsel at Sun Microsystems.

Kathleen M. Keeshen (89), in November 2003, was appointed chief counsel and deputy director for legal affairs of the California Department of Corrections.

Susan Romer (91) reports that her adoption practice has grown over the last 11 years, and that she feels lucky to be able to put families together.

William B. Raines (92) passed the July 2003 Florida Bar Exam and was sworn in on December 12, 2003.

Alan Adelman (93) opened the Law Offices of Alan Adelman on April 1 at 240 Stockton Street, 9th floor, San Francisco; he specializes in representing employees in a full range of employment matters. He and his wife, Pam, welcomed their first child, Seth, into the world in December.

Scott J. Harman (93) was profiled in the East Bay Business Times on November 7, 2003. He works as of counsel to Hoge, Fenton, Jones & Appel Inc. in Pleasanton, CA. Previously, he was a partner in the Pleasanton firm of Rapp, Kiepen & Harman.

Hillary Johns (93) has moved to San Diego to work with the Corona Firm where she is handling family and business law as well as some civil litigation.

Adam Miller (93) and his wife, Diana, had a son, Elijah Jesse, born July 12, 2003. He weighed 7 pounds and 11.9 ounces.

Robert Teffeteller (93) has accepted a position at Charles Schwab. “I basically help people get all their financial ducks in a row and help them navigate Schwab while doing it—investments, insurance, annuities, mortgages, home equity lines, banking, and a variety of advice services,” he says. He and his wife were expecting their second child in April 2004.

Randy Troxel (94) has established his new firm, Trademark-Associates in Burlingame, CA, specializing in global trademark portfolio management. Previously, Randy was an associate at Baker & McKenzie and more recently at Bingham McCutchen LLP. He also spent four years at Limbach & Limbach LLP. Trademark- Associates is dedicated to providing cost-effective, comprehensive global trademark clearance, prosecution, and enforcement services.

Peter Corroon (95) runs a real estate management and development company in Salt Lake City, UT. He and his wife, Amy, have three children.

K. Kleigh Hathaway (95) has accepted a position in the San Francisco Police Department.

John Hyland (95) recently joined Paul, Hastings, Janofsky & Walker’s San Francisco office. John practices exclusively in the area of employment law.

Ted Lindquist III (95) has been promoted to a partnership position at Sheppard, Mullin, Richter & Hampton. Lindquist focuses on business trial and financial institutions litigation and has experience involving unfair competition, breach of contract and warranty, business torts, and product liability for individual and class action cases.

Sharon A. Anolik (96) married Orr Shakked on Aug. 10, 2003. (See photo on page 21.) In addition to being associate general counsel and chief privacy officer of Ask Jeeves, Inc., she is now a member of the adjunct faculty at GGU, teaching Trademark Law.

Shannon M. Matteson (96) was admitted into the American Academy of Adoption Attorneys in 2003 and is an associate attorney in the Law Offices of Diane Michelsen in Lafayette, CA. She gave birth to a daughter, Emily Lynn Park Matteson, on September 21, 2003.

Sunday Gozie Ogbodo (LL.M. 96) was appointed in fall 2003 to serve a two-year term on the Cultural Advisory Committee of the California Exposition and State Fair Board in Sacramento. Email: sogbodo@ggu.edu.

Traci F. Villarosa (96) was promoted to first deputy corporation counsel of the Maui County Corporation in January 2004.

Michael Ward (96) was named partner at Morrison & Foerster in Palo Alto, CA.

Kevin Allen (97) and Michelle Nobrigia (JD/MBA 03) are thrilled to announce the birth of their daughter Kaila Makanalani Allen. (See page 21 for more.)

Chun-Hung Lin (LL.M. 97) successfully defended her dissertation and received the S.J.D. from GGU School of Law. Chun-Hung recently published two articles: “Regionalism or Globalism: The Process of Telecommunication Cooperation within the OAS and NAFTA” in Currents International
Correction

In the article about Catherine Sherburn-Thompson in the Fall/Winter 2003 issue of Class Action, we incorrectly identified the photo at right. We thank Richard Bridgman (58) for the correction. He wrote, “I had the privilege of serving on the student counsel with Cathy Sherburne-Thompson when she was student body president and later on the faculty with her. The ‘lineup’ picture implies that those ‘hardened criminals’ were Cathy’s classmates in 1956. They were not. The picture was taken in 1958 and is of the Law School faculty that year—minus a few. Those pictured, left to right, are Willia Hannawalt, Herb Pothier, Wilkie Courter, Varnum Paul, Judge Gerald Levin, Cathy, Al Moltzen, Richard (?) Walker, Jim Smith, and Howard Taubenfield.”

Mauricio Beugelmans (98) has joined the Morgan Stanley Law Division in San Francisco as a vice president and senior attorney.

Stella M. Edralin (98) established her own practice in San Francisco, where she focuses on estate planning, ERISA, HIPPA, retirement, and health employee benefits law.

Sheila Flanagan (98) has joined Burnham & Brown’s asbestos team. She previously was a partner with Berry & Berry.

Barbara Anne Murphy (LL.M. 98) was named partner at Thelen Reid & Priest in San Francisco.

Robert F. Nelson (LL.M. 98) was named senior partner in the law firm of Nelson & Teague LLC in Montgomery, AL.

Christina C. North (98) has opened her own law practice specializing in juvenile dependency. Email: cnorthesq@hotmail.com.

Natalie R. Nuttall (98) has accepted a position with Stoei Rives LLP. She previously was an associate at Carroll, Burdick & McDonough LLP.

Anita Gildea-Phillips (98) was named associate director of Stanford University’s Office of Research Administration, Sponsored Research for Engineering, Independent Laboratories and Institutes. Email: nitzi@stanford.edu.

Michael Sylvester (98, LL.M. 99) reports that Sylvester & Associates celebrated its first anniversary of providing legal services and legal consulting from Mainland China. He says the speed of change mentioned on CNN is only a glimmer of the pace of the actual transformation of the legal and social systems. Email: michael@lawonline.bz.

Michelle Bueler (99) has joined Sideman & Bancroft’s family law practice, specializing in divorce, domestic violence, visitation rights, and guardianships. She is also experienced in premarital and postmarital agreements; complex settlement negotiations; financial analysis; and pretrial, trial, post-judgment, and all aspects of child custody and support.

Wendy M. Gindick (99) has been employed as a staff attorney with the New York County Legal Aid Office in the Criminal Defense Division as of September 2002.

Omer Collak (00), after three years at Marsh & Perna, accepted an offer from Paksoy & Co., a well-known law firm in Turkey, and moved back to Istanbul in late August 2003. He practices capital markets, M&As, and corporate law. He is further involved in privatization projects in which the government wants to sell its stake in state-run companies to foreign and domestic investors.

Daniel M. Dailey (00) and Tammy Dailey “are proud to announce the birth of Madeline Josephine Dailey on February 16, 2004. Everyone is doing fine. Dan continues to practice workers’ comp law with Bradford and Barthel in Southern California.” Congratulations on the new family member!

Jonathon Bruce (01) of the Kentucky Department of Public Advocacy is an award recipient from the 2003 Public Interest Loan Program.

Denise Glagau (LL.M. 01) married Todd Michael Vollmerhausen (LL.M. 01) on June 7, 2003, at the Sebastopol Country Gardens. Todd is practicing law with Lucey, Watkins & Lamson in Walnut Creek.

Gretchen J. Denk (02) of Public Citizen in Washington, DC, is an award recipient from the 2003 Public Interest Loan Program.

Kristin A. Henry (02) of the Sierra Club is an award recipient from the 2003 Public Interest Loan Program.

Katherine J. Lewis (02) of The Hawking Center (disability rights) is an award recipient from the 2003 Public Interest Loan Program.

Hong Nguyen (02) and Agata Zwierzchowski (02) have opened Zen Law, LLP in San Francisco.

Matthew A. Corsaut (03) has accepted an associate position at The Heritage Law Group in El Dorado Hills, CA. Matt will focus on real estate, employment, and tax law. Email: mac@hlusa.com.
Law School Sponsors Third Annual IP Law Conference
The third annual Conference on Recent Developments in Intellectual Property Law was held at Golden Gate University on Friday, March 5, 2004. Organized by IP Law Program Director and Professor of Law Marc Greenberg, the conference featured renowned IP law experts including Sharon Anolik (96) of Ask Jeeves; Stephen Baker, nationally-known sports attorney; Bill Gallagher of Townsend and Townsend and Crew; and Neil A. Smith of Howard Rice Nemerovski Canady Falk & Rabkin.

Environmental Law Program Recognized
The environmental law program at Golden Gate University tied for 19th place in the U.S. News and World Report ratings. Only two other California law schools ranked higher than Golden Gate in environmental law.

Same-Sex Marriage Debate
On Thursday, March 11, 2004, the School of Law hosted a debate, “Marriage for Same-Sex Couples: For Better or Worse?” More than 250 attendees heard the legal issues debated by Jeffrey V. Ventrella, Esq. of The Alliance Defense Fund and Shannon Minter, Esq. of the National Center for Lesbian Rights. Law Professor Michele Anglade served as moderator. The event was co-sponsored by LEGALS, the GGU law student gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender group; the Bar Association of San Francisco; and BALiF (Bay Area Lawyers for Individual Freedom).

PILF Auction a Great Success
Thanks to dozens of volunteers led by stellar co-chairs Christine Stouffer and Ed Sidawi, GGU’s student-led Public Interest Law Foundation (PILF) raised more than $25,000 at the February 19th auction! This is the highest amount ever raised by PILF, and its success translates directly into more dollars available for grants to GGU law students doing public interest internships in the coming months.

Alumnus Kevin Allen (97) once again kept the bidders’ enthusiasm high as master of ceremonies, working in tandem with Ricky Lagmbai of Golden Gate Auto Auctions, who contributed his services. This year’s auction was attended by more than 200 students, faculty, alumni, and friends. Among the donated auction items were vacations, dinners with faculty and other notables, restaurant and spa gift certificates, lessons, tax and financial advice, event tickets, a ride-along with the KGO traffic jetcopter, a whale-watching plane ride, and even body-piercing.

PILF extends a special “thank you” to all the alumni who came to the event, donated items, and sent in cash donations in support of PILF. Plans for next year are already underway. For more information, contact Golden Gate University’s public interest adviser, Jody Lerner, at jlerner@ggu.edu.

Left to right: Jeffrey V. Ventrella of the Alliance Defense Fund, GGU Professor Michele Anglade, and Shannon Minter of the National Center for Lesbian Rights.
Women’s Employment Rights Clinic (WERC)

Since September 2001, the Women’s Employment Rights Clinic of GGU, in conjunction with the Asian Law Caucus and Chinese Progressive Association, has vigorously advocated on behalf of hundreds of monolingual Cantonese-speaking garment workers to recover millions of dollars in unpaid wages and damages from the largest garment operation in the Bay Area. This fall, WERC co-chaired a four-month trial in San Francisco Superior Court. WERC students ably helped interview and prepare workers to testify at trial, researched complex legal issues, and assisted in all aspects of trial preparation. A decision is expected in late 2004.

WERC recently settled a case involving two female workers who were sexually harassed by their supervisors, who were employed by an outside company under contract with the workers’ employer. The harassment included severe physical touching, sexual comments, and leering. The case raised several cutting-edge legal issues such as whether an employer may be held liable for harassment committed by nonemployees.

In spring 2004, WERC students successfully represented two low-income clients at their Unemployment Insurance appeals hearings. The cases involved novel issues regarding fraud, layoffs, and disqualification for school attendance. The WERC students researched the law, prepared the clients, and presented each case before an administrative law judge, resulting in favorable decisions for both clients.

If you would like to contribute to Law School clinics, please contact Susan Neuwirth, director of development, at sneuwirth@ggu.edu or (415) 442-7817.

Environmental Law & Justice Clinic (ELJC)

In a settlement negotiated by the Environmental Law & Justice Clinic on behalf of its clients, Bayview Hunters Point Community Advocates (Bayview Advocates), Literacy for Environmental Justice (LEJ), and Our Children’s Earth (OCE), Mirant Potrero LLC agreed to limit its use of pollution credits (IERCs) until the installation of Selective Catalytic Reduction equipment to control nitrogen oxides emissions at Unit 3 at the Potrero Power Plant. The action is the result of an administrative appeal filed with the Bay Area Air Quality Management District’s Hearing Board by Bayview Advocates, LEJ, OCE, Communities for a Better Environment, and the City and County of San Francisco.

The ELJC has received a $70,000 grant award from the U.S. EPA to conduct a national workshop/training for community activists on the Clean Air Act’s permitting programs, as well as present a national conference/roundtable for environmental justice activists, federal and state environmental officials, and academics on the Clean Air Act and Environmental Justice. The grant will give GGU law students opportunities to gain insights into how regulatory programs work in the environmental arena.

The dates of the workshops are still to be finalized, but they will be held later in 2004. Professor Cliff Rechtschaffen, our J.D. environmental program director, is participating in the planning. Professor Helen Kang, who directs the clinic’s Clean Air Accountability Project, will be the lead on the project.

On behalf of Bluewater Network, the ELJC commented in December 2003 on federal rules governing emissions from aircraft. The clinic urged the EPA to regulate lead emissions from general aviation.

On April 13, 2004, Dean White hosted a reception at Golden Gate University School of Law to welcome Professor Arnaud Roujou, director of the Franco-American Commission (Fulbright Commission). Professor Roujou was at GGU as part of a U.S. visit to promote new Fulbright scholar grants. Left to right: LL.M. in environmental law student Emmanuelle De Poeter (our first Fulbright scholar from France); Professor Roujou; Dean Frederic White; Sompong Suchartkul (director of the International Legal Studies program); and Professor Alan Ramo (director of the LL.M. in environmental law program).

On December 8, 2003, Justice William W. Bedsworth, justice of the Fourth District California Court of Appeal and columnist for The Recorder, spoke at the School of Law. His humorous presentation focused on his experiences on the bench. After the talk, Justice Bedsworth signed copies of his new book, A Criminal Waste of Time, a collection of his news columns. The event was cosponsored by The Recorder, which published the book.
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**Roger Bernhardt**
Professor Roger Bernhardt published the 2004 edition of Bernhardt’s *California Real Estate Law* in Deering’s *California Desktop Code Series.* He was also featured in a recent PLI program on commercial real estate financing.

**Markita Cooper**
Professor Markita Cooper served as program chair, moderator, and coauthor of the 2004 annual meeting program for the Teaching Methods Section of the Association of American Law Schools. The program, “Classroom Incivilities II: A Play in Four Acts,” combined skits, panelist commentary, and audience participation for an interactive discussion of strategies for responding to tense, disruptive, or dangerous classroom situations. The program featured a series of skits based on composites of real-life experiences of faculty from a number of law schools. The skits, performed by faculty and deans from across the country, were followed by the panelists critiquing how “faculty” and “deans” in the scenes handled the situations. This year, Professor Cooper continues her work with the AALS Section on Teaching Methods as a member of the section executive committee.

**Marc Greenberg**
In January, Professor Marc Greenberg’s article, “A Return to Liliput: The Licra v. Yahoo! Case and the Regulation of Online Content in the World Market,” was published in Vol. 18:4 of the *Berkeley Technology Law Journal.* On March 5, Professor Greenberg and the GGU intellectual property law program presented the third annual Conference on Recent Developments in Intellectual Property Law. In April, he presented a lecture to the faculty on his current work in progress, a critique of the decision of the Supreme Court in the *ALA v. U.S.* case, which deals with the requirement that libraries install filtering software on all computers with Internet access.

**Helen Hartnell**
Professor Helen Hartnell’s tenure article, “EUstitia: Institutionalizing Justice in the European Union,” appeared in late 2003 in volume 23 of Northwestern University’s *Journal of International Law and Business.* During the 2004 spring semester, Professor Hartnell spoke on “Global Governance: Patchwork Solutions” at the Big Sur Workshop, which brought together a global network of international legal scholars and was organized by the Critical Perspectives on Global Governance (CPOGG) group in conjunction with a graduate policy institute (EGAP) of the Technologico de Monterrey University in Mexico.

**Helen Kang**
In November 2003, Professor Helen Kang gave a talk at the San Francisco Foundation to its Environmental Health & Justice Initiative grantees on environmental law and prelitigation considerations for grassroots groups.

**Peter Keane**
Professor Peter Keane was appointed to the newly configured San Francisco Police Commission in April 2004.

**Jan Kosel**
Professor Jan Kosel was appointed to the UCC Committee of the Business Law Section of the State Bar of California.

**Christian N. Okeke**
Professor Christian Okeke has accepted a tenure-track position in international and comparative law at GGU. From December 5–8, 2003, he attended the Conference of the Heads of States and Governments of the Commonwealth of Nations held at the Nigerian capital city of Abuja. In his capacity as pioneer dean and professor emeritus at Nnamdi Azikiwe University, Awka, Nigeria, Professor Okeke participated as an invited special guest of honor at the ceremonies held on December 22, 2003, marking the twentieth anniversary of the establishment of the university’s faculty of law. He spoke on “The Challenges of Contemporary International Law in an Era of Civil Wars, and Military Interventions/ Takeovers, and the Refusal of Established Elites to Accept Defeat in Popular National Elections.”

Professor Okeke also was an invited special guest of honor at the annual dinner of the Nigerian Bar Association, Enugu Branch, held at Hotel Presidential on Sunday, December 15, 2003. He spoke on “The Academic and Professional Challenges Facing the 21st Century International Lawyer.”

**David Oppenheimer**

Early this year, Dean Oppenheimer gave two presentations: “Dr. King’s Legal Legacy,” March 1 at Columbia University, and “Evaluation de la Politique Américaine à l’Egard des ‘Procès Privés’ comme Remède aux Pratiques Discriminatoires qui Touchent Le
Monde Du Travail” [“Evaluating the U.S. Policy of Using Private Lawsuits to Remedy Employment Discrimination”], April 2, at the University of Paris (Nanterre). Dean Oppenheimer has been appointed Affiliated Scholar for the Institute for the Study of Social Change, University of California, Berkeley.

Clifford Rechtschaffen


Susan Rutberg

Professor Susan Rutberg was part of a panel on “Fingerprints: The Good, the Bad, and the Myth” at the National Conference of Innocence Projects, April 23–25, in Austin, Texas.

Sompong Sucharikul

Associate Dean and Distinguished Professor of International and Comparative Law Sompong Sucharikul was named International Legal Professional of the Year 2004 by Cambridge. His essay, “Jurisdictional Immunities in Contemporary International Law from an Asian Perspective, 2004,” will be published in the next volume of the Asian Yearbook of International Law.

Frederic White

On January 14, Dean Frederic White spoke for The Mediation Society at the World Trade Club. His topic was “Dr. King’s Legacy and Its Relationship to Mediation.” On February 28, he gave a speech at the Black History Month Celebration commemorating the 50th anniversary of the Brown v. Board of Education decision. The program, sponsored by the California Association of Black Lawyers, was held at the African American Museum and Library in Oakland. In April, Dean White received the Distinguished Black Faculty Award from Cleveland State University.

Adjunct Professors

In December 2003, Adjunct Professor Paul Kibel was named a partner with Fitzgerald Abbott & Beardsley (FAB) in Oakland. Since 1999, Paul has been with FAB, where his practice has focused on environmental, land-use, and water rights law. The firm, established in 1883, is one of the oldest in California.

On March 10, 2004, Adjunct Professor Martin Wagner submitted the first civil society brief ever accepted by an international arbitral tribunal. The case is Methanex v. United States, a challenge by a Canadian chemical manufacturer seeking compensation for profits it claims to have lost as a result of California’s ban on MTBE, a gasoline additive that has contaminated groundwater across the state. The company is arguing that California discriminated against foreign chemical manufacturers in violation of NAFTA’s special protections for foreign investors. Representing environmental organizations, Professor Wagner convinced the tribunal to accept the submission. “These tribunals are setting the rules for how governments will be able to protect the public interest in the twenty-first century,” said Professor Wagner. “It is extremely important that the public’s voice be heard.”

Starting Back Down

After snapping all the photos we wanted, we began our descent. We descended almost 7,000 feet that day to the Hirombo Camp. It was a rugged hike, with a long traverse across the mountain through many drainages. After a night at the Hirombo Camp, we continued down to Simon’s village through flowering heather, then woods.

On the final stretch down from Hirombo, I took my eyes off the trail at the wrong moment and stumbled on a rock. As I began a face-plant onto the trail, I quickly moved my walking sticks in front of me to avert disaster. They worked and I was saved, but one of my sticks broke. Fortunately, this was less than two miles from Simon’s house. I was relieved thinking how lucky I was that this did not happen in the first two miles of the trip. I was also delighted with how fortunate our group was to make it to the “Roof of Africa” without mishap and to experience the wonder and beauty of this remote part of the world.

When he is not hiking, Chip Conradi is vice president of tax at The Clorox Company, a Fortune 500 company based in Oakland, California. Tim Smallreed is a partner in the Oakland law firm of Fitzgerald, Abbot & Beardsley, specializing in business and estate planning.
Don’t Be Left Out of the Loop

Would you have been interested in any of these recent events?
• Jazz Night Out at the Plush Room
• An all-day seminar on international law with world-class participants (the annual Fulbright Symposium)
• An MCLE debate on the legality of gay marriage

All of these and other exciting events were open to GGU graduates in the last few months.

Don’t Miss Out on Upcoming Events

Sign up for Law E-News today. Updating your info in the database to include an email address will add you to both the university and Law School e-news lists.

The next university event is A Day at the Ball Park (Giants vs. Cubs, August 8, with a tailgate party beginning at 11 am). You may register online for this event at www.ggu.edu/alumnievents.

Law E-News will also keep you up to date on events at the Law School. This fall, it will offer a glimpse into our LL.M. programs in tax and intellectual property law via two MCLE programs. Don’t wait until January to make up your required units.

An alumni BBQ will welcome the incoming class. Our regular State Bar Annual Meeting alumni breakfast will be held this year in Monterey.

To sign up for Law E-News, go to our website at www.ggu.edu. Follow the prompts to the Law Alumni page for details on events and for access to the alumni database. You will need your seven-digit student code as your initial password. This number is printed on the mailing label for this magazine. If you can’t find it or have questions, contact us and we’ll make sure you get on the list.

“Beat the Clock” Doubles in Size

Last January, we were joined by more than 80 alumni and friends at the annual Beat the Clock program. Not just for procrastinators (many people were not near their MCLE deadlines), this program offers the best of GGU.

Classes were offered by former Dean Peter Keane; Kimberley Stanley, director of the LL.M. in tax program; Marc Greenberg, director of the LL.M. in intellectual property program; Bernie Segal, director of the litigation program; Professor Robert Calhoun; and alumni board members Judge Ruth Astle (74) and Elizabeth Cohee (99). Be sure you don’t miss out on announcements about next year’s program. Sign up for Law E-News today.

Class Reunions

For classes ending 4 and 9 (e.g., 1964 or 1999), it just may be your anniversary year. Although the school does not have a formal reunion program (at least not until we have a football team and homecoming weekend), we are happy to facilitate informal classmate get-togethers. We can help with mailings, taking RSVPs, finding venues, and working out contracts. Some classes merely opt for a TGIF “show up if you can” program, and we can help with those as well. Contact our office if you are interested in organizing an event this summer or fall.

Meet the Dean

Our new dean, Frederic White, may be in a town near you soon. Dean White will be making several trips around the country in the upcoming year. Whenever possible, we will set up an alumni event so you can get to know him. Cities we have discussed are NYC; Washington, DC; Atlanta; Seattle; Los Angeles; and San Diego. To be sure you receive notification of these events, sign up for Law E-News or update your information online in our Alumni Directory, accessible under the Alumni & Giving link on the GGU main website: www.ggu.edu. Events are also posted on the Law School website at www.ggu.edu/law as they develop.

Join the Law Committee!

If you are interested in being involved in school events—from helping at orientation to mentoring a student—consider joining the Law Committee. Contact us for more information.

Contact Information

To ask questions about our programs or to sign up for Law E-News, please contact us:

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Did You Meet That Special Someone When You Both Were at GGU?

Is your current spouse/life partner/significant other someone you met while you both were students at the Law School? We would like to publish an article about couples who met while attending GGU. If you would like to be included and are willing to share what you both are doing now, please contact Lorri Ungaretti at lungaretti@ggu.edu; phone (415) 442-6636, or fax (415) 442-6609.
Welcome Wendy to the Alumni Board

Actually, it is Gwendolyn Giblin (95) who is an enthusiastic new member of the university alumni board. Wendy is an associate at the law firm of Gold Bennett Cera & Sidener, LLP. She has spent her legal career litigating complex business cases including securities, antitrust, and consumer actions. Wendy is an active member of Toastmasters International, where she currently serves as her club’s president. She recently began volunteering with the San Francisco SPCA and working with other organizations that place cats in foster and permanent homes.

Prior to her career in law, Ms. Giblin worked as a news writer, editor, and assistant producer at KGO Radio in San Francisco. She also worked as a traffic reporter and news writer for several other Bay Area radio stations.

Like so many of our GGU law alumni, Wendy has a broad range of interests and talents, as well as rich life experiences outside of the law. We are glad to have her on our team.

Bar Support (Pre and Post)

In December of last year, the Alumni Association, in conjunction with the Law Library, Student Services, and Law Career Services, organized a bar support session for the February bar takers. Part of this program involved a pilot project called “Bar Buddies.” Alumni who passed the bar in the last five years were asked to volunteer a few hours in the month before the bar to give support and encouragement to the bar takers. If you are interested in volunteering for the program or receiving more information about it, please contact the alumni office at (415) 442-6602 or lawalumni@ggu.edu.

On the last day of the February bar, the Alumni Association again offered a hospitality suite to our grads. By providing a room for people to get a cup of coffee, leave their luggage, or meet up with a family member after the bar, the Law School hopes to make the day a bit more bearable. The third day is always grueling, but we are happy to be there for our bar takers. This year, Alumni Relations Director Kevi Brannelly was joined by Law Committee Chair Karalyn Buchner (98) for the post-bar reception at Pacific Brewing Company. More than 70 bar takers plus assorted friends and family members joined us throughout the day. For those taking it in July, we will be there again on Day Three.

Swearing-In Ceremony at Golden Gate University

On December 5, 2003, the GGU School of Law community welcomed its newest members at the twice-yearly Swearing-In Ceremony held in the Moot Courtroom and presided over by our own retired Superior Court Judge Lee Baxter (74 and GGU Board of Trustees member). A reception for alumni, faculty, friends, family, and staff followed the ceremony. We hope to see some of you at the June ceremony.
With law school tuition reaching nearly $26,000 per year for full-time students and $16,000 for part-time students, our students are truly grateful for any financial assistance they receive. At the second annual scholarship reception, held February 20, this year’s scholarship recipients had the chance to personally thank and learn more about the people behind their scholarships. Nearly 140 students, donors, and friends of GGU came to hear the stories about the donors responsible for each scholarship.

Susan Nadeau (04) received the Catherine Sherburne-Thompson Endowed Law Scholarship, named in memory of a 1956 GGU law graduate and the Law School’s first female faculty member.

Joshua Watts (05), Sierra David Sterkin (04), and Janet Barbookles (04) with Tony Pagano. The Anthony J. Pagano Dean’s Merit Scholarship was created in 1998 through donations from alumni, faculty, and staff to honor Tony, who served as dean from 1988 to 1999.

Linda Bjorke (04) received the Barbara M. Mathews Women’s Law Scholarship, established through a bequest from Ms. Mathews (83), is awarded to students with humanities backgrounds.

Tamu Hamed (05) received the Union Bank of California Scholarship, which provides financial assistance for low-income or minority students.

Tiffany McClinton (04) received the Paul S. Jordan Endowed Law Scholarship, which honors the dean of the School of Law from 1944 to 1959.

Left to right: Carole Bosch (05), President Phil Friedman, and Christine Crawford (05). The Barbara M. Mathews Women’s Law Scholarship, established through a bequest from Ms. Mathews (83), is awarded to students with humanities backgrounds.

Tiffany McClinton (04) received the Paul S. Jordan Endowed Law Scholarship, which honors the dean of the School of Law from 1944 to 1959.

Linda Bjorke (04) with GGU Alumni Association President Janis Orner (BS 85). Linda was selected by the alumni association board of directors to receive the Alumni Association Endowed Scholarship on the basis of outstanding academic achievement and commitment to GGU.

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Sharon A. Anolik (96) and Orr Shakked. See page 12.

Denee A. DiLuigi (03) passed the Colorado Bar and is working in San Francisco at the U.S. Attorney’s Office, Northern District of California. The U.S. Attorney, Kevin V. Ryan, appointed her Special Assistant United States Attorney. As a SAUSA, she supervises the clinical law clerk program and is assisting in the creation of an environmental prosecution protocol for the Northern District of California.

Anna Gregory (03) and her partner Hillary Hartley were pictured on the front page of the San Francisco Chronicle on February 16, 2004, as they waited in line to be one of the thousands of same-sex couples who were married at City Hall in San Francisco.

Charles W. Herron (03) joined the Department of Veterans Affairs as a police officer in Palo Alto, CA, and was appointed as a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars in the city of Vallejo, CA.

Li-Pai-Chia (Rebecca) Kuo (LL.M. 03) is in Taiwan teaching Civil Law, an introductory course on commercial and family relationships and rules of estate succession. She teaches five classes, each containing 240 students.

Jonathan T. Nguyen (LL.M. 03), a partner at the law firm of Gilbert & Nguyen in Anaheim, CA, reported the birth of his second child, Ryan, on October 28, 2003.

Loulena A. Miles (03) went to the World Social Forum in Mumbai, India, in January 2004, where she served on a panel concerning nuclear and biological weapon activities in the United States. See her article on page 10.

Ryan Sheets (03) has been leading the charge in starting a community court system in San Francisco’s Sunset District to deal with the increasing incidents of crime in the neighborhood. The community court system would handle misdemeanors that focus on quality-of-life issues such as disturbing the peace, animal nuisances, and dumping. He has received the support of the Sunset District Neighborhood Coalition.

Michelle Nobrigia (JD/MBA 03) and Kevin Allen (97) are thrilled to announce the birth of their daughter, Kaila Makanalani Allen, who was born on March 10. She must take after Kevin; she was 9 pounds and 10 ounces! Friends may send congratulations to: michellenkev@yahoo.com

Lynn S. Sletto (03) accepted an entry-level associate position with the Meibeyer Law Group in St. Helena, CA. The firm works on real estate, land use, and corporate cases. Many of the clients are winery owners.
Catching a Glimpse into Law Practice

This winter, the Dean’s Advisory Board and the Law Career Services Office launched a new program to link the Law School’s first-year law students with our successful alumni. Each Friday afternoon, a graduate hosted a small group of students for a tour and informal discussion. About 50 students participated in this opportunity to meet alumni and see the varied settings in which they work. Participating alumni included: Mark Burton (95) of Hersh & Hersh; Richard Hechler (81) of the San Francisco District Attorney’s Office; Chip Conradi (78) of Clorox; Daphne Edwards (97) of the U.S. Court of Appeals for Ninth Circuit Office of Staff Attorneys; and Gary Garrigues (90) and Anthony Blalock (95) of Burnham Brown PLC.

If you are interested in hosting a group of first-year students for a tour and chat, please contact Assistant Dean Susanne Aronowitz at (415) 442-6627 or saronowitz@ggu.edu.

GOING TO THE CALIFORNIA STATE BAR MEETING?

Please join Dean Frederic White and other faculty and alumni members at this year’s alumni breakfast at the State Bar of California Annual Meeting. For more information, contact Kevi Brannelly at (415) 442-6602 or lawalumni@ggu.edu or, in August, visit the “News & Events” page on our website at www.ggu.edu/law.

Mark Burton (95), second from the left, and Amy Eskin (86), far right, hosted a group of GGU students at Hersh & Hersh on February 6, 2004.

Anthony Blalock (95), standing fifth from the left, and Gary Garrigues (90), standing fourth from the right, hosted students at Burnham Brown PLC on March 26, 2004.

UPCOMING EVENTS

For more information, call (415) 442-6602 or visit www.ggu.edu/law.

August 8
Swearing-In Ceremony

August (date tba)
First-year student and alumni barbecue on campus

October 1 (tentative)
Environmental Law Symposium

October 8
Intellectual Property MCLE Program with Professor Marc Greenberg

October 29 (tentative)
Fourth Annual Conference on Recent Developments in Intellectual Property