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ACCESSIBLE JUSTICE
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Golden Gate University School of Law
and
The Society of American Law Teachers
Proudly Announce

"Vulnerable Populations and Economic Realities:
An Interdisciplinary Approach to Law Teaching"

A Two-Day Poverty Law Conference
Friday, March 19 – Saturday, March 20, 2010
Golden Gate University School of Law
536 Mission Street, San Francisco

Academics, practitioners, and advocates from legal education, the social sciences, and the media will share new data and theories about our most vulnerable populations and explore critical issues facing these groups in an interdisciplinary context for use in law teaching.

Friday, March 19
Keynote Panelists:
Professor Paul Butler, George Washington University Law School
Professor Richard Delgado, Seattle University School of Law

Saturday, March 20
Keynote Speaker:
John Payton, President and Director-Counsel of the NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund
Mr. Payton successfully argued on behalf of the University of Michigan in a recent landmark Supreme Court case regarding diversity in higher education.

MCLE credit available. Hotel specials available until Feb. 18. Contact Professor Michele Benedetto Neitz, 415-442-6575, mneitz@ggu.edu, or visit www.saltlaw.org.

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As you begin the New Year, and I begin my second school term as Dean, I want to take this opportunity to say how honored I have been to serve at the helm of this distinguished school. I also want to wish you the very best for 2010 and to report on some of the wonderful happenings at our Law School, many of them more fully detailed in the pages that follow.

I was thrilled to see so many of you at the Golden Gate University Inaugural Chief Justice Ronald M. George Annual Distinguished Lecture in October, a milestone event that brought so many students, faculty, alumni, judges, bar leaders and other friends to campus to hear the perspective of one of our nation’s leading jurists. If you missed the lecture, I invite you to read an excerpted version starting on page 14 of this magazine or to read or watch the video of the Chief Justice’s full address at our website at www.ggu.edu/law. Stay tuned for information about our Second Annual Lecture on October 12, 2010, which will focus on women serving as State Supreme Court Chief Justices.

We will be bringing many additional distinguished speakers to address our community this spring. They include John Payton, President and Director-Counsel of the NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund, who will serve as keynote speaker at our Poverty Law Conference in March (see the inside front cover of this issue), and CNN Legal Analyst Jeffrey Toobin, author of The Nine: Inside the Secret World of the Supreme Court, who will deliver the Commencement Address at our 2010 Commencement Ceremony in May. I am also pleased to announce that Golden Gate will be serving as the first-ever Landmark Sponsor Law School for the National Association of Women Judges (NAWJ). One of our leading alumnae, Amy Eskin (JD 86), together with a GGU faculty member specializing in gender-based discrimination, will represent Golden Gate at NAWJ’s two annual conferences each year (see page 7).

Even during the serious fiscal challenges that our nation and our community recently have faced, Golden Gate’s family and friends continue to demonstrate their generosity and support, as reflected in the Honor Roll of Donors for the 2008-09 academic year (see page 20). We are especially indebted to Bruce M. Lubarsky, President of the Leon A. and Esther F. Blum Foundation, and to the Foundation for their generosity to Golden Gate University and the Law School for so many years. At the October 2009 GGU Awards Luncheon, Bruce—whose sons Alex Lubarsky (JD 94, LLM 08) and Noah Lubarsky (JD 07) attended our Law School, and whose daughter-in-law Yurika Lubarsky (MAC 06) graduated from the School of Accounting—accepted the University’s Amicus Award on behalf of the Blum Foundation for its significant contributions to the University’s and Law School’s resources. You can learn more about Bruce and the Blum Foundation on page 24.

We are also deeply grateful to William Audet (JD 84) for his matching gift of $50,000 to our Women’s Employment Rights Clinic (see page 6). And our other remarkable on-site clinic, the Environmental Law and Justice Clinic, was recently the beneficiary of a cy pres distribution in the amount of $300,000 resulting from the settlement of a major San Francisco Superior Court class action concerning smokeless tobacco (see page 7). And just as this magazine was going to press, Patrick J. Coughlin (JD 83, LLB 09), a new member of the GGU Board of Trustees, announced his gift of $100,000 to the Law School; watch future GGU publications for more about this wonderful news.

I am also pleased to note the many School of Law alumni who recently joined various GGU boards: our aforementioned new GGU Trustee Patrick Coughlin; Carolyn Lee (JD 07, LLM 08), who has joined the Golden Gate University Alumni Association; JP Harbour (LLM 04), who earlier in 2009 became President of the GGU Alumni Association and serves on the GGU Board of Trustees; and the newest members of our Law School Dean’s Advisory Board: Marie E. Galanti (JD 03) and M. Henry Heines (JD 78). Their expertise and perspective will be invaluable in helping us as we continue to enhance our academic programs and our professional reputation.

Donors to our Law School can take great pride in the past, present, and, surely, the future accomplishments of our students and alumni. They include our litigation students’ recent back-to-back mock trial victories (see page 12); the selection of Sean Kenney (JD 06) as a “Northern California Super Lawyer Rising Star” (for a full list of GGU California “Super Lawyers,” see page 19); the naming of Michael Robertson (JD 04) as a GGU “Rising Star” (see page 25); the appointment of Buzz Hines (JD 95) as co-chair of the 2010 ABA Annual Meeting (I will also be serving on the 2010 ABA Meeting’s Host Committee); and the appointment of Karen Hawkins (JD 79, MBA 81) to direct the IRS Office of Professional Responsibility; she recently returned to campus to describe her new role to a packed audience of tax lawyers (see page 9).

More good news to report before I sign off: We have just hired four outstanding new faculty members, who will join us in the 2010-11 academic year; and we are preparing for Law Reunion 2010 on Saturday, April 24, celebrating the classes of 2005, 2000, 1995, 1990, 1985, 1980, 1975, and 1970. Hope to see many of you there!

With warm regards,

Dean Drucilla S. Ramey
Associate Dean for Law Career Services SUSANNE ARONOWITZ spoke on "The Trickle Down Effects of the Economy as They Relate to Law Schools and Career Services Departments" at the 2009 Annual Bay Area Legal Recruitment Association Mini-Conference and co-authored the article "Making the Most of Your Job Search in a Bad Economy" that appeared in the Recorder Bar Exam Supplement.

Adjunct Professor STEPHEN BAKER was interviewed on legal issues for a Comcast program that aired on Channel 40. Marc Badain, finance director of the Oakland Raiders, was a special guest lecturer at Baker's Sports Law class this fall. The class conducted a mock negotiation of a Raider deal. Shown at left are Baker and his wife, Fox News reporter Claudia Cowan, at the Dean's reception for adjuncts.

Visiting Assistant Professor DEBORAH BEHLES has two articles to be published shortly: "The New Race: Speeding Up Climate Change Innovation, in the University of North Carolina Journal of Law and Technology, and "Why CEQA Exemptions Need Additional Notice Requirements" in Environ, the environmental law journal of the UC Davis School of Law.

Associate Professor MAMIE BENEDETTO NEITZ is organizing a two-day symposium this spring, to be co-sponsored by the Society of American Law Teachers, on "Vulnerable Populations and Economic Realities: An Interdisciplinary Approach to Law Teaching." Her Call for Papers received over 40 responses from scholars nationwide. (For more about the conference, see the ad on the inside front cover of this magazine.)

Professor ROGER BERNHARDT authored the lead article, "Midcourse Corrections: Hiding a Mortgage Too Well," and several other pieces in the September 2009 Real Property Law Reporter (Continuing Education of the Bar). He also wrote "Bad Timing for Deeds in Lieu in The Abstract, the publication of the American College of Mortgage Attorneys, and co-authored "The Endangered Future of Affordable Housing Exactions" for the American College of Real Estate Lawyers.

Professor ROBERT CALHOUN served on and moderated a Bar Association of San Francisco panel on "Recent Criminal Decisions from the Supreme Court" in September.

Professor HELEN CHANG has published the article "The Slip and Fall of the California Legislature in the Classification of Personal Injury Damages at Divorce and Death" in the Texas Tech University School of Law Estate Planning & Community Property Law Journal, Vol. 1, Summer 2009, Book 2. At the 2009 GGU Awards Luncheon, she presented the GGU "Rising Star" Award to Michael Robertson (JD 04).

Professor ERIC CHRISTIANSEN is now Associate Dean for Faculty Scholarship. He attended the International Association of Law Schools Conference on Constitutional Law in Washington, DC, where he was nominated as a US representative to the gathering of foreign and US professors of comparative constitutional law. At the event, he spoke on "Due Regard for Constitutional Value: The South African Constitutional Court and Substantive Justice." His article "Transformative Constitutionalism in South Africa: Creative Uses of Constitutional Court Authority to Advance Substantive Justice" has been accepted for publication in the University of Iowa Journal of Gender, Race & Justice. Another of his articles, published in the UCLA Journal of International Law and Foreign Affairs was selected for recommendation on the Legal Theory Blog. This fall he participated in a panel on campus on practical and theoretical issues relating to marriage equality in California and moderated a panel on Proposition 8 at Morrison Foerster LLP.

Professor MORTON COHEN won a unanimous decision from the Supreme Court of California in a case involving issues of competence and treatment decisions regarding long-term, nonconsensual use of certain drugs. He addressed the annual meeting of the Alaska Public Defenders Association and the Office of the Public Advocate on "Ethical Implications of Representing Mentally Ill Criminal Accused Individuals." While in Alaska he arranged a gathering of GGU alumni, including three serving on the Alaska bench. He notes that the judges, who included Alaska Supreme Court Justice Morgan Christen (JD 86), expressed interest in seeing more Golden Gate Law alumni clerking in their state.

Collection Development Librarian JANET FISCHER will chair the Western Pacific Association of Law Libraries (WESTPAC) Committee for its 2010 Annual Meeting in San Francisco.

Assistant Dean for Bar Exam Services RODNEY FONG moderated an extremely well attended Bar Association of San Francisco panel on attorneys from minority communities transitioning into legal academia. He also helped organize the Minority Bar Coalition Unity Conference at the Law School this summer. He has been appointed chair of the State Bar of California Council on Access and Fairness.

Associate Professor WILLIAM GALLAGHER has been appointed by the State Bar of California Board of Governors to a three-year term on the Intellectual Property Law Section Executive Committee. In November he spoke on "Theory and Methods in Empirical Studies of Lawyers: Validity and Reliability Issues in the Use of Semi-Structured Interviews" at the JSD

Professor MARC GREENBERG was interviewed about intellectual property issues related to the estate of Pablo Picasso for the international magazine ArtNews. His article "The Sly Rabbit and the Three C's: China, Copyright, and Calligraphy" was accepted for publication by the Loyola University Chicago School of Law International Law Review. An article he published in 2003 is cited in the recent book IP Property in the Digital Age; another article from 2005 is now assigned reading in a Tech Law course at California Western University; and his 2007 article was cited in a brief by Yahoo! in the Google books copyright case. In October he gave a talk on "Copyright Basics for Musicians" at the Annual Music Business Seminar, presented by California Lawyers for the Arts and held at Ex'pression College for the Digital Arts in Emeryville, Calif. In November he made a presentation, "Riding the Wave: Navigating the Legal Challenges of the New Digital Revolution" at a program in Grass Valley, Calif., sponsored by the Nevada County Bar Association and The Alternative Board; the speech was sold as a DVD shortly following his talk.

Professor HELEN HARTNELL's review essay on the transformation of civil justice in the European Union, titled "A Cinderella Story: Judicial Cooperation in Civil Matters Meets the Prince," will appear in the next issue of the Yearbook of European Law, a peer-reviewed journal published in the UK by Oxford University Press. This fall she hosted a presentation on campus by Stephen Stec from Central European University in Budapest, who spoke on "The Frontiers of International Environmental Law: Environmental Democracy, the Aarhus Convention, and the European Union."

Professor PETER KEANE moderated a session of the Recorder's Roundtable MCLE program this fall at the Commonwealth Club, as he has for the past eight years. He remains the Law School's most sought-after legal expert in print, broadcast, and online news outlets worldwide, and in recent months he was interviewed by KQED, KCBS, KGO, KTVU, the New York Times, and San Jose Mercury News, among other news outlets, on a variety of civil and criminal legal cases and issues. He served as a mock judge for attorneys preparing appellate arguments before the Ninth Circuit for Barry Bonds as part of the Law School's Moot Court for Practicing Lawyers.

Adjunct Professor CORENE KENDRICK received the Miles L. Rubin Public Interest Award for her advocacy on children's rights by her alma mater, Stanford Law School. She is a staff attorney at the Youth Law Center in San Francisco.

Associate Professor PAUL KIBEL organized the 2009 Environmental Law Symposium at the School of Law on "Farming and Food: How We Grow What We Eat," attended by some 80 practitioners, advocates, and students. He was interviewed about the conference by the San Francisco Examiner. His article "Climate Adaptation Policy at the Continental Level: Natural Resources in North America and Europe" has been accepted for publication in the Pace Environmental Law Review. He has been invited to present at the Georgetown Law School/Georgetown International Environmental Review workshop in February 2010 on "Adaptation to Climate Change" and will serve as a faculty advisor for the 2010 Annual California Water Law Symposium.

Visiting Professor DIANE KLEIN joined the Law School in May and teaches in the Honors Lawyering Program. Her work on tortious interference with expectations of inheritance is cited in the new edition of Wills, Trusts & Estates. She was a presenter on a panel on campus in October on practical and theoretical issues relating to marriage equality in California. She moderated a roundtable at LawCivt XV in Washington, DC in November on prison policy toward transgender inmates and will moderate a panel on "Gender and Social Justice" at the 2010 UCLA Center for the Study of Women "Thinking Gender" conference. She is a member of the American Association of Law Schools' Section on Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity Issues, which approved her proposal for a daylong series of events on the topic at the January 2011 AALS Annual Meeting.

Professor JANICE KOSEL spoke at the 2009 State Bar of California Annual Meeting on "Getting Secured in Perilous Times: Drafting Promissory Notes and Security Agreements."

ELEANOR LUMSDEN has joined the Law School as a visiting professor and is teaching Torts. She received her JD from New York University School of Law, where she was a Root-Tilden-Kern Scholar. Her professional experience has included practicing law at Orrick, Herrington & Sutcliffe LLP and clerking for the Hon. Louise S. Porter, US District Court, Southern District of California.

Professor MYRON MOSKOVITZ gave a lecture on "How to Win Appeals" to some 80 attorneys handling death penalty appeals at a conference sponsored by the California Appellate Project; he has also delivered the lecture for many other organizations, including the Contra Costa County Bar Association and Bay Area Legal Aid. He continues to host the Law School's Moot Court for Practicing Lawyers. He was quoted in an Associated Press article and in another article in the ABA Journal concerning the $1.26 billion default judgment against PepsiCo. His work with Japanese law professors who visited Golden Gate Law some years ago played a small role in Japan's recent establishment of a jury trial system.
Associate Professor DEBORAH MOSTAGHEL spoke at the Bay Area Consortium on Externships (BACE) training program for supervising externs held on campus in October.

Associate Professor CHRIS OKEKE was honored in August with a daylong celebration of his life achievements and the new book published in his honor, Contemporary Issues on International and Comparative Law: Essays in Honor of Professor Dr. Christian Nwachukwu Okeke. Dozens of colleagues and friends attended the book launch/signing event, which included book reviews, commentary, and dinner. Professor Okeke is director of the LLM Program in International Legal Studies and the Sompong Sucharitkul Center for Advanced International Legal Studies. He organized the 2009 Fulbright International Symposium.

Faculty of Law CHRIS PAGANO has contributed to Black’s Law Dictionary 9th edition (Thomson West) and Garner’s Modern American Usage, 3d edition (Oxford University Press). She worked on previous editions of both publications.

Adjunct Professor BRENT PLATER has received a Fulbright Scholar grant to teach environmental economics to a graduate program class in tropical biodiversity conservation at the University of West Indies’ St. Augustine, Trinidad and Tobago campus, where he also will conduct a legal research project concerning leatherback sea turtles.

Associate Director of Academic Development GAIL QUAN is included in a list of “Ones to Watch” in Hastings, the UC Hastings Alumni magazine.

Dean DRUCILLA STENDER RAMEY was honored as a co-founder of the California Minority Council Program and presented the annual Drucilla Stender Ramey Award at the council’s 20th anniversary celebration. She also was keynote speaker at the 2009 National Conference of the ABA Minority Counsel Program. She appears in a newly released documentary on former California Supreme Court Associate Justice Cruz Reynoso, which was produced by documentary filmmaker Abby Ginzb erg and was screened at the 2010 Annual Meeting of the Association of American Law Schools/Society of American Law Teachers. Dean Ramey serves on the Honorary Events Committee of the California Bar Foundation and on the Host Committee of the ABA 2010 Annual Meeting. She is quoted in the Dec. 2009 California Lawyer as a member of the magazine’s Editorial Advisory Board.

Professor ALAN RAMO wrote a chapter for the 2009 GGU publication Profiles in Prominence. He appears in a new PBS documentary, Power Paths, which focuses on a case the GGU Environmental Law and Justice Clinic has worked on for several years representing Native American grassroots organizations in Arizona that are working to fund more sustainable renewable energy projects.

Professor CLIFF RECHTSCHAFFEN has published the second edition of his environmental justice casebook Environmental Justice: Law, Policy and Regulation (Carolina Academic Press, 2009), co-authored with Eileen Gauna.

Associate Professor LESLIE ROSE made a presentation on campus relating to her research on the use of gender-neutral language by the current US Supreme Court.

Professor SUSAN RUTBERG organized and spoke at the Bay Area Consortium on Externships (BACE) training program for supervising externs, held on campus in October. More recently, she hosted a book reading and signing by Jeffrey Haas on his new book, The Assassination of Fred Hampton: How the FBI and the Chicago Police Murdered a Black Panther. Rutberg’s review of the book was published in the December 4 edition of The Huffington Post, on the 40th anniversary of Hampton’s assassination. Rutberg worked as a volunteer on the civil rights case following his death.

Associate Professor HINA SHAH will present her paper “Broadening Workers’ Access to Justice: Extending Unlimited Liability for Unpaid Wages” at the Seton Hall Fourth Annual Employment and Labor Law Scholars’ Forum in January 2010. She is included in a list of “Ones to Watch” in Hastings, the UC Hastings alumni magazine.

Professor and Associate Dean RACHEL VAN CLEAVE wrote a chapter for the 2009 GGU publication Profiles in Prominence. Her article “Renaissance Redux? Chastity and Punishment in Italian Rape Law” is cited in the latest edition of Joshua Dressler’s criminal law casebook. Professor Roger Bernhardt interviewed her for his article on a recent decision of the Ninth Circuit that appears in the November 2009 edition of the Real Property Law Reporter (Continuing Education of the Bar).

Adjunct Professor JAMES WARE, US District Judge for the Northern District of California, was featured in an article in the October 20 Recorder and spoke at the fall GGU IP Law Conference.

Director of Academic Development MARK YATES is included in a list of “Ones to Watch” in Hastings, the UC Hastings alumni magazine.

STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP:

Third-year student MEGAN CANTWELL will present a paper at the 2010 “Thinking Gender” conference, sponsored by the UCLA Center for the Study of Women, that offers a novel theory for prosecuting members of the families of domestic violence perpetrators who attempt to intimidate victims to drop their lawsuits or refuse to testify.
William Audet Pledges Matching Grant To Women's Employment Rights Clinic

A lumna William Audet (JD 84), a longtime supporter of the Women's Employment Rights Clinic (WERC), has once again given generously to the program. In late 2009, he pledged $50,000 as a challenge grant to support the clinic's fund-raising efforts. Contributions through March 31, 2010 will be applied toward the Audet grant. Early major pledges toward the challenge grant include Benefactors ($10,000+): Guy Rounsaville, Jr., former executive vice president/general counsel with Visa International; Champions ($5,000+): Riordan & Horgan; Neyhart, Anderson, Flynn & Grosboll (Richard Grosboll JD 81); and Marc L. Van Der Hout (JD 77) and Jody I. LeWitter; and Sponsors ($1,000+): Alba Witkin; Dean Drucilla Stender Ramey and Marvin Stender; Goldstein, Demchak, Baller, Borgen & Dardarian; Ronnie G. Caplane; Kathleen M. Lucas; Lawless & Lawless; and WERC alumna Laura Ozak (JD 94).

“I take special pleasure in the support that Bill Audet is providing for our wonderful clinical program,” says Dean Ramey, a former member of the Law School faculty. “Bill was my star student in the 1980s and is now a successful litigator. He goes the extra mile to provide alumni support for the practical training of our next generation of Golden Gate Law attorneys.”

Audet is a principal in the San Francisco-based firm Audet & Partners, LLP, specializing in class action/mass torts and consumer law. He is included in the latest edition of Northern California Super Lawyers. His past support of WERC included three years of funding for a Bay Area Workers’ Rights Collaborative. “Thanks to Bill Audet’s continuing support, we will be able to expand essential services provided by our student clinicians to the working poor during the current economic downturn,” said WERC Director and Professor Marci Seville. To learn more about supporting the Women’s Employment Rights Clinic, visit the clinic website at www.ggu.edu/law/werc.

LATE-BREAKING NEWS: Major Gift from Patrick J. Coughlin

Just as this magazine was about to go to press, GGU learned that alumnus Patrick J. Coughlin (JD 83, LLD 09), chief trial counsel at Coughlin Stoia Geller Rudman & Robbins LLP and a new member of the GGU Board of Trustees, has donated $100,000 to the School of Law. “We are thrilled by this magnificent contribution from our new GGU trustee and one of our most distinguished alumni,” says Dean Drucilla Stender Ramey. Watch for more information about Coughlin’s generous donation in future GGU publications.

INAUGURAL TWO-DAY POVERTY LAW CONFERENCE SET FOR MARCH 19-20

The School of Law is preparing for a major teaching conference, “Vulnerable Populations and Economic Realities: An Interdisciplinary Approach to Law Teaching,” Co-sponsored by the Society of American Law Teachers (SALT), the program on March 19-20 will bring scholars from the social sciences as well as legal education together with practitioners and activists to explore how law teachers can integrate economic issues precipitated by class, race, and gender into courses and programs and how law schools can initiate collaborative alliances to broaden discussions and promote positive change. The conference is made possible with a grant from the Elfenworks Foundation. For more information see the ad on the inside front cover of this magazine.

THANKSGIVING CELEBRATION

In November, international students enjoyed a traditional Thanksgiving meal, a longtime Law School tradition held as part of US International Education Week. Pictured with (standing) Professor and USLS Director Leslie Burton are, from left: LLM students from Paris Celine Moreau, Priscilla Quang, Priscilla Caron de la Carriere, and Olivia Majorkiewicz and SJD student Amr El Attar of Egypt.
Hon. Lee D. Baxter Establishes Fellowship To Assist Recent Graduates Serving in Court

When the San Francisco Superior Court’s budget to hire legal research attorneys was cut this spring, GGU alumna, trustee, and retired Superior Court Judge Lee D. Baxter (JD 74, LL.D 08) stepped in to help. Through her generosity, the Law School established the Baxter Superior Court Fellowship program, which provides a stipend to recent graduates who are volunteering to provide valuable research assistance to the court.

Five 2009 Golden Gate graduates were selected to serve as Baxter Superior Court Fellows this fall: Elizabeth Winberry, Caroline Koch, Steffanie Bevington, Sarah Clark, and Sarah Wood. They are serving in the court’s Law & Motion, Criminal, Civil, and Family Law divisions. The Law School is extremely grateful to Judge Baxter and to all the alumni who have stepped in to assist our students and programs, particularly in these trying economic times.

Environmental Law & Justice Clinic Receives Generous Cy Pres Award

The ELJC has received a $300,000 cy pres distribution resulting from the settlement of a major San Francisco Superior Court class action, Smokeless Tobacco Cases I-IV, in which the San Francisco law firm Saveri & Saveri, Inc. served as co-liaison plaintiffs counsel. The firm’s Rick Saveri and Gianna Gruenwald personally delivered the check to ELJC.

The court approved the cy pres award as part of the distribution plan for settlement money that became available largely as a result of amounts unclaimed by class members. (ELJC was not involved in the case.) Because of the clinic’s work in the field of environmental justice, the clinic was chosen to receive this distribution. ELJC Director and Professor Helen Kang said, “This generous distribution will enable the clinic to continue to deliver services to communities whose environments have been degraded. We are extremely grateful.”

Dean Drucilla Stender Ramey expressed the Law School’s delight at receiving the award. “We are proud that the clinic was chosen to be a beneficiary of this important award. Cy pres awards are an important source of funding for the essential services so expertly provided not only by the environmental clinic, but also by our Women’s Employment Rights Clinic. This kind of support is especially critical to their clients, the low-income communities who suffer especially grievously during economic downturns.”

For more about cy pres settlements and other opportunities to support the clinic, visit the clinic website at www.ggu.edu/law/eljc.

In other clinic news, in September, Clinic Director Helen Kang met with US EPA Administrator Lisa Jackson, along with other environmental justice advocates at the EPA Region 9 Offices in San Francisco. And in early November, PBS aired a new independent documentary, titled Power Paths, featuring the work of the clinic’s clients, a coalition of Native American grassroots organizations in Arizona working to fund more sustainable renewable energy projects on their land, which has been long used for traditional fossil-fuel-dependent power. Clinic Co-Founder and Professor Alan Ramo discusses the environmental justice aspects of the coalition’s work in the film, which also includes appearances by former student clinicians Preet Kaur (JD 08) and Darryl Gruen (JD 08) and commentary from tribal leaders. The film is hosted by actor Maggie Gyllenhaal and narrated by actor Peter Coyote.
LAW STUDENTS INTERN AT THE HAGUE

For several years, a number of law students at Golden Gate have received prestigious internships and clerkships at the United Nations International Criminal Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia (UNICTY) at The Hague. In summer 2008, former students Steffanie Bevington (JD 09) and Annie Willis (JD 09) worked there, as did student Maureen Doran in fall 2009.

This past summer, two more Golden Gate Law students obtained prestigious internships at The Hague: Annie Tai and Dana Glassel, both now in their third year of law school. In addition to working with members of the UNICTY, they worked with and befriended student interns at The Hague from Stanford, Yale, Georgetown, and other law schools.

Tai and Glassel worked for the defense in a criminal case of alleged Serbian and Bosnian genocide. The main issue involved the question of command responsibility: whether a state can be liable for actions of an individual who operates as an organ of the state, specifically, military generals accused of directing soldiers who conducted the atrocities. Their work involved extensive research, including the reading, indexing, and summarizing of hundreds of pages of witness testimony and creating binders of the testimony.

Tai noted the tremendous value and complexity of working on an international legal case. "Unlike in the United States, where you're dealing primarily with the facts of a case, at The Hague you must also consider the culture, customs, history, war, and terminology before you can even begin to form an opinion regarding any matter of substance."

An aspiring litigator, Tai notes the incredible honor to work with litigators at The Hague, who must have 10 years of criminal litigation or international law experience before they can even be considered to work there. "One of the most important things I learned from them," she says, "is that nothing is what it seems. The idea of justice is entirely dependent on the people judging the case. Everyone has a different value system. I am not trying to excuse the actions of those who are clearly involved in horrendous acts of brutality. However, I am trying to say that understanding a person's background, customs, and beliefs can help in understanding their actions."

Glassel adds, "As we were told on a consistent basis, you must truly 'free your mind' if you desire to make progress in the international law world, specifically the international criminal law world."

Among the greatest benefits of their experience at The Hague, Tai and Glassel say, was attending legal forums and a three-day colloquium in which sociologists, professors, doctors and lawyers discussed sexual violence as an international crime. "UN representatives from Cambodia and Rwanda spoke of how hard it is to try the criminals in their country in times of war," Tai says. "It was a very difficult discussion. The speakers talked about how to break down social stigmas associated with sexual violence. I had always seen sexual violence as a separate matter; I never considered how it could be interlinked in times of war as a way to dominate an entire race of people. It brought a whole new perspective to my thinking."

Tai and Glassel expressed gratitude to Professor Bernard Segal and Dean Drucilla Stender Ramey for their support of The Hague internships, which were also made possible by a gift from Robert M. Kaufman, a partner at Proskauer in New York.

Public Interest Clearinghouse Expands Pro Bono Project to Golden Gate Law

The Public Interest Clearinghouse (PIC) has launched the Law Student Pro Bono Project at Golden Gate University School of Law. The project, already conducted in collaboration with some other law schools, enables law students to help California's most vulnerable residents gain access to legal assistance and fosters a long-term commitment to pro bono work. The project at GGU was officially kicked off at a Pro Bono Open House on campus in late October, where Dean Drucilla Stender Ramey, PIC Executive Director Julia Wilson, and alumnus Steven Adair MacDonald (JD 79) were the featured speakers.

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Public Interest Clearinghouse (continued)

MacDonald, a principal at Steven Adair MacDonald and Associates who specializes in landlord-tenant law and has handled eviction defense cases pro bono, spoke of its rewards and challenges. "It takes years to develop the skill set for pro bono work," he said. "The payoff isn't money, but the ability to help people truly in need." For practitioners working in the private sector, he added, "It helps you gain credibility." Hilary Hedemark (JD 07), an associate in his firm, noted that they had successfully argued a pro bono case in the US Court of Appeals just the week before.

With its long commitment to public service and pro bono work, Golden Gate was a logical extension of the project's efforts to engage law students in advancing justice in their communities, by connecting them with short- and long-term local volunteers. The project will match Golden Gate law students with a variety of organizations, including legal aid agencies, court-based programs, social service providers, and other legal service providers. Golden Gate students will have the opportunity to staff client intake clinics, engage in legislative advocacy and policy work, and represent low-income families in a wide range of substantive areas.

Doan Nguyen, PIC’s Equal Justice Works AmeriCorps Legal Fellow and the coordinator of the Project, noted: "The expansion of the Law Student Pro Bono Project to Golden Gate University is a testament to the school's commitment to providing essential legal services to underserved communities. The project is also a great opportunity for Golden Gate students to strengthen their legal skills while helping real clients in serious need."

The School of Law already offers considerable pro bono experience for its students. This new initiative will only expand those opportunities.

Karen L. Hawkins Describes Her New Role at The IRS in Campus Visit

In late November, Karen L. Hawkins (JD 79, MBA-Taxation 81), director of the Office of Professional Responsibility at the Internal Revenue Service, made a special visit to campus to give a presentation titled "An Introduction to the Office of Professional Responsibility and Circular 230—Is a Referral in Your Future?" Some 75 students and practitioners attended the MCLE program.

Following welcoming remarks from University President Dr. Dan Angel and Dean Drucilla Stender Ramey, Hawkins described her new post, which she began in April, and her office's role in overseeing the ethical conduct of attorneys, CPAs, appraisers, and others who represent taxpayers before the IRS. "The IRS is considering whether to register all tax preparers in the United States, which she says could number anywhere from 600,000 to 1.2 million, and Hawkins would oversee the standards of conduct for them all."

In a provocative and at times entertaining insider's view of her vital new role, Hawkins described the frequent challenge of getting tax practitioners to resolve their own tax compliance problems: When she joined the office, 75% of the case inventory involved practitioners with their own tax problems.

Much of Hawkins’ address concerned Circular 230, which provides standards of practice for tax professionals. The Office of Professional Responsibility investigates allegations of misconduct by tax practitioners and enforces the standards of practice in Circular 230.

Hawkins said she expects her office to grow exponentially (it currently has just 11 enforcement attorneys), and she stressed the need for more practitioners to make referrals to her office when they become aware of misconduct.

Hawkins works closely with other IRS divisions, the Treasury Department, Federal Trade Commission, Justice Department, and other agencies to identify errant practitioners and hailed what she sees as a "new level of collaboration" among federal agencies.

Hawkins' lecture was sponsored by the Bay Area Young Tax Lawyers, Golden Gate LLM in Taxation Program, and Barristers Club of San Francisco. Alumna Carolyn M. Lee (JD 07, LLM 08), an attorney with Benjamin, Well & Mazzer and vice chair of the Barristers Club’s Taxation Section, played a key role in organizing the event. Also represented at the program was the AIDS Legal Referral Service, which is seeking attorneys to provide pro bono tax assistance to people living with HIV/AIDS.
Fall IP Law Conference Features Keynote Address by US Trademarks Commissioner Lynne Beresford

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ntellectual property litigation from a judge's perspective and the legal implications of social networking blogs were some of the topics at the 2009 Annual Conference on Recent Developments in IP Law, held in October and sponsored by the Law School's Intellectual Property Law Center and Townsend and Townsend and Crew LLP.

In her keynote address, US Trademarks Commissioner Lynne Beresford gave an overview of the history of her office and spoke of the Center and Townsend and Townsend and Crew LLP.

She described changes in how Americans can get information and help with their patent applications online and says her office's Trademark Assistance Center currently handles 20,000 phone calls each month, along with thousands of emails. She stressed how the USPTO can help practitioners as well as inventors.

In his presentation "Electronic Discovery and Evidence in IP Litigation: A View from the Federal Bench", US District Court Judge James Ware, an adjunct professor at the Law School, where he teaches a course on Electronic Evidence, spoke of the court's slow progress in adapting to the emerging technologies. "The rules of evidence have not kept pace with many new types of information made possible by technology and offered into evidence," he said. He described the dire need for people with expertise in electronic information collection and documentation and e-discovery.

Ware expressed enthusiasm for the potential of the new technologies and digital graphic capabilities and showed many visual examples of how courtrooms are increasingly using these technological advances to help attorneys win cases and judges and jurors to better understand core issues in each case.

Other speakers at the daylong event included alumna and adjunct Anne Hiaring (LLM 06) and several members of the Law School's Intellectual Property Law Center Advisory Board.

Fall Environmental Law Conference Addresses Farming and Food Production

In November, the Law School hosted a daylong conference, "Farming and Food: How We Grow What We Eat" that was attended by some 50 practitioners, law professors, and advocates, including several Golden Gate Law alumni.

Alumna Sara Pasquinelli (JD 04), an associate at Fitzgerald, Abbott & Beardsley LLP, gave an overview of organic agricultural and certification/decertification. She described the tremendous increase in acreage for certified organic farms in the US and the skyrocketing increase in organic produce sales, with some $24 billion in 2008 in the United States. George Kimbrell of the Center for Food Safety spoke of the need for greater oversight of genetically modified organisms and the international trade issues due to many nations' rejection of products containing genetically modified organisms. He noted a recent court decision recognizing the environmental impact of these crops and the need for environmental impact reviews.

Other topics addressed included irrigation and agricultural waste discharge in California's Central Valley and the need for greater regulation, the increase in community gardens, and the work of the Peninsula Open Space Trust. Among the presenters was well-known activist Lloyd Carter of the Save Our Streams Council, who discussed his work on protecting water ways in the Central Valley and protecting farm workers and reducing poverty in their communities. His article in the current "Farming and Food" edition of The Golden Gate University Environmental Law Journal, "Reaping Riches in a Wretched Region: Subsidized Industrial Farming and its Link to Perpetual Poverty," has received widespread media coverage and gives an expanded review of some of the themes he addressed at the conference.

The conference's many co-sponsors included the Environmental Law Sections of the State Bar of California and Bar Association of San Francisco and was made possible by a grant from the As You Sow Foundation. The conference's main organizer was Associate Professor Paul Kibel.
Swearing-In Ceremony

In early December, the Hon. Mary Ann O’Malley (JD 85), presiding judge of the Contra Costa County Superior Court (whose father and sister-in-law also serve on the bench), and the Hon. Maria-Elena James (LLD '03), chief magistrate judge for the US District Court, Northern District of California, presided over the Law School's Swearing-In Ceremony for alumni who had passed the California bar exam. Judge O’Malley (shown at right, with Dean Ramey behind her), joked, "As presiding judge, I will be brief: I look forward to seeing you in my courtroom, where I hope you will be brief, too!" Judge Maria-Elena James told the alumni, "I am as proud of your accomplishments as I am of mine." Judge James appears in the photo at far right with her former extern Ulysses James Brabant (JD 09).

School of Law and BACE Co-Host 2009 Annual Training for Supervising Law Student Externs

In October, the School of Law and Bay Area Consortium on Externships (BACE) held an MCLE program on campus titled "The Good, the Bad, and the Effective: Best Practices for Supervising Law Students." Professor Susan Rutberg (JD 75), director of externship programs, organized the event and made a presentation on "Modeling Professionalism." Associate Professor Deborah Mostaghel gave a talk on "Effective Feedback on Oral and Written Work," with assistance from alumni and Adjunct Professor Kelly Cronin (JD 05) and DeWitt Lacy (JD 05). More than 50 lawyers attended the workshop, nearly all of them currently supervising law student externs. The program included role playing among attendees as supervisor, student, and observer, and an extensive Q&A session. Rutberg and Mostaghel stressed how critical the work is of those who supervise law student externs and how much their work is appreciated. Attendee and Adjunct Professor Sue Schechter encouraged supervisors to call the students' law professors if they have questions pertaining to their work or training.
GOLDEN GATE LAW STUDENTS TAKE FIRST PLACE AT ABA & SFTLA COMPETITIONS

Through his 30-plus years directing Golden Gate's Litigation Program, Professor Bernie Segal had seen many of his student teams emerge victorious at mock trial competitions. But even this veteran litigator and litigation professor was more than a little overjoyed when two of his student teams won mock trial competitions in the course of a single week this fall.

Segal's students took first place at the 2009 American Bar Association (ABA) Section of Labor and Employment Law San Francisco Regional Student Trial Advocacy Competition during the last weekend of October. Then, on November 7, another Golden Gate team won the 2009 San Francisco Trial Lawyers Association (SFTLA) Mock Trial Competition.

"To win competitions back-to-back this way is a first for us, and I couldn't be more proud of our students and our former students who coached them," Segal says.

In the ABA contest, held at the Phillip Burton Federal Building in San Francisco, teammates Amy Erb, Scott Prosser, Lindsey Scott, and Anitra Zobeck went undefeated in four rounds and prevailed over the University of San Francisco School of Law, UC Hastings College of the Law, UC Berkeley School of Law, and University of Oregon School of Law. The team will compete with the seven other regional champion teams at the National Finals in Washington, DC, in late January 2010.

"What made this victory particularly sweet is that we had just one month to prepare—much less time than the other schools, since we were invited later than the other teams," Segal says. "In addition, three of the four team members were 2Ls, not 3Ls, and they had not yet completed the Trial Advocacy course. This was the first competition for any of them."

Coaching the team was Duncan Lemmon (JD 96), an associate at Connor & Bishop and former student of Segal’s. "This was great, real-world experience for the students," Lemmon says. "It was a three-hour jury trial, no different than what happens in real life—just a truncated version. Our students picked up on weaknesses demonstrated by their opponents and presented their evidence and arguments very well." Other alumni who assisted at team practices were Rachael Buckman (JD 08), also an associate at Connor & Bishop; Bradley D. Fell (JD 00), an attorney at Lombardi, Loper & Conant LLP; Ted Kinch (JD 09); and Shahrad Milanfar (JD 98), a partner at Becherer Kannett & Schweitzer.

School of Law Dean Drucilla Stender Ramey and Golden Gate University President Dr. Dan Angel met with the ABA team and Professor Segal to personally congratulate them and expressed gratitude to the alumni who coached them. "Our busy alumni attorneys agreed to turn on a dime and step in, committing to long hours of coaching the students," says Dean Ramey, "and clearly their hard work, perseverance, and amazing attitude paid off."
Fortunate and Proud

"This was one of the most intense, yet rewarding experiences of my life," says ABA team member and 2L Scott Prosser. "We practiced four days a week for five hours a night, after attending classes during the day. The time our coach, Duncan Lemmon, spent with us is a testament not only to his pride in his alma mater, but to Professor Segal's zeal for the art of litigation, which has turned countless students into successful trial lawyers who are grateful for the instruction they received and are willing to give back. When I asked Coach Duncan why he was willing to volunteer his time to coach us, he said it was because others had done it for him while he was in the Litigation Program, and some day it would be our turn to do the same."

Prosser adds, "Professor Segal is a master teacher who has created a network here at GGU where students have the opportunity to learn from prior Litigation Program students who have become some of the best trial attorneys around. I feel very fortunate and proud to be a part of one of the best litigation programs in the nation."

Litigation Boot Camp

Second-year student Anitra Zobecb described the experience as "Litigation boot camp. I want to be a trial lawyer (a public defender, specifically), and it was humbling to see how much I still have to learn. I remember thinking in the beginning that the other teams were going to be leaps and bounds ahead of us. But after our first trial, I felt we were on equal footing. Advancing beyond the first round was so exciting; to continue winning throughout the two days was just an upward spiral of excitement and hope. I feel like each of us did the best work we've ever done—it was such a collaborative experience." She adds, "At the end of the competition [which is anonymous], when the judges were finally allowed to ask what school we were from, we said, 'Golden Gate' with such pride."

Teammate and 2L Amy Erb says the experience taught her "that I love working in the courtroom. I am excited for a career as a trial attorney!"

"Professor Segal took a chance on us, and I am eternally grateful for the opportunity," notes the team's only 3L, Lindsey Scott. "Our victory wouldn't have been possible without our coach, Duncan Lemmon. He only had a few weeks to take the four of us, who had not completed our Trial Advocacy or Mock Trial classes, and turn us into litigators." She adds, "I cannot wait to go to Washington, DC to show that the Golden Gate University Litigation Program is a force to be reckoned with."

Best of the Bay

At the SFTLA competition, held at the US Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit, Golden Gate beat Berkeley, Hastings, and USF. The team members, all 3Ls, were Dan Devoy, Dana Glassel, Erik Knuppel, and Sam Luzadas, coached by alumnus Brian Soriano (JD 96), a partner with Goldstein, Gellman, Melbostad, Gibson & Harris, LLP and an adjunct professor at Golden Gate Law, which has won the SFTLA competition in years past.

The competition required team members to prepare to present both the plaintiff and defense sides in a civil trial. In the morning session, the team argued for the plaintiff, defeating USF; in the afternoon, arguing for the defense, GGU beat Berkeley. At the end of the day, Golden Gate had the highest total points to take first place and bragging rights for 'Best of the Bay.'

"After losing in the finals by a small margin in 2008, our students were determined to win the SFTLA competition in 2009," Soriano says. "They are to be commended for their talent as well as their commitment to preparation. Real Superior Court judges presided over the trials, and they described our team members as 'outstanding' which was no exaggeration. Professor Bernie Segal has put together a winning recipe for training future litigators and trial lawyers."

Erik Knuppel was on the GGU team that narrowly lost last year's SFTLA competition. "I was glad to have the opportunity to compete again this year, and I am doubly glad that we could bring home a win for our team and our coaches," he says. He and teammate Sam Luzadas, along with two other GGU students, will compete at the ABA Criminal Law Section's Invitational Mock Trial Competition this spring.

Luzadas, who has competed in several other mock trial competitions including last year's SFTLA contest, says, "I was honored to be able to work with my very talented teammates. They are some of the best student lawyers I've seen compete in a competition from any school." And, like the other winners, he gives much of the credit to the coach. "It was amazing to have been able to work with Brian Soriano again. He deserves just as much praise, if not more, than any of us. Everything I know about being a good trial attorney, I've learned from Brian, and I am forever grateful for the time and wisdom he shared with us."
Before an overflow audience at the School of Law in late October, California Chief Justice Ronald M. George praised recent progress in the state's judicial system and offered recommendations to ensure access to justice in perilous times.

More than 300 students, alumni, trustees, and friends and other members of the local (and not-so-local) community were on campus October 20 for the inaugural Chief Justice Ronald M. George Annual Distinguished Lecture. This new annual series will bring chief justices to Golden Gate to share their perspectives on critical issues facing the judiciary and to shine a spotlight on the vital role of the nation's state courts.

Chief Justice Ronald M. George has served as the 27th Chief Justice of California since 1996 and has been a champion of ensuring access to justice for all Californians and improving efficiency and effectiveness in the state's judicial system.

As Chief Justice, he chairs the Judicial Council of California and the Commission on Judicial Appointments and co-chairs the California-Federal Judicial Council. His many other powerful positions have included serving as President of the Conference of Chief Justices and Chair of the Board of Directors of the National Center for State Courts. His multitude of awards have included the American Bar Association John Marshall Award, American College of Trial Lawyers Samuel E. Gates Award, American Judicature Society Opperman and Herbert Harley Awards, and National Center for State Courts William H. Rehnquist Award for Judicial Excellence.

Below is an abbreviated version of Chief Justice George's address at the School of Law, which he delivered following introductions by Golden Gate University President Dr. Dan Angel and School of Law Dean Drucilla Stender Ramey. His complete address is available online in streaming video and in print at the School of Law website at www.ggu.edu/law.
I believe that we all would have preferred that my topic, "Access to Justice in Times of Fiscal Crisis," might instead be "Access to Justice in Times of Unbridled Prosperity." But those expansive talks will have to wait for another day. The realities of a shrinking economy and a fiscal crisis in California for which there are no immediate solutions compel me to instead share with you some thoughts about the state of our courts and what this means for the people we serve.

Cyclical ups and downs are a constant feature of California's economic climate. But the depth and extent of the challenges we face today, and the lack of certainty about what lies ahead, must give us pause as we consider the demands placed upon our state judicial system.

Ours is the largest court system in the nation, about double the size of the federal Article III judiciary nationally, and serving one of the most diverse populations found anywhere on the planet. We maintain 451 court locations around the state in communities as unique as Alpine County, with 1,200 residents served by 2 judges, to Los Angeles, with more than 10 million residents and a bench of almost 800.

Among my responsibilities as Chief Justice is to serve as chair of the Judicial Council of California, the constitutionally created governing body for the state court system. The mission of the council is to ensure the consistent, independent, impartial, and accessible administration of justice for the residents of small counties like Alpine, Inyo, and Del Norte, as well as for the residents of heavily populated areas such as Los Angeles, San Francisco, and San Diego. Indeed, our considerable task is to ensure access to justice for approximately 38 million people in California's 58 counties — and to do so as we face ever-growing caseloads over which we have no control, an insufficient number of judges and staff, and crowded and unsafe courthouse facilities.

Despite the many difficulties we face, I harbor no doubt that California's court system now is in a far stronger position to weather the challenges ahead than it was when I became Chief Justice 13 years ago. The reason is clear.

In 1996, the state was undergoing one of its periodic fiscal crises, although one not as severe as today's. Within one year of assuming my new position, I twice had to go to the Legislature to seek emergency bailout funding for the trial courts.

During my first year as Chief Justice I embarked on visits to each of the 58 county court systems to better understand the operations of California's court system throughout the state. It soon became evident that courts in counties large and small desperately needed additional resources to avoid substantial closures and cutbacks in courtrooms and clerk's offices and widespread employee layoffs.

Funding for basic services such as court interpreters and dependency counsel often was scarce. Courts were beginning to experience a surge in the number of self-represented litigants but had insufficient means to meet their needs. Public access to court information too often was limited.

Inadequate facilities were falling into disrepair or could not accommodate new demands. In one rural court that I visited, the judge had stacked law books in front of his bench. After I complimented him on his apparent scholarship, he disclosed that these stacks served as a makeshift shield against bullets after an attempted hostage-taking in his court facility. I was at least happy to see that these tomes contained the reported decisions of federal courts rather than those of the California Supreme Court!

In one urban court, I encountered a commissioner who was working out of a converted storeroom and who himself had built a bench, jury box, and counsel tables in his home workshop at his own expense. Prospective jurors in many courts congregated in stairwells, halls, and even on sidewalks for two weeks — this was before we instituted one-day-or-one-trial jury service. Prisoners often had to be escorted through public hallways to reach courtrooms. In facility after facility, unsatisfactory security arrangements put judges, lawyers, litigants, jurors, court staff, witnesses, and visitors at risk.

In 1996, the trial courts were supported principally by county funding provided by the Board of Supervisors in each county. Financial support for trial court operations varied tremendously across the state, depending not only on the ability and willingness of individual counties to adequately fund the courts situated in the county, in the face of competing demands, but also on factors such as the relationship (good or bad) of the Presiding Judge with the current Board of Supervisors.

It was anticipated that the switch from county funding to state funding of California's judicial system would raise the level of services provided across the state to an effective baseline, provide courts with a stable and predictable level of funding, and allow the judicial system to engage in productive planning for the challenges ahead. Those expectations have been met.

Structural Reforms for Enhanced Efficiency and Accountability

At the end of its session in 1997, the Legislature adopted a long-sought system for state funding of the trial courts. In the ensuing years, a comprehensive budgeting system was developed that enables the judicial branch as a whole to seek funding from our sister branches—funding that is then distributed by the Judicial Council to the individual courts. This statewide approach not only has resulted in ensuring more uniform access to justice statewide, but also has enabled the court system to concentrate funding in programs that have vastly improved access to justice for millions of Californians—services such as court interpreters, self-help centers, and specialty courts.

After the change to state funding, the second major structural change in the court system occurred in 1998, (continued on page 16)
when the electorate, by a two-thirds majority, approved our proposal to amend the constitution to permit the unification of the 220 superior and municipal courts into 58 trial courts—one in each county. By 2001, the judges in all courts had voted to unify, vastly reducing the inefficiencies that had been so apparent during my 13,000-mile journey to the courts in 1996 and 1997.

The third major reform for our state system came in 2002 with the Trial Court Facilities Act. The new law called for the transfer of responsibility for court facilities from the counties to the state—a major and entirely new undertaking for the Judicial Council and its staff agency, the Administrative Office of the Courts. By the end of 2009, all of the state’s 534 court structures will have been transferred to state ownership under judicial branch management.

These historic reforms of our state court system—trial court funding, court unification, and facilities transfer—have been a means to an end. They have strengthened the independence of the judiciary as a branch of government. They have addressed institutional budget inequities among trial courts around the state. And they have ultimately enhanced access to justice and provided a greater degree of accountability to the public.

The structural changes that I have described have been invaluable in helping us meet many of the challenges created by the current fiscal crisis. The statewide judicial branch budget of approximately $4 billion has been cut by some $450 million. This year, with the use of one-time money from trial court reserves and the reallocation of almost $160 million in judicial branch funding to trial court operations, we have managed to absorb the bulk of the decrease in funding. But we still remain in a perilous condition.

Other New Initiatives
We live in a digital age, and our technological capabilities are very deficient. For years, we have been engaged in the development of the California Case Management System.

Now, I confess to not being proficient in the use of new technology. I call myself roadkill on the information highway, and the palm of my hand is my "palm pilot." Nevertheless, I recognize that courts must be able to employ the new technologies in order to best serve the public.

Courts in California currently operate more than 70 different case management systems with about 130 variations. These systems do not connect with one another and do not provide information across court and county jurisdictions. Many trial courts have outdated case management systems, operating on platforms designed in the late 1970s and early 1980s.

We cannot afford to operate in an electronic Tower of Babel. Antiquated information systems frequently crash. Judges and law enforcement officers in the field too often are unaware of outstanding warrants for violent offenders and of domestic violence restraining orders, and sometimes are equally unaware that other warrants have been recalled.

System development of our case management system, undertaken at the urging of two governors and the legislature, is nearly complete, and when fully implemented in a few years the new case management system will change the way the courts do business and deliver the services and efficiencies that the public has a right to expect from its government.

But building a statewide technological infrastructure—moving the courts from the 20th into the 21st century—is as costly as it is complex. The state fiscal crisis and subsequent reductions of more than $450 million to the judicial branch budget compelled the Judicial Council to reallocate funds ($105 million) for urgent technology projects to court operations, among other reallocations we have had to make. Some courts still are finding it necessary to restrict services. At an emergency budget meeting in July, the Judicial Council made the very difficult decision to close courts one day per month to avoid even more damaging consequences of budget cuts.

The decision to close the courts one day each month beginning in September was made with great reluctance by council members. But after months of examining other solutions and obtaining input from court leaders across the state, we determined that court closures were the only rational option available to us to adequately address year-end budget reductions while at the same time providing statewide consistent notice to the public, protecting our employees from major layoffs, and preserving equal access to justice.

At that meeting, I pledged to reduce my own salary and asked judges statewide to set a similar example, to acknowledge the sacrifice we have asked of the more than 20,000 men and women who work in the California judicial branch, most of whom will experience pay reductions due to the court closures. I am pleased to report that the vast majority of justices and judges in California—about 80 to 90 percent—are participating in a voluntary salary waiver program amounting to a 4.6 percent pay reduction, or otherwise have made equivalent donations to their courts to preserve access to justice in their communities.

I have mentioned several of the new programs that courts have been able to offer as a direct result of the benefits of statewide funding and unification. These include interpreter services, to help with some of the more than 100 languages translated in California’s courts each year, self-help centers in every county, as well as a nationally recognized self-help website that receives millions of hits every year and is available in Spanish and, in part, in several other languages. Other new programs include collaborative justice courts, domestic violence courts, drug courts, complex litigation courts, jury instructions written in layman’s language, and community outreach programs.
I would like to briefly mention three other initiatives that are priorities for me and the Judicial Council because of the promise they hold to improve access to justice for millions of Californians. First, our foster care system is severely strained and clearly needs improvement. Reform of the system is a matter not only of legal obligation, but of moral obligation as well.

Among the priorities for the Judicial Council is implementation of the recommendations of the California Blue Ribbon Commission on Children in Foster Care. Chaired by my colleague, Supreme Court Justice Carlos Moreno, the Commission includes stakeholders representing all three branches of government, as well as the private and non-profit sectors. The Commission submitted its final report and action plan in May, and in order to ensure that this valuable work is not relegated to gathering dust on bookshelves, I immediately reapppointed the commissioners to help ensure implementation of sweeping recommendations for reform of the state’s juvenile dependency courts and foster care system.

Another very important initiative well underway is the Commission for Impartial Courts, chaired by my colleague, Supreme Court Justice Ming Chin. The Commission’s charge is to study and make recommendations to ensure that California’s courts remain impartial and accountable. Unlike the legislative and executive branches, which are designed and intended to be responsive to the will of the majority, the role of the judicial branch—in providing impartial justice based upon the constitution, legislative enactments, and case precedent—is not to act upon the preferences of constituents, political platforms, or personal inclination.

The Commission for Impartial Courts is comprised of judges and lawyers, as well as members of the public—including former legislators, the business community, media, and leading scholars. In December, the Judicial Council will receive the final report of the Commission, a monumental work examining judicial candidate campaign conduct, campaign finance, public information and education, and judicial selection and retention.

The final development I want to mention is the Governor’s approval last week of AB 590—the “Civil Gideon” bill—authored by Assemblyman Mike Feuer. At a time when so many aspects of the California Dream have faded, we have achieved this monumental accomplishment: California is the first state in the nation to establish a right to counsel for low-income individuals in critical-needs civil cases—a concept endorsed by the American Bar Association and one that I have advocated for several years. In some parts of the state, 85 to 90 percent of the parties in family law cases—involving critical issues such as child custody, child support, and division of marital assets—appear without counsel.

The new law will create a pilot program offering legal services to poor litigants in domestic violence, health, child custody, and other cases. The program will be launched in 2011 and be funded by court fees.

Justice cannot wait for better economic times. Courts are not a luxury to be funded in good times and ignored in bad times. Even as we attempt to absorb and address the reductions in our budget, we should not and cannot stop the progress we have made to meet the needs of all Californians.

In an address I made earlier this month in Boston to the American Academy of Arts and Sciences upon my induction into that organization, I described what I perceive to be the dysfunctionality of California’s state government. Chief among the culprits I described has been the use of initiative measures, often sponsored at the instigation of special interests, to place straightjackets on the legislature’s ability to pass budgets, enact taxes, and allocate available resources. The result has been to place California in a disorienting cycle of boom and bust. I doubt that Hiram Johnson and the other progressives who saw the initiative power as a means to combat the power of the railroad barons who controlled our state’s government in an earlier era would recognize or approve of where that power has brought us.

This is not a dilemma for the courts to resolve—but courts must make their voices heard. For those of us who value the fair and impartial administration of justice, we must speak out about the effect of budget uncertainty and budget shortfalls on the ability of our judicial branch to meet the reasonable and appropriate expectations of the public we serve. If we cannot provide timely, effective, and efficient judicial services for the people of our state, all of us—and the basic governance of our state—will be at grave risk, given the unique—but absolutely essential—role played by the judicial branch in the governance of our state.

We are fortunate in one resource.

In the best of times, making good on the promise of equal justice under law is a challenge. In times like the present, it requires the extraordinary commitment of a great number of individuals in the court system, in the legal profession, and in government at all levels.

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California’s courts have a nationwide reputation for excellence and innovation in providing services to the public, for the high quality of its bench and bar, and for the creativity and innovation of judges, court administrators, and court staff, who are dedicated to enhancing the administration of justice. In my view, an impartial judiciary—and its corollary, adherence to the rule of law—are the cornerstones of our democracy. Support for the judicial branch is essential to our democratic form of government in good times and in bad.

I am proud that California’s judicial system has assumed greater responsibilities in shaping its own future. Doing so not only has strengthened our ability to improve access to justice—but also has reinforced our obligation to remain accountable for the resources entrusted to us and to safeguard our role as one of the three separate and independent branches of government.

At a time when the public’s regard for its institutions is on the wane, recent polls indicate that the confidence of Californians in their courts has increased—from 42 percent in 1992, to 67 percent in 2005, when the last poll was conducted. The reasons for this notable improvement in public trust and confidence in the courts are clear—in fact, many of them are represented by the persons who are present in this auditorium today. During my 37 years on the bench, I have never encountered more dedication, devotion, and enthusiasm from our judges and staff, from Bar organizations and individual attorneys, than I see today.

I encourage all of you—but especially the students here—to join us in our continuing effort to expand access to justice and to make good on the promise of equal justice for all. We have come far, but have much further to go. Thank you.
**NEW INITIATIVES FOR TODAY'S LEGAL MARKET**

*By Amanda Vassigh Sgal*

In response to these trying economic times, GGU's Law Career Services (LCS) has launched several initiatives to guide graduates in enhancing their professional profiles and maximizing their career opportunities. My position at LCS was created specifically to help 3Ls and recent graduates navigate through today's legal market, by assisting them in optimizing their skill sets, deepening their knowledge about legal practice areas and the market, and enhancing their professional profiles. To this end, LCS launched the Professional Development Group (PDG) in September 2009 to provide networking opportunities and career development guidance to recent graduates.

The PDG holds monthly meetings and programs to help recent graduates develop an edge in their job searches and their transition to their first jobs as attorneys. The meetings focus on professional skills, career planning strategies, and networking. The goals of the PDG are to help alumni stay focused, energized, and motivated while awaiting bar results and throughout their careers and to foster mutual support of members of the GGU Law community. Participants will reap the benefits as they progress through their careers by using these skills and continuing to network with each other and within the legal community.

Each PDG meeting is organized around a theme. A workshop on "Authentic Networking" provided alumni with ideas on how to tap into their networks, use informational interviews to explore particular practice areas of interest, build upon connections, and get involved with the legal community in meaningful ways. The next meeting's theme was "Working as a Contract Attorney/Law Clerk," an ideal opportunity in this climate for graduates awaiting bar results and eager to expand upon their skill sets.

Another new program is "Hanging Up Your Own Shingle." In response to increased interest in solo practice, this fall LCS held the first in a series of programs designed to explore issues that must be considered in opening a solo practice. The panel was attended by nearly 40 alumni, and featured William Gwire (JD 74) as the panel moderator, and Ruth Kainitsky (JD 06), Delida Costin, and adjunct professor Sheila Warren as panelists. Panelists provided personal insight as well as practical advice for those considering starting a solo practice. The event was held in the evening to accommodate the schedules of our many alumni who work full-time but are interested in making this career transition.

LCS is committed to serving the needs of students and alumni, both through traditional modes and by responding to the changing economic climate to provide helpful career resources and information. To get involved, contact lawcareer@ggu.edu.

**FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS FOR ALUMNI**

*By Elana Konstant*

**Loan Repayment Assistance Program**

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In October, the University honored the foundation with the 2009 Amicus Award, presented at the annual GGU Awards Luncheon and given "to those whose efforts have resulted in significant contributions to the University’s resources and thereby to its educational capabilities and services.” Accepting the award was the foundation’s president, attorney Bruce M. Lubarsky, who has led the organization since 1982.

Leon Blum immigrated to the United States from Romania as a child. He worked his way through San Francisco Law School by collecting rents and passed the California bar exam at the age of 20, earning the third-best score in the state at that time. He went on to build a lucrative law firm and become a successful investor in real estate properties. But he never forgot his humble beginnings, and secretly, before his death in 1975, he set up a foundation to benefit deserving students at San Francisco law schools.

At the luncheon, Dean Drucilla Stender Ramey, who was joined by the deans of UC Hastings, when he joined the San Francisco law firm founded by Blum, specializing in creditors’ rights and debt collection. "Golden Gate University School of Law is enormously grateful to the Leon A. and Esther F. Blum Foundation for so greatly enhancing our ability to attract and retain highly qualified students who, like Leon Blum, lack the family resources to assist them in pursuing their dream of a legal education and career in the law,” she noted. "With the assistance of the foundation, whose name graces our Centennial Wall in the lobby of our main building, an entire cadre of our top students has graduated from Golden Gate and gone on to pursue brilliant careers in the law, the judiciary, and public service.”

Lubarsky, a San Mateo-based attorney, and fifth-generation San Franciscan, met Blum shortly after graduating from UC Hastings, when he joined the San Francisco law firm founded by Blum, specializing in creditors’ rights and debt collection. “Leon was my mentor,” Lubarsky says, “not just professionally, but personally. His business insight was immeasurable.”

Lubarsky is a former JAG lawyer, assistant district attorney, and, for 30 years, a judge pro tem in the San Francisco and San Mateo courts. Today he is a senior arbitrator for the American Arbitration Association and has a busy practice specializing in civil litigation, real estate law, creditors’ rights, and debt collection.

In accepting the Amicus Award, Lubarsky shared memories of Leon Blum and noted that when he died and the bequest was revealed, “There was considerable surprise, due to the size of the bequest and the fact that none of the law schools knew who Leon was.”

Today Lubarsky notes, “The foundation is the single largest donor to law schools in San Francisco: Of every dollar we give, 97 cents go to law schools, and the foundation has given approximately 3,000 law school scholarships. In the spirit of Leon Blum, we keep a very low profile in our charitable work; we stay under the radar. So we were truly surprised to learn of this wonderful award from Golden Gate University.”

At the luncheon, Lubarsky expressed gratitude to Elaine Andersson, who was in attendance, and is the foundation’s treasurer and a vice president and regional counsel of Boston Properties, Inc.—as well as a former GGU School of Law faculty member and assistant dean of students. ‘Elaine feels a deep responsibility to further the foundation’s mission of helping law students in need,” Lubarsky said, “I can’t tell you how important she has been to the foundation and how much we rely on her.”

He also noted family ties to GGU: His sons Alex Lubarsky (JD 94, LLM 98), an attorney with San Mateo-based Community Legal Centers, and Noah Lubarsky (JD 07), a sole practitioner in Burlingame, are GGU alumni, as is Noah’s wife, Yurika Lubarsky (GGU MAC 06), an accountant working toward completion of the CPA examination. Golden Gate University is honored to have the Lubarskys as members of its extended family and grateful for the ongoing support of the Leon A. and Esther F. Blum Foundation.

Law School Receives Variety Of Major Gifts in 2009

Despite economically challenging times, the Law School has continued to receive generous assistance from alumni and friends, as reflected in the 2008-09 Honor Roll of Donors (see page 20). See pages 6 and 7 for news of some recent major gifts:

William Audet (JD 84)'s $50,000 matching grant to our Women's Employment Rights Clinic; a $300,000 cy pres distribution to our Environmental Law & Justice Clinic; and, most recently, new GGU Board of Trustees Member Patrick J. Coughlin (JD 83, LLD 09)'s donation of $100,000. We are deeply grateful for these major sources of support.
MAKING THINGS HAPPEN

"Rising Star" Michael Robertson (JD 04) Has the Inside Track On the Obama Campaign and the Inner Workings of the GSA

Only five years ago, Michael J. Robertson received his JD from Golden Gate Law. Since then, he has directed congressional affairs for Senator Barack Obama's presidential campaign and is today the associate administrator for governmentwide policy at the US General Services Administration (GSA).

The story of how this 33-year-old alum— one of the younger political appointees at this level— went from being a grassroots organizer for a little-known Chicago senator to a top procurement administrator is a tale of hard work, ambition, and the value of following one's own heart. And—according to him, at least— "a lot of luck."

Robertson received the Golden Gate University 2009 "Rising Star" Award at GGU's Awards Luncheon in October. The award is given to a graduate of 10 or fewer years who exhibits extraordinary professional achievements and contributions to the community.

Robertson was exhibiting leadership potential and a preference for public service over personal gain long before attending Golden Gate.

"From the time he was 18 months, he had a very strong idea of how he wanted things done," jokes his mother, Karyn Robertson, who attended the luncheon with her husband and Michael's father, John Robertson. "I would try to organize his toys— but he would insist, 'No, no, this is how it should be done.' He always had his own mind."

After graduating from Berkeley, Robertson embarked on a successful career in venture capital in San Francisco. But he found the work uninspiring and decided to enroll in law school— not with the intention of becoming a lawyer, but to gain the problem-solving skills a legal education would provide.

At Golden Gate, he focused on intellectual property law and public interest law. Drawn to the idea of working on Capitol Hill, he sought advice from then-adjunct professor and alumna Daphne Edwards (JD 97), who had spent years working there (and who has since become an attorney with the Nevada State Legislature). She advised Robertson to work on a political campaign to get politically connected.

Robertson took notice of a rookie Illinois state senator named Barack Obama, and the up-and-coming venture capitalist, just out of law school, packed up for Illinois to volunteer full-time for Obama's US Senate campaign. Mother Karyn admits, "I wasn't thrilled when Michael told me, 'I'm off to Chicago to volunteer for some guy I'd never heard of.'"

COURTING CONGRESS

Initially, Robertson tended to the most mundane tasks of working on a campaign— he wasn't even allowed to read the mail— but after joining Obama's Washington Senate Office, he quickly rose through the ranks. After Obama became a US senator and decided to run for president, Robertson was appointed director of congressional affairs for Obama's presidential campaign.

Robertson's chief responsibility was courting members of the US House and Senate who would be superdelegates at the national convention. Applying his research and critical thinking skills learned at Golden Gate, he excelled in researching and identifying the best prospects and then making his pitch— work that ultimately played a key role in the election outcome. As part of Obama's transition team, Robertson was the deputy working group lead for the president-elect's Energy and Environment Agency Review Team.

FROM TABLES AND CHAIRS TO THE SPACE SHUTTLE

In March 2009, Robertson was appointed as the White House liaison for the GSA and later that year became the director of the GSA Office of Governmentwide Policy and chief acquisitions officer. Upon announcing the appointment, GSA Acting Administrator Paul Prouty hailed Robertson for his "innovative leadership."

"Few people know what the GSA does, but it is one of the most important federal agencies, in terms of making things happen," Robertson told the crowd at the GGU Awards Luncheon and, later that afternoon, dozens of law students on campus. "We are responsible for all federal government property and making all purchases of government property. Everything from office tables and chairs, all the way up to the Space Shuttle. Robertson is also directly responsible for approximately 200 of the agency's 12,000 employees.

Projects he is involved with include overseeing policy development in making federal buildings more energy-efficient; the government's Web 2.0 policy and setting guidelines for employees' use of social networking sites (he says he truly learned the power of social innovation on the presidential campaign, where hundreds of people giving just $5 online every week played a huge role in boosting the campaign's coffers); and overseeing procurement policy relating to products for domestic government use to support the Federal Acquisition Service in its work on supply lines for the war in Afghanistan.

"The GSA is an agency where you actually have to get things done," Robertson says. "Golden Gate teaches you how to get things done." Both in his work on the Obama campaigns and as a law student, Robertson says, "I learned how to make myself useful within an organization. I was prepared not just to talk about things— but to make them happen."

At the GGU Awards Luncheon, in introducing Robertson, his former Criminal Law Professor Helen Chang noted, "Michael is a source of immense pride for all of us at the Law School and University. It was very courageous of him to leave behind a thriving career in venture capitalism to volunteer for a little-known senator from Illinois."

Robertson jokes that the average tenure of political appointees in Washington is 18 months, so there is an impetus to accomplish what he can quickly. He attends Georgetown University Law Center, working part-time to obtain an LLM degree, and hopes to continue serving in the Obama administration and committing to public service. And he says he will continue to promote Golden Gate University in Washington, DC— or wherever his promising career path takes him.
CHINATOWN POST OFFICE NAMED FOR FORMER GGU LAW STUDENT LIM POON LEE

Lim Poon Lee, who attended the School of Law in the late 1940s and later became the first Chinese American Postmaster and highest federally appointed Chinese American in the nation at that time, has been memorialized with HR Bill 3119. Introduced by US Rep. and House Speaker Nancy Pelosi and signed into law by President Barack Obama on November 30, the law mandates that the Chinatown Post Office located at 887 Stockton Street in San Francisco will be named “The Lim Poon Lee Post Office.” Lee established the post office in 1977. He died in 2002.

Douglas P. Larsen Jr. (JD 73) is counsel in the regulatory and government affairs department at WilmerHale in Washington, DC and a member of the defense, national security, and government contracts practice group.

Diana Richmond (JD 73) has published her debut novel, Some Other Time. The book tells the dramatic story of an interracial couple who were high school sweethearts in the 1960s, went their separate ways, and were reunited three decades later. Richmond gave a book reading at the noted Marin County bookstore Book Passage in late December and signed copies of her book at a book-signing party in November. A family law attorney at Sideman and Bancroft, she gave an MCLE presentation on “The Changing Landscape of Spousal Support” for the Family Law Section of the Barristers Club of San Francisco on November 10. She was selected for inclusion in the latest edition of Northern California Super Lawyers.

Hon. Alfonso Fernandez (JD 75), Santa Clara County Superior Court judge, was highlighted in the August 11 edition of the San Francisco Daily Journal. A former deputy district attorney, he handles sexually violent predator cases.

Gerald T. Richards (JD 76) is a delegate to the California Conference of Delegates for the Bar Association of San Francisco for 2009. In August 2009, he resigned from the Board of Contra Costa for Every Generation and was appointed to the Board of Contra Costa Senior Legal Services.

Michael H. Roush (JD 76) retired as city attorney of Pleasanton, Calif.

Barbara Zuniga (JD 76), Contra Costa County Superior Court judge, will become the executive director of the National Association of Women Judges in 2010.

Priscilla Camp (JD 77), partner in the Oakland-based firm of Camp Rousseau Montgomery LLP, has received the 2009 Lifetime Achievement Award from Legal Assistance for Seniors. The award was presented at an awards dinner in late October by the Honorable Carol A. Corrigan, associate justice of the California Supreme Court. Camp is a former director and board member of Legal Assistance for Seniors and is a founder of Women Lawyers of Alameda County, Bay Area Lawyers for Individual Freedom, and the National Academy of Elder Law Attorneys. She also is included in the latest edition of Northern California Super Lawyers.

Elaine A. Lindenmayer (JD 77) is vice president of the Jewish Vocational Service in San Francisco.

Evelyn M. Stevenson (JD 77, BS 75) was honored at Flathead Reservation (Mont.) for her work on behalf of Indian children. She helped write and get through Congress the “Enforce the Indian Child Welfare Act.” She was featured in the August 20 edition of Char-Koosta News, the official news publication of the Flathead Indian Nation, and in the August 25 edition of The Missoulian.

M. Henry Heines (JD 78), a partner with Townsend and Townsend and Crew and a member of the School of Law’s Intellectual Property Law Center Advisory Board, also has joined the School of Law Dean’s Advisory Board.

Julie Simon Knoll (JD 78) is the deputy director of the division of policy development in the office of energy policy and innovation at the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission in Maryland.

Harry M. Auerbach (JD 79) is the chief deputy city attorney for the City of Portland, Ore. Auerbach was appointed to the Ninth Circuit’s Advisory Committee on Rules and Internal Operating Procedures for a three-year term.

Karen L. Hawkins (JD 79, MBA-Taxation 81), spoke on campus in November about her new role as director of the Office of Professional Responsibility at the Internal Revenue Service (see page 9). She has joined the School of Law Dean’s Advisory Board.

Steven A. MacDonald (JD 79, BA 76) was a guest speaker at the Pro Bono Open House hosted by Law Career Services on October 27.

Barbara Bryant (JD 80), a well-known employment mediator based in Oakland, was featured in the August 11 Recorder. She teaches sexual harassment law at UC Berkeley School of Law.

Christopher M. Mazzia (JD 80) is an attorney for Anderson Zeigler Disharoon Gallagher & Gray in Santa Rosa, Calif.

Jonathan C. Bacon (JD 81) is included in the latest edition of Northern California Super Lawyers, chosen for the sixth year in a row. His practice focuses on construction defect and toxic torts legislation.

Steven H. Bovarnick (JD 81) is a partner at Leland, Parachini, Steinberg, Matzger & Melnick LLP in San Francisco.

Mary Canning (JD 81, LLM 82), dean of GGU’s School of Taxation and School of Accounting (right), received the University’s Distinguished Service Award at the 2009 Awards Luncheon. She continues to be widely quoted in a variety of news media for her expertise on business and taxation law.

Carol M. Kingsley (JD 81, MBA 81) was featured in the “BASF Mediator Spotlight” section of the August 2009 BASF Bulletin.

Edward H. Davis (LLM 82) is a shareholder at Bullivant Houser Bailey in San Francisco (right), where he specializes in corporate law, including corporate governance, securities, mergers and acquisitions, technology, and intellectual property and litigation. He is a faculty member of the Practising Law Institute for the “Basics of Accounting & Finance.” He previously was with Duane Morris.

Armand M. Estrada (JD 82) is the CEO at 180 Squared, Inc. in Pleasanton, Calif.

Patrick J. Coughlin (JD 83, LLD 09), chief trial counsel at Coughlin Stoia Geller Rudman & Robbins LLP, has joined the GGU Board of Trustees. He recently gave a major gift to the GGU; see page 6.

For a list of alumni included in the latest editions of Northern California Super Lawyers and Southern California Super Lawyers magazines, see page 19.
Buzz Hines (JD 85) is co-chair of the 2010 American Bar Association Annual Meeting in San Francisco.

Mary Ann O’Malley (JD 85), presiding judge of the Superior Court in Contra Costa County, was featured in the Judith Spotlight section of the Daily Journal September 2009 issue. She also wrote an article about SB 1407 and the critical need for courthouse facility improvements in the November 25 edition of the Daily Journal. She presided over GGU’s December Swearing-In Ceremony.

John Rooney (JD 85) visited the Law School this fall. Rooney is an administrative law judge for the District of Columbia Office of Administrative Hearings and a member of GGU’s Bridge Society.

Randy B. Singer (JD 85) is publisher of an e-mail newsletter for attorneys who use the Macintosh computer called The Mac Attorney Newsletter.

Bernadette M. St. John (JD 85) has a law library & knowledge management consulting business that handles all aspects of law library work including: research and reference, collection development, cataloging, audits, and billing. The firm also oversees library moves and library mergers.

Wesley Hurst (JD 87) has made partner at Rutter Hobbs & Davidoff, where he specializes in complex commercial litigation, construction litigation, class action defense, and real estate disputes. He is a volunteer attorney for the Alliance for Children’s Rights and resides in Pacific Palisades, Calif.

Barbara S. Monty (JD 87) is vice president and general counsel for FDC/aerosifter, an international helicopter company, in Novato, Calif. Monty is a director for the Marin County Women Lawyers Association.

Ann C. Moorman (JD 87), founder and sole shareholder of the Law Offices of Ann C. Moorman, is a noted trial lawyer focusing on representation in criminal matters in state and federal courts. She is president-elect of the California Attorneys for Criminal Justice; a member of National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers, Women Defenders, and Families against Mandatory Minimums; and a Fellow of the prestigious American College of Trial Lawyers. She is featured with attorney Lyn Agre (JD 95) in an August 11, 2009 article in the San Francisco Daily Journal about a case involving alleged fraudulent marketing of a pharmaceutical drug for off-label use. She is also included in the current edition of Northern California Super Lawyers.

Marc D. Foodman (JD 88) is of counsel to Watson Rounds in Las Vegas and practices all aspects of strategic intellectual property counseling.

Cheryl A. Frank (JD 88) has been giving book readings for her mystery novel, The Dead Lawyer Conspiracy, written under the pen name Jane T. Robe. The book was a finalist at the Indie Book Awards. In one review, in Northside, San Francisco a reviewer writes, “Lawyers and news buffs will love this . . . It is the heroine’s unique voice— a spiritual lawyer believing in karma and reincarnation—that cannot be overlooked. Nor can San Francisco; lovingly used as both a setting and character in the story.”

Lissa L. Rapoport (JD 92) is the managing partner at Leland, Parachini, Steinberg, Marzger & Melnick LLP in San Francisco.

Bruce M. Stephan (JD 92) is the San Joaquin regional construction manager for PMA Consultants LLC/SF Public Utilities Commission in Tracy, Calif.

Deanna Sabey (JD 93) was appointed the director of development of real estate for the State of Utah.

Robert G. Tefeteller (JD 93) is of counsel for Camacho Mendoza Coulter Law Group PLLC in Eagle, Idaho.

Alexander H. Lubarsky (JD 94, LLM 98) presented a lecture at the 2009 Annual State Bar of California meeting on forensic technologies in the discovery process. He is an electronic discovery consultant and runs an immigration law firm.

Tanya E. Prioste (JD 94) served on a family law panel discussion about “Careers in Family Law” hosted by Law Career Services in October. She is a partner at Lakin Spears LLP in Palo Alto, Calif. She was selected for the latest edition of Northern California Super Lawyers magazine.

Chana Rungrojanakul (LLM 94, LLM 95, SJD 06) is a professor of law in the LLM Program in Business Law for Sripatum University in Bangkok.

Lyn Agre (JD 95), an attorney with Kasowitz, Benson, Torres & Friedman, was featured (along with alumna Ann C. Moorman JD 87) in an August 11, 2009 article in the San Francisco Daily Journal about a case involving alleged fraudulent marketing of a pharmaceutical drug for off-label use.

Keri C. Goodrow (JD 95) is a deputy public defender in Nevada County. Goodrow married on December 6, 2008. On May 21, 2009, she gave birth to Scout Lillith Rose Klein.

Susan W. Leff (JD 95), an adjunct professor at the School of Law, was featured in an article in the September 24, 2009 edition of jweekly.com.

Gwendolyn Giblin (JD 96, MBA 07) is a partner at the law firm of Gold Bennett Cera & Sidener LLP in San Francisco. She serves on the GGU Alumni Association Board.

Duncan Lemmon (JD 96) and Brian Soriano (JD 96) led GGU mock trial teams to victory this fall; see page 12.

Marilyn Weinstein (JD 96) is the CEO for Vico Inc. in Pleasanton, Calif.

Jeffrey J. Greene (JD 97) is an attorney at Anwar Al-Bisher and Partners in Kuwait.

Christopher Seefer (JD 98) is taking a leave of absence from his partnership at the law firm of Coughlin Stoia Geller Rudman & Robbins LLP, where he has been litigating securities class actions, to serve as assistant director and deputy general counsel of the Financial Crisis Inquiry Commission. The 10-member, bipartisan commission was created by Congress to examine the causes of the financial crisis and will provide a formal report with findings and conclusions to Congress and the President by December 2010.

Lynne A. Williams (JD 98), a solo practitioner in Bar Harbor, Maine, and former state chair of the
Maine Green Independent Party announced her candidacy for governor of Maine on the Green Party ticket.

Caroline Farrell (JD 99) was interviewed on "The California Report" on KQED radio in July 2009. Farrell is the assistant director at the Delano, Calif. office of the Center on Race, Poverty & the Environment.

Lisa M. Jolicour (JD 99) is the principal for Seiler LLP in San Francisco.


Mark C. Russell (JD 99) has been a partner at Gordon & Rees in San Francisco, where he specializes in construction and commercial litigation and is active on the firm's Diversity and Mentoring and Summer Associates Committees. His firm recently hired some Golden Gate graduates, and he has personally conducted on-campus interviews.

Margaret A. Zywicz (LLM 99) is the director of planned giving for the American Heart Association in Oakland.

Anil Mehta (LLM 00) is chief counsel in environmental law for the Defense Logistics Agency, an agency within the US Department of Defense.

Michael P. Muzzy (JD 01, MBA 01) represents financial institutions, funds, and developers in a variety of restructuring and opportunity transactions.

Leo J. Pajarillo (JD 01) is an attorney for Chain Cohn & Stiles in Bakersfield, Calif.

Sara E. Raymond-Wagner (JD 01), an attorney at the firm of Luscutoff, Lendormy & Associates in San Francisco, attended a program this summer on externship programs with attorney Florence Sinay Phillips, for whom she has worked since April 2009. Raymond-Wagner was active in many of the Law School's clinical programs and credits her experiential training for helping her land her new position.

Diana Redding (JD 01, LLM 02) is featured in the "Women in Business" section of the November 20 Alameda Sun. She is an associate at the Law Offices of W. Lance Russum, A Professional Corporation, and practices in the areas of estate planning, probate, trust, and probate litigation and taxation. In addition to serving as a member of the Alameda County Bar Association Lawyer Referral Service, she holds a black belt in karate and is an avid cyclist, rock climber, and kick boxer.

Matthew Berger (LLM 02) is the subcommittee chair for the Madrid System of the ABA IP Law Section's Committee for International Trademark Law & Treaties. He has established a GGU Law School Alumni Group on the European social networking site XING. He writes, "One of the main differences compared to law school in Germany and a particular strength of GGU was, in my opinion, that many practitioners were teaching IP classes, so I got first-hand knowledge directly from Silicon Valley: I will always remember my time at GGU and promise to spread the word in Europe about what a fantastic place for higher education it is."

Peter G. Milne (JD 02, LLM 03) is a shareholder attorney of Healy Milne & Associates PC, practicing in Tyler, Texas. He has a one-year-old grandson.

Zakia Afrin (LLM 03, SJD 07) has published a new book, Transitional Authority in Iraq: Legitimacy, Governance and Potential Contribution to the Progressive Development of International Law.

Linda A. Berkowitz (JD 03) received the 2009 Stanley A. Rosen Memorial Award for her work with pro bono domestic violence cases from the Legal Project, a private, not-for-profit organization that was founded by the Capital District Women's Bar Association in 1995 in New York State. She has opened a family law practice in Saratoga, New York, and was appointed an attorney for the child by the Saratoga County Family Court. She also serves on the Appellate Panel for the Third Judicial Department.

Marie E. Galanti (JD 03), a sole practitioner in Santa Rosa, California, has joined the School of Law Dean's Advisory Board.

Carla L. Gannon (JD 03) is of counsel at MacCord Mason PLLC in Greensboro, NC. Her practice continues to focus on patent preparation and prosecution, opinion work, and patent enforcement.

Loulena A. Miles (JD 03) is on the board of Tri-Valley CARES in Livermore, Calif. She married Daniel Preda in Anderson Valley, Calif.

Rebecca J. Prozan (JD 03), an assistant district attorney in San Francisco, is running for a seat on the San Francisco Board of Supervisors. She is quoted in an article in the October 14 issue of The Recorder.

Alma S. Beck (LLM 04) wrote an article titled "Capital Gains Tax Advantages for Married Couples and California State Domestic Partners: The 'Double Step-up' and How to Take Advantage of It" in the August 2009 issue of ON magazine.

Jeff G. Coyer (JD 04), a specialist in environmental law, has joined Anderson Kill & Olick, PC, in Ventura, Calif. At Golden Gate, he was editor of the Law Review and earned Dean's List honors and a Certificate of Specialization in Environmental Law.

Angelia Kuo (JD 04) is the graduate program coordinator at UC Davis in Davis, Calif.

Sara Pasquinelli (JD 04), an associate at Fitzgerald, Abbott & Beardsley LLP, made a presentation on the history of organic agriculture and the consequences of noncompliance at the Law School's 2009 Environmental Law Symposium on Farming and Food.

Adria Price (LLM 04) of Price & Associates, LLC gave an MCLE talk for the Taxation Section of the Barristers Club of San Francisco on October 15 titled "State and Local Tax (SALT) and Federal Tax Practice: Compare and Contrast the Substantive and Procedural Elements."

Michael J. Robertson (JD 04) is associate administrator at the Gaming and Sports Division.

At the Rally for Ryan Sanders (JD 06), from left: male winner Ian Hill, Sanders, and Ryan Eliot (JD 07).
Farhan Memon (JD D5) is a senior product manager with AOL responsible for mobile search in New York. He has spent 13 years in the Internet industry as a technology journalist and pioneering mobile entrepreneur.

Katina Nordloh (LLM D5) is a staff attorney at O’Melveny & Myers in Washington, DC.

Geoffrey C. Piper (JD D5) is the senior contracts manager for Independent Television Service Inc. in San Francisco.

Gerald Prettyman (JD D5, LLM 07) has a law office in Pleasanton, Calif. He has been drafting and prosecuting patents since 2001 and preventing and solving legal problems for his clients since 2006.

Paul A. Shpirt (JD 05, BA 00) is an associate for Lewis Brisbois Bisgaard & Smith LLP in Las Vegas, practicing in the area of general liability and insurance defense.

Christopher Treadway (JD 05) is an associate attorney at Allen & Lewis PLC, and has worked on a variety of cases, including automobile accidents, tire failures, construction defects, premise liability, and bad faith and insurance coverage opinions.

David Waggoner (JD 05) is mentioned in an article in the Aug. 20 SF Weekly about his work providing pro bono representation for Ethics Commission staffer Oliver Luby.

Stefan Winheller (LLM 05) is featured in an article titled "Doing Good Abroad: Americans of German Descent Support Projects in the Country of Their Ancestors," in the December 2008 issue of the German-American publication The Atlantic Times. Winheller founded a non-profit organization, American Friends of Germany, Inc., which helps American donors locate suitable projects to support in Germany. One such project, located in Berlin, is The Memorial to the Murdered Jews of Europe, Germany’s main Holocaust memorial site.

Ian Wood (JD 05) is the legal counsel in the APAC Region at Opera Software in Tokyo.

Lydia E. Crandall (JD 06) was on a family law panel discussion on “Careers in Family Law” hosted by GGU Law Career Services in October. Crandall is an associate at Lakin Spears LLP in Palo Alto, Calif.

Nathan B. Firer (JD 06) is an associate producer on the program “Get Schooled.”

Anne Hiaring (LLM 06), a sole practitioner and adjunct professor at the Law School, was a presenter at the fall 2009 School of Law Intellectual Property Law Symposium.

Sean W. Kenney (JD 06), an attorney at The Myers Law Firm PC, has been named a “Rating Star” in the latest edition of Northern California Super Lawyers.

Former GGU classmates and professors of Ryan Sanders (JD 06) were among the 200 participants in a “Rally for Ryan” in mid-September to raise funds to help offset his medical costs for fighting brain cancer. The 5K Walk/Run in Golden Gate Park raised $15,000 for Sanders. Participants included Riva Eltanai (JD 07), Jennifer Maier (JD 07), Andrea Miclut (JD 07), Lacie Trogloewn (JD 06), and Professor Robert Calhoun.

Carla N. Braunstein (JD 07) married David Zimor (JD 07) in November 2008.

Melissa J. Deering (JD 07) married Arnaud Montouche (LLM 07). The couple met in 2005 while students in Professor Marc Greenberg’s Entertainment Law class.

Reno F.R. Fernandez III (JD 07) had an article published in the BASF Bulletin titled “Innovation and Controversy in Loan Modification Practice.” He is an associate at the San Francisco bankruptcy law firm of Macdonald & Associates.

Carolyn Lee (JD 07, LLM 08) has joined the GGU Alumni Association and helped organize the recent lecture on campus by Karen Hawkins (JD 79, MBA 81).

Acadia Senese (JD 07) is the law clerk coordinator for the US Attorney’s Office in San Francisco. She had previously worked there as an apprentice through the Law School’s Honors Lawyering Program (HLP). This summer, in an email to the Law School’s HLP director, Special Assistant US Attorney Wendy Thomas wrote: “It has been a pleasure working with all of you and your exceptional, amazing students. They have taught me as much as I have taught them.”

Matthew Shafae (JD 07) authored a note in the Golden Gate University Law Review (37 Golden Gate Univ. L. Rev. 589, 2007) that has been cited in an US Supreme Court brief.

Craig B. Small (JD 07, LLM 08) has a law office in Boulder, Colo. That offers a wide spectrum of legal services including criminal defense, family law and bankruptcies as well as other general legal services.

Nicholas E. Tse (JD 07) is an attorney for Hanna, Brophy, MacLean, McAleer & Jensen LLP in Oakland.

David A. Zizmor (JD 07) works for Lozeau Drury LLP, an environmental practice located in Alameda, Calif. In November 2008, he married Carla Braunstein (JD 07).

Ken D. Duong (JD 08, MBA 08) is the founding partner of TDL International Law Firm, located in Fountain Valley, Calif., and Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam. He will be married in Bangkok in December 2009 and will pursue his LLM in Taxation at Chapman University.

Stefanie Bevington (JD 09) is an attorney for Griffin & Smith in Anchorage, Alaska.

Julie E. Mercier (JD 09) received the prestigious Equal Justice Works AmeriCorps Legal Fellowship at the Public Interest Clearinghouse in San Francisco.

Ariel Ungerleider (JD 09, MBA 09) helped raise monies to support local HIV/AIDS charities by being the highest bidder at the 2008 Macy’s Passport gala auction. As the highest bidder, she got a kitchen makeover and a meal prepared by chef Ryan Scott. The dinner was featured in the October 2009 edition of the San Francisco magazine 7x7.

Peter A. Orth (JD 08) is an attorney for The Law Offices of Elizabeth Grossman in Berkeley.

Alicia M. Pradas-Monroe (JD 08) is counsel to the Massachusetts House Judiciary Committee.

Aaron M. Sandoze (JD 08) is an associate attorney for Griffin & Smith in Anchorage, Alaska.

C. Danny Wang (JD 08) wrote an article titled “Sowing the Seeds of Success” in the August 2009 issue of the BASF Bulletin.
UPCOMING EVENTS

SAVE THE DATE!

GGU LAW REUNION 2010 – SATURDAY, APRIL 24


Cocktail Reception: 6-7 pm, hosted by Dean Drucilla Stender Ramey and
GGU President Dan Angel; Dinner: 7-9 pm. The Palace Hotel, San Francisco.
Contact Alumni Services, 415-442-7824, alumni@ggu.edu.

JANUARY 23: “BEAT THE CLOCK”
MCLE AND NETWORKING PROGRAM
GGU School of Law, 536 Mission Street, 2nd Floor, San Francisco, 9 am–6 pm. Up to 6 MCLE credits available. Contact Mateo Jenkins, 415-442-6541, mjenkins@ggu.edu.

JANUARY 27: GGU EAST BAY
ALUMNI NETWORKING MIXER
McCovey’s Walnut Creek, 1444 North California Blvd., 6–8 pm. Contact Deanna Bruton, 415-442-7812, alumni@ggu.edu.

FEBRUARY 25: “SUPER LAWYERS”
RECEPTION
GGU School of Law, 536 Mission Street, 6th Floor Atrium, 5:30–7:30 pm. Contact Pollie Robbins, 415-442-7824, probbins@ggu.edu.

MARCH 9: PUBLIC INTEREST LAW
FOUNDATION AUCTION
111 Minna Street, San Francisco, 5–9 pm. Contact Elana Konstant, 415-369-5391, ekonstant@ggu.edu.

MARCH 10: GGU SOUTH BAY
ALUMNI NETWORKING MIXER
Burlingame, 6–8 pm. Contact Deanna Bruton, 415-442-7812, alumni@ggu.edu.

MARCH 19-20: POVERTY LAW
CONFERENCE
See inside front cover of this magazine.

MAY 18: SCHOOL OF LAW
COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY
Commencement speaker is CNN Senior Legal Analyst Jeffrey Toobin, author of The Nine: Inside the Secret World of the Supreme Court. Louise M. Davies Symphony Hall, San Francisco, 11 am. Contact Mateo Jenkins, 415-442-6541, mjenkins@ggu.edu.

MAY 25: GGU SOUTH BAY
ALUMNI NETWORKING MIXER
San Jose, 6–8 pm. Contact Deanna Bruton, 415-442-7812, alumni@ggu.edu.

JUNE 4: SWERING-IN CEREMONY
PG&E Auditorium, Beale Street, San Francisco, noon–1pm. Contact Pollie Robbins, 415-442-7824, probbins@ggu.edu.

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MARCH 9: PUBLIC INTEREST LAW FOUNDATION AUCTION

MARCH 10: GGU SOUTH BAY ALUMNI NETWORKING MIXER

MAY 18: SCHOOL OF LAW COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY

MAY 25: GGU SOUTH BAY ALUMNI NETWORKING MIXER

JUNE 4: SWERING-IN CEREMONY

Hon. Maria-Elena James swears in GGU California bar passers.