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At the School of Law’s Commencement held in May, speaker Jeffrey Toobin, CNN Senior Legal Analyst, New Yorker staff writer, and best-selling author, shared with our students that when he attended law school the position of a “Senior Legal Analyst” did not exist. Toobin reminded graduates that they had prepared for careers that they might not even have imagined or that are not yet even created, and that their ability to “make their own luck,” combined with the rapidly changing economic and technological landscape, will provide untold opportunities for our uniquely creative, savvy and superbly trained students.

In this issue of Golden Gate Lawyer, you will read about alumni who have parlayed the legal acumen, well-honed skills and habits of mind cultivated through their legal education into opportunities both in and beyond the legal field. This year’s honorary Doctor of Laws recipient, Michael Kain (JD 74), shares his journey from the Naval Academy to law school to Dupont Circle in an illustrious career focused on commercial real estate in Washington D.C.’s most desirable neighborhood. Marjorie Randolph (JD 77), an expert on the law of the workplace, integrated her legal education with a successful career in human resources, culminating in her service as General Counsel of Mervyns and ultimately her remarkable leadership roles at Walt Disney Studios, where she is the Senior Vice President of Human Resources and Administration. Luke Welmerink and Lois Chang, two 2011 graduates just embarking on their careers, share how their law school experiences are shaping their no doubt brilliant futures.

These profiles, together with the Alumni Notes featured in every issue, provide a glimpse of our distinguished network of alumni, characterized by diverse backgrounds, tremendous resourcefulness designing and pursuing their career trajectories and the unique contributions they make to their respective communities. In this still challenging economic time, the alumni profiled in this issue remind us that the possibilities are as diverse and dynamic as the law itself.

I close with an invitation to you to join us for two very special events. The Third Annual Chief Justice Ronald M. George Distinguished Lecture will be held October 18, 2011. This year, we are delighted that California’s new Chief Justice, Tani Cantil-Sakauye, will be our keynote speaker, joined by a highly distinguished panel of Chief Justices of color from across the nation who will discuss their experiences at the top of their respective state’s judicial systems. Also participating will be Chief Judge James Ware of the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of California. I also want to encourage our women alumnae, and the men who celebrate them, to mark your calendars for April 20-21, 2012, for our first ever Dean Judith McKelvey Women’s Reunion. To work with me on this landmark event, please contact Director of Alumni Services Lenore McDonald at lmcdonald@gsu.edu or at 415.442.7829.
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IF YOU ASK Director of GGU Law’s Litigation Center Professor Wes Porter how he got to just about any place in his life or career, he’ll sit back and say, “good luck.” While you wait for him to philosophize about “working hard to generate your own luck,” he just smiles and waits for the next question—the consummate professional witness. However, his answer is genuine: he truly believes his opportunities have everything to do with good fortune.
Wes lucked into the law after an undergraduate public speaking class, a class he took early in college to avoid being embarrassed speaking in front of his peers. After delivering a speech about his younger sister, the professor asked Wes if he had considered a career in the law. Wes remembers, “I enjoyed the captive audience, like jurors in a courtroom.”

The idea of law school also fit with Wes’ desire to continue his studies. He started college at 17 on a full basketball scholarship. He was eventually team captain and when asked about his highest scoring game and whether the score was too low or high to share, he laughs. When Wes applied to law school, his primary criterion for school selection was venue.

“I wanted to go to either Washington D.C. or Boston, and after one trip to D.C. I was sold.” Wes attended Catholic University of America, whose law school has a focus on practice over theory. “I knew I wanted to be in the courtroom.” Wes was defense-oriented in law school and his first opportunity for court time was interning for a state public defender’s office. As an intern during his first trial, he sat in the back of the courtroom and said nothing. “Still, this was the greatest experience for me, just to be there.” Wes, who spent most of his time volunteering as a coach and mentor for youth, realized after meeting with a client accused of an offense against children, that another advocate would better serve the criminally accused. His path to a career in prosecution began then.

After law school, Wes only knew he wanted to try cases and be a prosecutor. That is exactly what he told the U.S. Navy when he was sworn in as a JAG officer and said, “send me anywhere.” Good luck was with him again. His first duty station: Pearl Harbor, Hawaii. Within months, he prosecuted a high-profile double murder case in South Korea. Two years later, he was working as a Navy lawyer out of the local U.S. Attorney’s Office representing the military in civil matters and criminal cases in federal court. With his commanding officer’s approval, he moonlighted nights and weekends as a volunteer second-chair to anyone proceeding to trial.

As luck would have it, after a change of administration, the incoming U.S. Attorney asked Wes to be the first AUSA hired. Wes tried cases and mentored newer attorneys. He returned to Washington D.C. as a Senior Trial Attorney with the Department of Justice’s Fraud Section, prosecuting securities cases and other complex white collar crimes. During that time, Wes volunteered at his law school alma mater, helping advocacy students and eventually gaining an adjunct professor position.

In addition to good luck, Wes credits his mentors: his public speaking professor who suggested the law, his evidence and trial advocacy professor

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**Faculty Spotlight: Professor Wes Porter**

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**Litigation Center Highlights 2010-2011**

- Increased participation in regional and national mock trial competitions from 4-6 teams to 11 competition teams
- Launched 1st STEP, the Summer Trial Evidence Program. 1st STEP is an eight-week program, in which students are immersed in Evidence, Trial Advocacy, and advanced litigation skills in an integrated learning model, and experience theater training
- Spearheaded the Society of Litigators, a student organization serving as the students’ voice to the Litigation Center
- Launched www.ggulitigation.com, including social networking and resources for litigation students
for recognizing his hard work, his law school friend for recommending the Navy JAG Corps and even his own mentoring of a legal intern while in Hawaii, at whose going away dinner he was introduced to his future wife, Emily. His passion for mentoring, along with the practical trial skills he acquired as a career prosecutor, paved the way for his move into academia.

After D.C., Wes moved to San Francisco, where his wife, also an attorney, was offered a job as general counsel of an internet company. Still working with the Department of Justice, Wes became a bi-coastal government worker, borrowing office space in the federal building in San Francisco and flying to D.C. and other cities for his cases. Add to that raising two boys, ages 2 and 5, it might be too much for most people. But what Wes missed most with his new life in San Francisco was teaching advocacy and working with students.

Wes found that GGU Law matched his belief in and experience with practice-based education, and GGU Law had someone special: Professor Bernie Segal. Wes recalls, “After one lunch our personalities just clicked.” Wes watched intently as Bernie worked with students and listened as Bernie discussed their development. “Bernie’s approach with students is amazing – he truly teaches and coaches from his heart and with a genuine interest in every student’s individual voice and path.” Bernie invited Wes to help with the Mock Trial program as an adjunct. When a faculty position opened this past year, Wes once again attributes his selection to luck—his students and colleagues know better.

Taking classes with Wes is the embodiment of practical skills over theory. Wes is quick to point out that even in a substantive course such as Evidence, his teaching focuses on the practical application of the rules. As a new professor at GGU Law, Wes is focused on the Litigation Center, Mock Trial teams, scholarship about expert witnesses and white collar crime, and service. Wes seems tireless in these pursuits. His students soon get used to 11:00pm and 6:00am emails, sent after his sons have gone to bed or before they are awake—a lesson for future attorneys in the practical skill of time management.

Wes now calls GGU Law and San Francisco his home. If he wants to credit good luck for getting him here, so be it. In his “free” time, he can be found playing sports with his boys, Evan and Cameron. It is here that Wes’ seemingly tireless nature finally meets its match. “The boys wear me out every time.”

Professor Wes Reber Porter was interviewed by Joseph F. Fenton, a third-year part-time evening student who serves as a SBA Class Representative for the evening program.
What Have Women Got to Do with Peace? A Gender Analysis of the Laws of War and Peacemaking

Benedetta Faedi Duramy

Associate Professor

This chapter, originally published as an article in the *Georgetown Journal of Gender and Law*, presents an engaged analysis of the impact that armed conflicts have on women as well as defining the diverse roles women might conceivably play in peacemaking. Recalling the original theories of international law, the chapter recounts how historical chronicles and Western modern authors have depicted women in wartime. Primarily portrayed as victims of brutalization and sexual violence, women have been confined to the private realm and, thus, excluded from the decision-making processes of war and peace.

This research argues that the same exclusion has been reflected in the international law instruments that have reinforced the paradigm of women as the mainstays of family honor, rather than as holders of personal rights. Depicted as mere victims in need of protection, like children, women have been deprived of any agency for peace. This chapter identifies the turning point of the indictments issued by the International Criminal Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia and the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda, acknowledging rape and sexual violence against women in wartime as human rights violations. As a consequence of their new status as rights holders under the United Nations Resolution 1325, women were finally accorded the important role of agents in the prevention and resolution of conflicts as well as in the promotion and maintenance of an enduring peace.

Nevertheless, recounting the exemplary endeavors of women for peace in Liberia and Sierra Leone, which ultimately led to the creation of the regional peace women’s movement Mano River Union Women Peace Network, this article contends that women remain secluded from the decision-making tables in war and peace. Although they have managed to attain consideration from their own governments and the international community, women’s demands have remained largely neglected at negotiation tables and in peace agreements. This same analysis suggests insights into the lessons drawn from historic women’s struggles, thus honoring the ultimate quest for true change and an enduring peace in the global community.

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A Unique Bench, A Common Code: Judicial Ethics in Juvenile Court

Michele Benedetto Neitz

Professor

Recent cases involving ethical scandals on the juvenile court bench have caught the interest of legal scholars, judges, practitioners and the public. This article proposes a new theoretical framework for assessing these problems and articulates a series of vital ethical reforms.

Despite their distinct role in an atypical court, juvenile court judges are not subject to unique ethical standards. Most jurisdictions have adopted the ABA Model Code of Judicial Conduct as the ethical code guiding juvenile court judges. However, this Model Code, intended to apply to any person in a decision-making capacity, was created for a more conventional type of judging than is expected from a juvenile court judge. Because these standards do not address the exceptional roles and challenges facing juvenile court judges, the potential for ethical violations and injustice is significant.

This article therefore recommends innovative textual revisions designed to provide much-needed ethical guidance to juvenile court judges in three critical areas: (1) *ex parte* communications; (2) competence; and (3) demeanor and decorum. The implementation of ethical guidelines tailored for this specialized court will remedy an existing flaw in the scheme of judicial ethics, while reinforcing judges’ abilities to determine the best outcomes for troubled youth.

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Professor, Director of Advanced Writing Programs  

The Supreme Court and Gender-Neutral Language: Setting the Standard or Lagging Behind?

Most modern legal writing texts and style manuals recommend that writers use gender-neutral language. Most of the advice on gender-neutral writing is directed at lawyers and law students, emphasizing that this technique is part of good advocacy and effective communication with the reader – usually a judge. It can be hard, however, to convince both new and experienced legal writers that the heightened consciousness and extra editing required to achieve gender neutrality is worth the effort when a similar effort is not reflected in their models – the appellate court opinions they read. Thus, the advice should apply equally to judges.

This article examines the use of gender-neutral language by the current members of the Supreme Court. Professor Rose reviews more than 100 cases from the 2006-2007, 2007-2008 and 2008-2009 terms looking for patterns in the use of gendered generics and for the use of gender-neutral techniques (e.g., using plural nouns, repeating the noun, using an article instead of a pronoun and using paired pronouns). This research shows that only one justice consistently uses gender-neutral language, that three justices consistently use generic masculine pronouns and that the rest fall somewhere in between. Most members of the Court use gendered pronouns to refer to both men and women, at least some of the time.

In addition to presenting the results of this research, this article summarizes the history of the gender-neutral language movement, generally and in the legal arena, and discusses the importance of language in Supreme Court opinions by reviewing relevant social science research and by applying the concepts of reader-centered legal writing to judicial writing.

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William Gallagher  
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This article presents preliminary findings from a qualitative empirical study of patent litigators, focusing on ethical decision-making by patent litigators. Part of a larger and ongoing project studying strategies and practices in IP disputing, including ethical issues that arise in practice and how they are dealt with (or ignored), the article is based on data from in-depth, semi-structured interviews with fifty-five patent litigators and from a detailed case study of the infamous Qualcomm patent sanctions case. The article critically examines how patent litigators perceive of and respond to ethical issues that arise in the discovery process. It also analyzes the structural and cultural factors that influence ethical decision-making, as patent litigators navigate the multiple and often conflicting demands made throughout the pretrial discovery process by clients, firms, colleagues and ethical rules. A significant finding from this study is that the threat of Qualcomm-like discovery sanctions is largely irrelevant to the everyday practice of patent litigators and has had little effect on their ethical decision-making. To date there are few empirical studies of intellectual property lawyers or of legal ethics “in action.” This study begins to fill that gap.

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Wes R. Porter, Associate Professor and Co-Director of the Litigation Center

The Pendulum in Federal Sentencing Can Also Swing Toward Predictability: A Renewed Role for Binding Plea Agreements Post-Booker

Binding plea agreements once served an important function of counter-balancing vast judicial discretion at sentencing. The federal judiciary enjoyed wide discretion in imposing a sentence; the government and defendant’s freedom to contract for an appropriate sentence mirrored that discretion. The United States Sentencing Guidelines (the Guidelines) effectively replaced, and marginalized the role of, binding plea agreements. Binding plea agreements became a stigmatized novelty in federal criminal practice. This valuable tool has remained underutilized and unavailable to criminal defendants for more than 20 years.

Aside from its legislative goals of uniformity and proportionality, the Guidelines promoted predictability and informed decision-making for the defendant. In its 2005 decision in United States v. Booker, the Supreme Court relegated the Guidelines to a mere sentencing “consideration” and introduced a new process in federal sentencing. The sea change that resulted from Booker seemingly improved federal sentencing for the judiciary, the prosecution and the defense. After several years of “advisory Guidelines,” courts have exercised their discretion decidedly in favor of the criminal defendant, imposing lower sentences than were called for when the Guidelines were mandatory. The fall of the Guidelines may benefit defendants statistically, yet the new process will never be as predictable and informative.

This article argues that in addition to the swing toward increased judicial discretion and overall lower sentences, the pendulum also can swing toward predictability and informed decision-making for the defendant. Increased use of binding plea agreements in federal court could complement the progressive developments following Booker. After years of isolated and inconsistent use, binding plea agreements could again restore some predictability and informed decision-making for the defendant. This article proposes that Congress should enact a new standard for judicial acceptance of binding plea agreements post-Booker, as well as policy and perception changes. While binding plea agreements are not appropriate in most cases, the parties must be permitted to enter into agreements for a specific sentence that is “reasonable” and consistent with Congress’ original intent underlying Rule 11(c)(1)(C).

Paul Kibel
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The Public Trust Navigates California’s Bay Delta

In the summer of 2011, the Natural Resources Journal of the University of New Mexico School of Law will publish “The Public Trust Navigates California’s Bay Delta.” Under California law, fisheries are recognized as public trust resources, and the public trust doctrine requires state agencies to consider impacts on such fisheries when granting rights to divert water out of stream. This strong interpretation of the public trust is rooted in the California Supreme Court’s landmark 1983 decision in National Audubon Society vs. Alpine County Superior Court.

California’s 2009 Delta Reform Act deployed the public trust doctrine in the context of debates over what instream flows are needed to restore the ecosystem and fisheries of the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta (Bay Delta), where the freshwater of the Sacramento and San Joaquin Rivers converge and meet the saltwater that enters through San Francisco Bay. The Bay Delta is the water diversion hub for California’s two largest water distribution systems, the federal Central Valley Project and the State Water Project. The Bay Delta is also the largest estuary on the west coast, serving as fisheries habitat for smelt, steelhead trout and salmon. The 2009 Delta Reform Act ordered the California State Water Resources Control Board to conduct proceedings to “develop new flow criteria for the Delta ecosystem necessary to protect public trust resources.”

This article offers a detailed account of the Delta flow public trust proceedings mandated by the Delta Reform Act and an analysis of the final Delta flow criteria adopted by the State Water Resources Control Board in August 2010. The article assesses the extent to which the final Delta flow criteria builds on public trust legal precedent in California and the ways in which the criteria are being used in subsequent litigation.

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The Mayor
In many ways Michael R. Kain represents the quintessential Golden Gate Law success story. By dint of a unique, yet peculiarly Golden Gateian constellation of qualities, he has become at once a leading real estate macher and a champion of iconic neighborhood preservation in a tough company town—Dupont Circle in Washington, D.C. These qualities include instinctive business acumen, rock-hard determination, smarts, love of adventure, and perhaps most important, a gift for forming and enriching relationships with people from widely different walks of life. He might also add that a little bit of luck never hurts.

The life and times of Michael’s forebears presaged the compelling figure he is today. Both parents hailed from Saginaw, Michigan, one of the auto industry-centered “Tri-Cities,” where his paternal great-grandfather, Patrick Kain, had earlier served as chief of police.

Michael’s colorful maternal grandfather, an Austrian émigré who made his way to New York and vaudeville, was a great friend of Charlie Chaplin’s, played poker with Houdini and dated Mae West, whom he described as “very much a lady.” Vaudeville led him to Saginaw, a whistle stop on the circuit, where he opened a clothing store in the famed Bancroft Hotel, home of Michigan’s first incandescent light bulb. There he met and married Michael’s grandmother, a fellow garmento who died when Michael’s mother was ten. A born salesman, his grandfather gave Michael some tips that would serve him well: “When selling a suit, first make sure that you have the suit you’re looking to sell in the gentleman’s size. Then have him try on something you think won’t look so good, noting, ‘That suit just doesn’t do you justice.’ Then put him in the suit you want him to buy and tell him, ‘You look like a million bucks!’”

Michael’s parents first met as schoolmates at St. Mary’s grammar school in Saginaw. Graduating a year ahead of his wife-to-be, Michael’s father attended Notre Dame, decamping after two years with his friend, Al Haig, to West Point, and thereafter pursuing a career in the Army Air Corps (later the U.S. Air Force). After a stint at Marygrove College in Detroit, Michael’s mother joined his dad in New York, where she followed in her father’s footsteps, performing as a ballerina.

Along the way, Michael’s father picked up an MBA from Columbia. One of his classmates—the sole woman—went on to become the owner of Secretariat, dubbed by the media “the kind of Big Horse that makes grown men weep” and the only animal ever to make the cover of Time as Man of the Year.

The older brother of three younger sisters—two became teachers and the third sells real estate—Michael grew up as a military brat, attending schools from Long Island to Texas, Tennessee and Ohio, before finally transitioning back to Long Island by the fifth grade, in a somewhat jarring wholesome-Midwest-to-sophisticated-East move. His father was in charge of the closure of Mitchell Air Force Base on Long Island, ultimately moving the family one last time to Camp Hill, Pennsylvania,
where Michael attended Trinity High School, a Christian Brothers school. His notable albeit short-lived musical career took off at that time. He performed around town with his group, The Some Other Brothers, who reached their apex with the Number 2 slot (“Charlie and the MTA”) at the annual Harrisburg Youth Festival, behind The Four Seasons. “Frankie Valli’s name is on the program,” Michael says, quietly adding, “My friends’ parents wouldn’t let their kids hang out with me. I was the fast New Yorker with the duck-tail and the black boots versus the conservative mid-Atlantic penny loafers.”

For a variety of reasons, romantic and otherwise, Michael proceeded straight from high school to the Naval Academy. A former linebacker and captain of his high school football team, he briefly played for Navy, and remains to this day a rabid Navy booster in the Army-Navy game. While his grades weren’t “quite what they might have been,” Michael excelled in the equally important leadership corps within the Naval Academy, holding the position of regimental subcommander, and graduating among the top sixteen in his class in military leadership from “one of the best leadership training programs in the world.” Somewhere along the line, born of that leadership regimen, he formed the idée fixe to be a lawyer.

Thence ensued a classic Kainian odyssey. While his grades wouldn’t have gained him admission into the highly sought-after Navy JAG, Michael was nonetheless invited to join the Marine Corps as entré into the newly created Marine JAG program. Things went sideways early, however. During basic training at Quantico, Michael averred to a colonel as to how he wasn’t crazy about being a Marine, and was only there to become a lawyer. This did not sit well with the colonel, who punitively assigned him to Marine Corps Headquarters in D.C., preparatory to service in the infantry (in a highly dangerous year, 1971). Characteristically, Michael dodged that assignment when the Marine Corps Judge Advocate General himself suggested that Michael might want to see a lawyer. Enter the legendary Edward Bennett Williams, followed in short order, by an inter-service transfer into none other than the Navy JAG. Seemingly moments later, Michael found himself at Treasure Island and enrolled in Golden Gate Law School.

As thousands before him, Michael’s love affair with San Francisco began as he drove over the Bay Bridge and caught his first glimpse of Herb Caen’s Baghdad by the Bay. Predictably, unlike the average law student eking out a subsistence existence in some distant and marginal neighborhood, Michael shared an apartment with a cousin atop Telegraph Hill. He dined at The Shadows, took in the view from the Bank of America, and while on his way to class strolled past the Transamerica Pyramid, which was under construction. “It was paradise.”
Michael fondly recalls his Golden Gate education as “the first academic experience I ever enjoyed.” Among the professors he remembers with particular affection are Mike DeVito, Les Minkus, Tony Pagano, Jim Smith (“everybody loved him”), and Judy McKelvey. He remembers McKelvey’s classes as the most stimulating in his career, even though he earned the lowest grade he’d ever received. Nevertheless, she later wrote him a great letter of recommendation for the Georgetown LLM program. He credits Tony Pagano with his LLM in tax, and was proud of his ability to go head-to-head with his former professor on legal questions. “Although Tony had little tolerance for students who didn’t get it, I felt comfortable taking him on. I saw the fun side of him, and felt he was a great professor and a good person.” Michael was also struck by a more personal attribute that he chose to replicate later in his own life: “I was impressed by his relationship with his wife.”

While in law school, Michael moved to Nob Hill (where he still resides on visits, though in the considerably more upscale Huntington Hotel), joined several other students in renting a little ski house in Truckee, and learned firsthand about San Francisco from Ron Foreman, a fellow student and native San Franciscan who remains one of his closest friends. Together, they collected money from juke boxes owned by Ron’s dad, and learned about football spreads from an expert they had occasion to know, inducing students and professors alike to join in a friendly wager or two. In between summers on active duty in the Navy Legal Office at Treasure Island, Michael waited tables at Victoria Station.

Michael loves returning to San Francisco—perhaps permanently one of these days—and speaks with pleasure of his close friendships with former classmates, most of whom live here: Ron, Barry Schneider, Mike Bebow, Randy Stiles, Jim Farley (also a Naval Academy graduate), Ron Braley (who went on to receive his own LLM in tax at NYU and currently resides in Seattle), and several of the many women in his class, including Ann Harris (now a judge), Cindy Lee (also a judge) and of course Retired Judge Lee Baxter, a GGU trustee and indefatigable supporter.

Upon graduation from GGU, Michael moved to Washington, D.C., where his uncanny real estate instinct and moxie almost immediately kicked in. Self-aware enough to know he was not cut out for a traditional transactional law practice, he took out a 100 percent financed V.A. loan while still working at the Navy Yard in D.C. and bought a townhouse at Fifth Street and Independence Avenue. With a $20,000 home-improvement loan, he proceeded to buy another piece of property. By the time he was out of the Navy, Michael had purchased and renovated four pieces of property on Capitol Hill, all of which he promptly sold, exiting the residential-property business. Instead, he opened his own law firm in the Federal Bar Building, then-occupied by Arent Fox (three of the partners had been professors of his at Georgetown). “They let me use the library,” he says, “which I stepped into once or twice.”

It was at this juncture that law took a backseat (though his business card still reads: Michael R. Kain, Attorney at Law), as his mastery of the art of the deal became manifest. The transition was early evidenced in his purchase of two townhouses just north of Dupont Circle, just as a new D.C. Metro stop was opening in the neighborhood. Michael had soon bought up most of that block on Connecticut Avenue. Realizing the greater value of the block farther north, he ultimately became the owner of most of it, venuing his modest offices in the building where they remain today. Thus was born a new era in the life of Dupont Circle.

Not long after Michael bought his first Dupont Circle properties, he became determined to meet the man who would later become his beloved mentor, Warren Brokaw. At the age of twenty-one, Brokaw had founded Parking Management Inc. with Nick Antonelli, a soon-to-be fellow real estate maven, and later sold his interest in PMI to railroad baron Kingdon Gould. Brokaw then had the
foresight to transfer his profits from that sale into real estate on Dupont Circle. In a typically gutsy move, Michael traveled down to Palm Beach, Florida, to meet Brokow, offering to manage his properties. He eventually took over the management of Brokow’s real estate holdings, all of which he now owns. “Warren did not pay me a penny,” Michael says. “I managed his property because I loved and respected him, and he was a great mentor to me. I bought the last property that he owned from his estate about twelve years ago.”

Michael’s characteristically colorful account of one of his earliest deal-related experiences involves a piece of Dupont Circle property owned by real estate icon Norman Bernstein, and on which a pair of Arnold & Porter lawyers, Mel Garbo and David Bonderman, also were bidding. Once some preliminary confusion was resolved about the contours of the sale, Bernstein suggested that both bidding groups—Michael and his partner and the A&P lawyers—return the following day with their best offer. Michael’s team met with the A&P lawyers early the next morning, at their request. There, Garbo and Bonderman averred as to how they had bigger bucks by far to pay for the property. “What would it take,” they asked, “for you to just let us bid?” Michael indicated that $25,000 might do the job for him, to which they agreed. “But what about my broker?” Michael then asked, noting that the A&P broker would clear a healthy commission, and that his own agent likewise should benefit. After considerable hemming and hawing, Michael and his partner walked off with a sales contract signed by Bernstein to sell the property to all four bidders, complete with a side agreement assigning Michael’s and his partner’s interest to the Garbo/Bonderman group for $50,000. Not bad for a day’s work in 1979.

Over the course of the ensuing period, Michael made the acquaintance of a number of colorful financial high-flyers who were actively involved in the Washington real estate scene. Michael boils down the basic rules of real estate acquisition. “You get the property under contract first. Then you scramble and figure out how to get the money. In the old days, it was primarily a matter of relationships and reputations. A lot of financing came off in bars after work,” he explains. “Some bars, like Beowulf, were known hangouts for bankers and real-estate developers. You’d get your loan commitment on a handshake and get the papers out the next day. Banks loaned to people they thought had sound moral character, were reputable business people, and would pay back the loan. Today, it’s pretty much a bloodless assessment of financial ability to pay.”

On the personal front, as in real estate, timing has been Michael’s ally. Briefly married at age twenty-five, it was in his late thirties that Michael met and married the love of his life Marlana in a ceremony capped by a reception at the Mayflower Hotel. Marlana hails from a Greek family in Buffalo, New York. Brought together at a gallery opening by a matchmaker-artist friend, Michael almost missed his chance by not making his intentions clear at the ensuing group dinner that evening at the Paper Moon restaurant. He subsequently remedied the dereliction. “Not only was she gorgeous, sweet and bright,” he says, “but she also was an effective tax lobbyist for the National Apartment Owners Association,” an attribute never lost on a real estate maverick.

Wishing to learn all she could about the real estate industry, Marlana worked in Michael’s office through the eighth month of her first pregnancy. Since that time, she has devoted herself to their three remarkable children and their myriad academic pursuits and athletic events (also frequently attended by Michael), as well as to the advancement of Landon, Georgetown Visitation, and other D.C.-area schools.

Their son Patrick, now twenty-two, is a senior at Trinity University, following a summer internship at the prestigious KLNK Retail, a
real estate services company. “He’s gotta work his way into the family business,” says Michael, rapidly adding, “I encourage him to do anything he has a passion for.” Their second son Brendon, twenty, “is our free spirit; he loves art, loves poetry.” Their daughter Kylie, their youngest, attends Colgate University, where her lacrosse skills are much in evidence, although her “unerring eye for emerging fashion trends” may well take her down the path followed so many years before by her great-grandfather.

Today, the real estate empire Michael owns, develops and manages includes buildings on the prime retail block in Washington, D.C., which just happens to be due north of Dupont Circle, a neighborhood in which he clearly enjoys the respect and trust of his neighbors. “I’ve been here for thirty-two years and have developed many long-term business relationships and friendships. I have become a ‘market-maker’ in this area, and I am usually the first person called when a property is available for sale.”

Michael’s affection and reverence for this historic district animate all he has to say about its distinguished past and its doubtful bright future. What is now the Dupont Circle Historical District was originally developed in 1871 by the Army Corps of Engineers on land owned, coincidentally enough, by the “California Syndicate.” By the end of the century, the heart of the district was and remains composed of tree-lined diagonal streets. Queen Anne and Romanesque Revival mansions and row houses converge in a circle dominated by a fountain embellished with classical figures symbolizing the sea, the stars and the wind.

The make-up of Michael’s tenants in today’s vibrant Dupont Circle milieu reflects his undeniable public interest core. Among them is a surprisingly large cohort of important nonprofits, like the Institute for Policy Studies (one of the nation’s premier progressive think tanks), Search for Common Ground (a group seeking to achieve compromise and cooperation among historical adversaries), Alliance for Justice (a leading group of more than ninety organizations dedicated to equality in the justice system), Therapeutic Communities (devoted to reform-related mental-healthcare issues), the Wiss Foundation (focused on green development), Machik (a Buddhist group seeking to improve relations between Buddhist communities and the Chinese), and the Center for Economic and Policy Research (whose leader presciently predicted the current real estate implosion). Other buildings “seem to develop a theme—doctors, lawyers, dot-coms. Facebook is a tenant.” At the other end of the spectrum, Michael’s holdings also include ocean-front property in a surfers’ paradise in Costa Rica and real estate in Virginia, Delaware and North Carolina. He miraculously manages all these disparate holdings with a three-person staff, out of the same unpretentious suite of offices he opened years ago.

At this point in his life, Michael’s greatest joy comes, as it seemingly always has, from relationships: his cherished family; his two-person staff (his prized office manager of twenty years, Ramona Derring Monroe, is about to retire, and he clearly doesn’t like it); and his treasured Dupont Circle community. He says he feels like a small-town boy, working with civic groups and the local historical societies to preserve the turn-of-the-century facades that adorn this unusual neighborhood. He has dreams of replacing several unsightly modern buildings in the area with new buildings whose facades are more congruent with the historic district. He also speaks of restoring “underground” Dupont Circle, a subterranean area complete with the old trolley that once ran through it, of perhaps creating a new park atop it, and of eventually moving with Marlana into the neighborhood from their current home in McLean, Virginia.

Michael has also set his sights on a return to San Francisco in the not too distant future, an eventuality eagerly awaited by his friends and the law school that proudly calls him its own. ///

"IN THE OLD DAYS, IT WAS PRIMARILY A MATTER OF RELATIONSHIPS AND REPUTATIONS... YOU’D GET YOUR LOAN COMMITMENT ON A HANDSHAKE AND GET THE PAPERS OUT THE NEXT DAY.” - MICHAEL R. KAIN

This story was written by Dean Drucilla Ramey.
THE BUSINESS OF DISNEY
“I never really thought about going to law school after college,” says Marjorie Randolph (JD 77), who entertained the possibility of becoming a doctor, joining the Peace Corp and running a business before finding her way to Golden Gate University in 1974. A graduate of Purdue, where she earned a bachelor’s degree in political science and government in 1966, Marge went to law school at night and worked by day as a custom’s broker to pay for it. “I am a person who sees an open door, finds it interesting and decides to go through it,” she says of the decision-making process that took her through the doors of Golden Gate and allowed her the long, fascinating and distinguished career she has enjoyed outside of law.

The last door she opened was in 1996 when Walt Disney Studios recruited her—not as an attorney, but as Vice-President of Human Resources for Disney Feature Animation. She had been working for 13 years, first as general counsel and then as head of human resources at Mervyn’s, a Bay Area retail chain, when she got the call from Disney. For an HR professional like Marge (someone who loves everything from recruitment and contract negotiations to issues of corporate culture and creativity) it was like being handed the keys to the kingdom.

In 2000, she became the Senior Vice President of Human Resources and Administration for Walt Disney Studios, where some of the entertainment industry’s most creative, playful and hard-working animators, artists, musicians and production experts continue to craft tomorrow’s classic films. In this magical kingdom, Marge is responsible for a network of 8,000 people, four times the population of Edinburgh, Indiana where she grew up in the fifties watching the classics that came out of Walt Disney Studio.

“Disney is a huge corporation with 130,000 employees made up of four primary parts,” says Marge, a 15-year veteran of the largest multi media conglomerate in the world. “I head up Human Resources for the central part of the company. The one that produces the creative product.”

In the fall of 2011, Marge Randolph, now 67, will retire from the company where dreams still come true, her own especially. Recently she sat down to talk about the turning points in her life—leaving Indiana, attending Golden Gate Law, moving from law to human resources and, of course, her years at Disney. “Maybe I’ve got a few more lives left in me, a few more doors to open” she said in anticipation of retirement. “I’d like to go out and see what those might be.”

She came to Disney in 1996, during the Eisner years and just a year after the release of “The Lion King.” When she looks back on her tenure, she thinks more about business than blockbusters. She had front row seats as head of human resources when Harvey and Bob Weinstein agreed to leave
Miramax, which was then owned by Disney. She was also involved in the substantive HR work required for the subsequent sale of Miramax, witnessed the revolution in the field of digital animation and was closely involved in the Pixar acquisition as well. On Marge’s watch, Disney expanded considerably, taking over ESPN, the ABC Media Group and Marvel Comics. “Disney is a very tough business. It’s intense, competitive and it even has a little bit of voodoo,” she says. “Most businesses are relationship driven, but this business is even more so.”

Marge connects her interest in relationships in the workplace to her law school experience of working for an advocacy group, with whom she experienced firsthand the power like-minded people wield when they treat each other with decency and respect. She successfully implemented the philosophy of “respectful workplaces,” in the department store chain where she moved from general counsel to head of Human Resources over 20 years ago. Around the time she left Mervyns for Disney, she remembers receiving several recruiting calls. “People were beginning to realize that being a lawyer who also knew how to run an HR organization was a very good combination.”

When Disney hired Marge, they were looking for a lawyer, but they really hired her to develop the workplace and shape the corporate culture—into an environment where creativity and productivity could flourish. She says: “That’s the culture I’ve tried to create at Disney, and I think we’ve been very successful at it. It’s a place where everybody is treated with respect and where communication is open and honest. It’s a good culture for anyone to adopt.”

It’s also a culture quite different from the one Marge entered when she started her journey into the workplace after college. At Purdue, her girlfriends dared her to interview with a representative from Chase Manhattan Bank who was on campus recruiting candidates for the Bank’s management-training program. “We’re looking for young men,” he told her during the interview. “I know,”
she replied, never expecting to hear from him again. Even then, Marge was recognized as bright, competent, and competitive, and got the job at Chase Manhattan, moving from Indiana to New York City. “It was really just a glorified assistant’s job, but oh my god, I was taking the subway to work and getting off on Wall Street. It was unbelievable for a girl from Edinburgh.”

She married a navy pilot (it was the Vietnam War) and followed him out of New York and eventually to California. “He had taken the LSAT and I thought, ‘I bet I can do better than that.’ I do have a little competitive streak in me. I actually did pretty well—better than he did. So I said, ‘maybe this is a sign. Maybe I should go to law school.’”

When Marge applied to law school in the 1970s, far fewer women applied and were admitted. “I thought I might want to help run a big business, but I felt like I needed a graduate degree. Interestingly, a law degree was thought to be more achievable for women than an MBA.” The dean of Golden Gate law school at the time, Judith McKelvey, admitted a class of composed of 40 percent women at that time. “It was a very bold, unusual move,” Marge said of the dean’s decision to admit so many women.

“It was really extraordinary. The women’s movement was in full bloom at Golden Gate University back then. Every stripe, shape and color woman was represented on campus, and we were all assertive and full of energy. It was the most exciting, wonderful time to be there. Our school sponsored the second “Women in the Law” conference in the country and women lawyers and professors gathered at the Sheraton from all over. This was when they were still charging a nickel to go to the bathroom if you were a woman, so we liberated the bathrooms at the Sheraton so you wouldn’t have to pay. The underlying theme was about the power of women and it was fantastic.

“My guess and my hope is that women at Golden Gate don’t see themselves as unusual anymore. That’s a very positive thing.”

Marge looks forward to moving back to Berkeley, where she heads the board of Berkeley Repertory Theater, and to her home in the hills, and to preparing for her next Adventure, in or out of the workplace.

“When you work for Disney, you are adamantly committed 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. I’m looking forward to having time for new possibilities and to finding that next door to open.”
The 2011 Commencement at Davies Symphony Hall brought together law students’ families, friends, faculty and law school staff in an annual rite and singular celebration. Law Dean Drucilla Stender Ramey and President Dan Angel conducted the rousing program, welcoming the friends and family of more than 300 graduates of Golden Gate Law, one of the most diverse law schools in the country. Dana Waldman (MBA 95), the chair of the University’s Board of Trustees, invoked Joseph Campbell’s metaphor of the hero journey to describe the epic educational experience of the graduates. In their farewell addresses, graduates David Schmid (LLM 11) and Jeanne Marie Lechich (JD 11) expressed gratitude to their families, peers and the law school.

“Golden Gate is a special school. There are not many others like it,” said Commencement speaker Jeffrey Toobin, the distinguished CNN Senior Legal Correspondent, New Yorker writer and best-selling author. “And those who go to Golden Gate are not typical law students—that is, you didn’t graduate from college and become full-time law students. You are diverse in every sense of the word.” Many GGU graduates were the first in their families to attend either college or graduate school. As Toobin noted, “Before you came here, you were teachers, scientists, journalists, patent engineers, and one of you was a writer for the Onion.” He also noted the 14 languages, in addition to English, spoken by the graduating class, including Mandarin, Spanish, Turkish, Vietnamese, Farsi and American Sign Language.

Toobin told the graduates that while they were entering into a difficult economy, “Times of change and times of uncertainty—those are something to embrace rather than something to fear.” He illustrated his point with an example from his own life. “When I graduated from law school in 1986, I did not aspire to be a television legal analyst,” he said. “The job did not exist...Then came the O.J. Simpson trial. But I think the point has broader application. Many of you will spend your careers in jobs and fields that do not even exist today. You will litigate cases in new fields on
GRADUATE PROFILE: LUKE WELMERINK

LOOKING OUTSIDE THE BOX

The best thing that ever happened to Luke Welmerink’s career as a tax attorney was not being able to find a job. “I was forced to look outside the box,” recalled the 28-year-old, 2011 GGU Law graduate. In so doing, Luke unearthed one of the best-kept secrets in his field: accounting firms were hiring when law firms were not. This fall, Luke will begin working at PricewaterhouseCoopers, the largest accounting firm in the world, as a tax associate. If GGU honored its most ebullient graduates, Luke Welmerink would be among them. “I could not imagine a better way for me to start my career in tax law,” he said. “I am genuinely looking forward to getting up every morning and going to work.”

To be sure, Luke was surprised to find out that 95 percent of the international tax team at PwC consists of attorneys, even though they are not actively recruited. “It’s a prestigious position, and when I leave, I can go to a law firm and say, ‘look at what I’ve done.’” While Luke won’t be practicing law in the traditional sense at PwC, he looks forward to his new role. “I will be advising clients to help them plan their international business strategies,” he explained.

Prior to law school, Luke worked as a small business banker and had hoped to parlay his experience working with small businesses into his law career. Then a funny thing happened. “I fell in love with tax law,” he said, “At the recommendation of Professor and Dean Kim Stanley, I enrolled in an introductory LLM Taxation course. I saw it as an opportunity to integrate my experience in business and finance with my passion for client service in corporate planning. My entire career plan shifted and I redirected my efforts to become a tax attorney.”

“By working at the largest accounting firm in the world, I will gain invaluable experience and training in tax. Most importantly, I will be able to fulfill my passion for client service in business and finance by advising some of the largest corporations in the world. I could not imagine a better way for me to start my career in tax law.”

About a year before he fell in love with tax law, he met and fell in love with Erica van Aman (now Welmerink), who graduated in July of 2010 from Golden Gate University with her Masters in Accounting. (In August of this year she anticipates earning another Masters degree from GGU in Taxation.) Today, Luke is more hopeful about his future than he has ever been and gives thanks to Erica and Golden Gate University School of Law.
products that have not yet been invented. That thought is a little bit scary but a lot exciting.”

Toobin urged the graduates to serve as critically engaged citizens, as “a kind of truth squad for what is going on.” He then discussed how recent Supreme Court decisions, such as Citizens United and several others, represent a new form of conservative judicial activism and how states’ rights, or federalism, traditionally associated with upholding conservative values, have emerged as increasingly liberal. (To watch Toobin’s speech, visit youtube.com/user/goldengatelaw.)

Following his stirring address, faculty members presented students with achievement awards. With great humility and myriad achievements to his name, Jay Melaas accepted the J. Lani Bader Award for Academic Excellence. Royl Roberts, who attended law school while working full-time but still found time to be an active leader and participant in the Golden Gate Law community, received both the Paul S. Jordan Achievement Award for Service and Contribution and the Rose Elizabeth Bird Award for Professionalism and Integrity. President Dan Angel and Board of Trustees Chair Dana Waldman presented the honorary Doctor of Laws degree to Michael Kain (JD 74). (For full story on Michael Kain, see page 12.)

As families cheered and Golden Gate Law’s newest alumni recessed from Davies Symphony Hall, the words of the Dean’s mother Estelle Ramey, a pioneering woman scientist, quoted in the Dean’s opening remarks, resonated with Toobin’s call for students to engage critically and collectively as part of the law community. “Your greatest gifts are not your good brains (and good looks) but your family heritage of decency, your hatred of bigotry and meanness and intolerance, and your knowledge that, to paraphrase John Donne, no man—or woman—is an island, entire unto itself. We are all a piece of the continent, a part of the main.”

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This year, graduate Royl Roberts received both the Rose Elizabeth Bird Award for Professionalism and Integrity and the Paul S. Jordan Achievement Award for Service and Contribution (pictured here with Professor Janice Kosel).

/// Commencement speaker Jeffrey Toobin

/// LLM Graduate David Schmid delivered the Graduate Law Programs farewell.
It’s possible that Lois Chang (JD 11) was born to practice law. As the middle child growing up in Great Neck, New York, she enjoyed her status in the family as the listener, the mediator and problem solver. At eight, she was already dressing up as an attorney for Halloween. “In middle school, I remember my teacher had asked me to be a translator for parents who could not speak English,” Lois said, “I realized I was good with people and enjoyed interacting with those in need. Hence, law school just seemed like the appropriate and natural path to take.”

Lois, 25, will be working as a transactional attorney and an investigator with the Employee Benefits Security Administration at the U.S. Department of Labor. Part of her job is to look for potential civil and criminal violations in employee pension plans. Lois is thrilled with her new position, but she realizes that she’s not the typical law school graduate. “Not a lot of my peers are venturing into government jobs, unless they have to do with being a public defender or district attorney,” Lois said.

Lois arrived at Golden Gate University School of Law in 2008 with an open mind and an understanding that her field of law would take place outside the walls of a courtroom. She also knew that she wanted to work in government rather than becoming an employment lawyer, in a private firm.

“I was able to work as an intern with the Department of Labor during my first year of law school,” said Lois about the road she took to her current job. She worked part-time for the DOL during her second and third year at GGU. When she was offered a full-time position after graduation, she accepted wholeheartedly.

As Lois faces her future, she sees only the opportunities. “I’m glad that I was able to take a plethora of different classes at GGU. The variety made my law school experience memorable,” she said. While Lois has finished her formal law studies, she is clearly just beginning a very long life in law.
The 2011 GGU School of Law Reunion, held April 16 at the Omni Hotel in San Francisco, was a tremendous success. Thanks to all of the alumni from classes of 1971, 1976, 1981, 1986, 1991, 1996, 2001, and 2006 for coming and sharing your fond memories of GGU Law with faculty and friends. We were delighted to see so many of our alumni again—including President of the California Judges Association Keith Davis—and to hear about the myriad personal and professional accomplishments of our distinguished community members.

The keynote address was delivered by Justice Gertrude Torkornoo, GGU Law’s first International Graduate Woman Judge Fellow. This spring she completed her LLM in IP Law and has returned to her home in Ghana. Her presentation explored the tremendous diversity of Africa and of Ghana in particular, as well as the ways in which Ghana’s rich history has shaped its judiciary.

Speakers from individual classes shared highlights of their times at GGU Law along with the significant sociopolitical context in which their legal education took place. Along with generations of graduates who possess great humor and notable achievements in the legal field, GGU Law alumni demonstrated the unique collegiality and conviviality of the GGU Law community. Thanks to all for a most memorable evening.
THE OMNI HOTEL, SAN FRANCISCO

/// Professor Bob Calhoun and Carol Kingsley (JD 81, MBA 81)

/// Keith Davis (JD 81), Dean Drucilla Stender Ramey and Professor Bob Calhoun

/// Keynote Speaker Justice Gertrude Torkornoo (LLM 11)

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/// Julie Soo (JD 96) and Professor Chris Pagano

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/// Michel Muzzy (JD 01)

/// Brian Hilliard (JD 06)
CELEBRATING 110 YEARS OF QUALITY EDUCATION AND DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI.
Frederick W. Bradley (JD 65) works in the sales department at Coldwell Banker at the Rocklin/Lincoln, Calif. office.

Robert L. Edwards (BA 73, MPA 75, JD 80) is dean of the General Studies Department at the American University in the Emirates.

Robert H. Oliver (JD 73) was awarded the “Distinguished Alumnus Award” in October 2010 by California State University, Fresno. Oliver serves on the Board of California Judges Foundation.

Cynthia M. Lee (JD 74, LLD 01) is the assistant presiding judge for San Francisco County Superior Court.

John W. Herbert (JD 75) is the managing director of 6/10 Capital Advisors LLC in Winter Haven, Fla.

Milton M. Oliver (JD 75) owns Oliver Intellectual Property LLC in Mashpee on Cape Cod, Mass.

Robert S. Baker (JD 76) is the chair of the Access to Justice Commission in West Virginia.

Sue C. Hestor (JD 76) was profiled in an article in the San Francisco Chronicle on October 24, 2010.

Steven A. MacDonald (BA 76, JD 79) was featured in the April 2011 BASF Bulletin in an article titled “VLSP’s Eviction Defense Project - Preventing Homelessness and Stabilizing Lives.”

Dale A. Affonso (JD 77, MBA 77) is the managing director for RSM McGladrey Inc. in Las Vegas, Nev.

David E. Roberson (JD 78) is on the board of directors of TransLattice in Santa Clara, Calif.

Harry M. Auerbach (JD 79) is chair of the Oregon State Bar Appellate Practice Section for 2011.

Michael C. Berch (JD 81) is the principal of Hemispheres Law Group in San Francisco.

Edmund M. Scott (JD 81) is a partner at Gray Duffy LLP in Redwood City, Calif.

James B. Boyd (JD 82) is the CFO for Link_A_Media Devices Corp. in Santa Clara, Calif.

Linda J. LeZotte (LLM 83) was elected to the board of directors of the Santa Clara (Calif.) Valley Water District.

Kathleen M. MacPherson (JD 83) was ordained in the American Catholic Church and will serve as an ordained priest in Mexico and El Paso, Texas.

Julise M. Johanson (JD 84) is an administrative law judge for the California Department of Social Services in Sacramento.

Ellen L. Bastier (JD 85) was featured in The Daily Journal on March 16.

Keith D. Politte (JD 85) is the manager of the technology testing center at Donald W. Reynolds Journalism Institute in Columbia, Mo.

Bernadette M. St. John (JD 85) was profiled in the November issue of Law Technology News.

Corinne A. Tampas (JD 85, MS 91) wrote an article in Fastcase on JD Supra, “Time To Get More Bang for Your Legal Research Buck.”


David A. Fink (JD 87) spoke at a program titled “Building Your Divorce Mediation Practice” on December 13, 2010 in San Rafael, Calif.

Larry F. Estrada (JD 89) is the district labor counselor for the US Army Corps of Engineers and joined Ballet Folklorico Ollin, a Mexican folk dance company.

Constance E. Norton (JD 89) is a shareholder at Littler Mendelson in San Francisco.

Gerald L. Robertson (JD 92) owns the Law Offices of Gerald L. Robertson & Associates in Napa, Calif.
James R. Swisher (JD 92) is an executive producer on the PBS television program “The Creative Life with Cheryl Fall.”

Charlotte K. Ito (LLM 93) was selected as the incoming vice chair of the California State Bar Trusts & Estates Section Executive Committee.

David M. Lehr (JD 93) is practicing trial law in Ventura County, Calif. and tried his 111th jury trial in November 2010.

Darrin T. Mish (JD 93) wrote *Breaking The Tax Code*.

Joy B. Baker (JD 94, LLM 99) was appointed assistant director of the High Tech Law Institute for Santa Clara University School of Law. Baker serves on the board of directors for the Junior League of Palo Alto Mid Peninsula.

Eric K. Ferraro (JD 94) is a shareholder for LeClairRyan in San Francisco.

Eric A. Gale (JD 94) is a partner at Burke, Williams & Sorensen LLP in Menlo Park, Calif.

Michael E. Gatto (JD 94) is an attorney at The Veen Firm PC in San Francisco.

Jon R. Vaught (LLM 94) was certified as a specialist in taxation law by the State Bar of California Board of Legal Specialization.

Allison K. West (JD 94) was a webinar speaker on “Workplace Retaliation: How to Recognize and Prevent – the Latest Types of Retaliation Claims” on April 8.

Susan W. Leff (JD 95) received the National Defense Investigators Association’s “Profiles in Courage Award 2011.” Leff is a San Francisco Bay Area criminal defense attorney and adjunct law professor at GGU School of Law.

Scott L. Steever (JD 95) was spotlighted in the *North Bay Business Journal* on March 7.

Michael Notaro (JD 96) serves as president-elect of Toastmasters International. Notaro is an attorney and principal for Notaro Law Group in Alameda, Calif.

Julie D. Soo (JD 96) is a commissioner on the San Francisco Commission on the status of women. Soo is a trustee on the St. Francis Memorial Hospital Board and vice chair of the Platform Committee for the CA Democratic Party.

Traci F. Villarosa (JD 96) is deputy director of the Department of Liquor Control for the county of Maui, Hawaii.

Eric Young (JD 96) wrote an article in October 2010 titled “Don’t Like Marketing At The Cocktail Party Circuit? There Are Other Options” on the blog Cyber-Esq.

Shai S. Oved (LLM 97) owns The Law Offices of Shai Oved in Canoga Park, Calif.

David V. Roth (JD 97) is senior counsel for Manning & Kass, Ellrod, Ramirez, Trester LLP in San Francisco.

Cynthia Sandoval (JD 97) is a partner at Jackson Lewis in Newport Beach, Calif.

Frances Heller (JD 98) was appointed to Adimab LLC board of directors.

Sui La (JD 98) is of counsel for Royse Law Firm in Palo Alto, Calif.

Ken L. La Mance (JD 98) was featured in an article in *The Daily Journal* on May 1.

Troy M. Van Dongen (JD 98) is a partner at Winston & Strawn in San Francisco.

Lynne A. Williams (JD 98) recently overturned the largest land use rezoning in the state of Maine.

David Kwok W. Cheng (JD 99) was featured in an article in *The Recorder* on November 17, 2010.

Scott E. Cripps (LLM 99) is the managing director of the High Net Worth Services Trust and Estate Tax Specialist Group at Schwab & Co. Inc. in Denver, Colo.

Caroline Farrell (JD 99) is the executive director of the Center on Race, Poverty & the Environment in Delano, Calif.
Adrian Hern (JD/MBA 99) is an associate for Goldstein, Gellman, Melbostad & Harris LLP in San Francisco.

Kari E. Kelly (JD 99) is of counsel at Anton Law Group in Denver, Colo.

Fabien Mirabaud (LLM 99) is a partner auctioneer at the art auction house Audap & Mirabaud in Paris.

Samuel D. Shapiro (LLM 99) runs Schwartz & Shapiro, a law firm in Los Angeles.

Nicole E. Gage (JD 00) is counsel at the San Francisco office of Tucker Ellis & West LLP.

A. Russell Martin (JD 00) owns the Law Offices of Russ Martin in San Rafael, Calif.

William Wesley (MBA 00, JD 08) released a book titled Full Life Balance: the Five Keys to the Kingdom (How to Live Better Every Day).

Matthias Berger (LLM 02) delivered a presentation about the “Madrid System of International Trademark Registrations” during the ABA Annual Meeting in San Francisco on August 6, 2010.

Ignascio G. Camarena (JD 02) is a managing attorney of the Santa Ana office of Dimalanta Clark LLP.

Kelley K. Etebar (JD 02) is the executive director of SEEDS Community Resolution Center in Berkeley.

Monica S. Mulherkar (LLM 02) is an assistant professor at the National Law Institute in Bhopal, India.

Khaled Taqi-Eddin (JD 02) is a partner at Foley & Mansfield PLLP in Oakland.

Jose C. Manrique Lazarte (LLM 03) works in the mining sector in Peru.

Anh H. Nguyen (LLM 03) is of counsel at Tsao-Wu, Chow & Yee LLP in San Jose.

Benjamin Vollrath (LLM 03) is legal counsel at Turner Broadcasting System Deutschland GmbH in München, Germany.

Alexandra Gadzo (LLM 04) owns a law firm in Palo Alto, Calif.

Diane E. Gentry (JD 04) was named volunteer of the month in February from the Volunteer Legal Services Program of the Bar Association of San Francisco.

Esther Hagege (LLM 04) is an associate at Allen & Overy in Paris.
Jessica Biernier (JD 05) is an associate for The Veen Firm P.C. in San Francisco.

Craig Ching (JD 05) is an associate at Buty & Curliano in Oakland.

Maximilian Spengler (LLM 05) is an attorney for Pant Legal in Frankfurt am Main in Germany.

Emily Vena (JD 05, LLM 09) is a tax attorney for the State Board of Equalization in Los Angeles.

Stefan Winheller (LLM 05) started his own law firm in Frankfurt am Main and Karlsruhe in Germany.

Ingo Bednarz (LLM 06) heads the junior attorney recruitment program at Willkie Farr & Gallagher LLP in Frankfurt, Germany.

Jan P. Seelinger (LLM 06) is an attorney at Noerr LLP in Berlin, Germany.

Hudielle De Souza (LLM 07) is a contracts paralegal in the contracts management department at Union Bank in San Francisco.

Melissa J. Deehring (JD 07) is an associate with the French law firm, U.G.G.C. et associés, in their Doha, Qatar office.

Santosh Giri (LLM 07) is a legal consultant for Cintel Systems Inc. in Pleasanton, Calif.

Carolyn M. Lee (JD 07, LLM 08) is an associate at Archer Norris in Walnut Creek, Calif.

Any N. Mazen (JD 07) got married to Mikhail Zhovmiruk of Arvada, Colo. on March 27, 2011 at The Chapel at Red Rocks.

Andje Morovich Medina (JD 07) is an attorney at The Veen Firm PC in San Francisco.

C. Alex Naegle (JD 07) wrote an article in the December 2010 edition of Thompson Reuters Journal of International Taxation titled “Cost Sharing Regulations: the Case for Formulary Apportionment Transfer Pricing.”

Dije Ndreu (JD 07) gave birth to Deshira Dulla on December 10, 2010.

Paula A. Rasmussen (JD 07) performed the title role in Berkeley West Edge Opera’s production of Handel’s “Xerxes.” Rasmussen works at Brent Coon & Associates law firm in San Francisco.

Nancy W. Weng (JD 07) is an associate at Tsao-Wu, Chow & Yee LLP in San Jose.

Nils Wiese (LLM 07) is an associate in employment, labor law & pensions with CMS Hasche Sigle in Stuttgart, Germany.

Sanaz Alasti (SJD 08) is a visiting fellow at Harvard Law School and working on her post-doctoral project “Comparative Study of Death Penalty.”

Jesse B. Chrisp (JD 08) established a law office in Clearlake, Calif.

Mary K. LeClair (JD 08) owns the Law Offices of Mary LeClair in San Francisco.

Rory C. Quintana (JD 08) is an associate attorney for Kumin Sommer LLP in San Francisco.

Rebecca Romero-Vigil (JD 08, SJD 10) is an attorney at Marin Law Partners in Napa, Calif.

Philip D. Batchelder (JD 09) is an associate with Mitchell & Courts LLP in Alameda, Calif. Batchelder was profiled in the National Academy of Elder Law Attorneys’ News.

Leonora Char (JD 09) is a senior financial analyst in the pricing division of Brocade in San Jose.

Jessica B. Crawley (JD 09) wrote an article titled “Safety Measures & Estate Planning For Your Cavaliers” in the spring 2011 issue of The Bulletin of The Cavalier King Charles Spaniel Club USA Inc.
**Santino A. Derose (JD 09)** co-founded DeRose & Appelbaum Inc., a commercial real estate firm specializing in retail leasing, investment, and sales.

**Janet L. Everson (LLM 09)** is a partner at Murphy Pearson Bradley & Feeney in San Francisco.

**Daniel G. Hewera (LLM 09)** works at KPMG in Essen, Germany in the area of transfer pricing.

**Derek O. Myers (JD 09)** works at the Schmit Law Office in Oakland.

**Vanessa J. Sundin (JD 09)** is an attorney for DLK Law Group in San Francisco.

**Ariel Ungerleider (JD/MBA 09)** is the community outreach manager for the America’s Cup in San Francisco.

**Gabriel Voisin (LLM 09)** is an associate at Bird & Bird LLP.

**Raymonn J. Dejesus (JD 10)** is a deputy district attorney for the Nevada County District Attorney’s Office in Nevada City, Calif.

**Catherine Delcin (JD 10)** is a contract associate at Genentech.

**Nikki Uyen T. Dinh (JD 10)** was honored by the Vietnamese American Bar Association of Northern California alumna for being their first Public Interest Law Fellow.

**Michelle L. Gienger (JD 10)** is a federal investigator with the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission in Oakland.

**Sarah M. King (LLM 10)** is the president of the Queen’s Bench board of directors in San Francisco.

**Otis C. Landerholm (JD 10)** and his wife welcomed son Koah Jesse Landerholm on February 7. Landerholm owns a law office in San Francisco.

**Andrea Starrett (LLM 10)** is an associate attorney for Beck, Ross, Bismonte & Finley, LLP in San Jose.

**Paul S. Wick (JD 10)** was recognized for his work with Disability Services and Legal Center of Santa Rosa, Calif. at the annual Pro Bono Awards of the Sonoma County Bar Association in November. On January 29, 2011 he married April Dawson.

**Amy L. Hesphenheide (LLM 11)** is an attorney for Royse Law Firm in San Francisco.

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**In Memoriam**

**Alexander C. Ayers (JD 47)**
- died November 12, 2010

**Robert E. Hunter (JD 58, MBA 77)**
- died April 5, 2011

**Michael J. Langston (JD 68)**
- died October 6, 2010

**Susan M. Trager (JD 73)**
- died March 22, 2011

**Robert S. Whiteley (JD 77)**
- died March 11, 2011

**Michael S. Carbonaro (JD 80)**
- died November 16, 2010

**Michael D. Handlos (LLM 80)**
- died April 14, 2009

**Donald L. Kocalis (JD 80)**
- died April 29, 2011

**Alice M. Montgomery (JD 80)**
- died June 2, 2010

**Jerome B. Wallander (LLM 85)**
- died September 16, 2010

**Esther Nicastro-Capon (JD 86)**
- died February 8, 2011

**Jonathan David Reierson (JD 08, LLM 10)**
- died January 30, 2011

**Drew Rosenberg (JD 2010)**
- died November 16, 2010
THE GOOD FIGHT 50 YEARS FORWARD

Sponsored by Golden Gate University School of Law, the American Constitution Society, the Bar Association of San Francisco and the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, the 2011 Justice Jesse Carter Distinguished Lecture Program was held on March 30, 2011 at GGU. Entitled “The Good Fight 50 Years Forward: The Civil Rights Era and Today’s Battle for Justice,” this year’s panel discussion, moderated by Professor Peter Keane, featured the Hon. Thelton Henderson, Senior Judge, Northern District of California; Marvin Stender, Of Counsel, Law Offices of McTernan, Stender & Weingus; and the Hon. Edward Stern (Ret.), JAMS.

Panelists discussed their unique perspectives and experiences during the Civil Rights Movement in the South. The evening began with a short clip from Abby Ginzberg’s film Soul of Justice: Thelton Henderson’s American Journey, introduced by graduating student and Black Law Students Association President Royl Roberts. After an evening of unique oral histories, Dean Drucilla Ramey introduced Vulnerable Populations and Transformative Law Teaching: A Critical Reader, a book co-edited by Golden Gate University School of Law and featuring a contribution by Judge Henderson.

To see event highlights featuring the Hon. Thelton Henderson, visit http://www.youtube.com/user/goldengatelaw.

TRANSFORMING LAW SCHOOL CURRICULA

Carolina Academic Press has just published Vulnerable Populations and Transformative Law Teaching: A Critical Reader, edited by Society of American Law Teachers (SALT) and Golden Gate University School of Law. The essays included in the volume began as presentations at the March, 2010 teaching conference organized and hosted by Golden Gate Law and co-sponsored by SALT. The conference, generously funded by the Elfenworks Foundation, brought together law faculty, practitioners, and students to reexamine how to infuse issues of race, gender, sexual identity, nationality, disability and poverty into law school curricula.

The volume’s goal is to expand the parameters of law teaching so that the next generation of attorneys will be dedicated to their roles as public citizens, broadening access to justice and securing democracy through the fair administration of the rule of law for all. The collection’s Foreward includes inspiring words from the Honorable Thelton Henderson; John Payton, Director-Counsel and President of NAACP Legal Defense and Education Fund, Inc.; and University of Seattle Law Professor Richard Delgado. Golden Gate Law professors and current law students contributed chapters to this very important collection. To order online, visit www.caplaw.com or call 800.489.7486.
### Calendar of Events

**SEPT 10**  
**Griffin Connect Symposium**  
9:15 to 12:30pm, Golden Gate University. Designed for and open to all recent law graduates. Contact: Deanna Bruton, dbruton@ggu.edu, 415.442.7824

**SEPT 16**  
**GGU Law Reception at the California State Bar Annual Meeting**  
5:00 to 7:00pm, Westin Long Beach, Alumni reception at the California State Bar Annual Meeting. Contact: Deanna Bruton, dbruton@ggu.edu, 415.442.7824

**SEPT 24**  
**GGU 110th Anniversary Picnic**  
Old Speedway Meadow, Golden Gate Park, San Francisco. Join faculty, staff, alumni, students (and friends and family) for a BBQ picnic at beautiful Golden Gate Park. Contact: Deanna Bruton, dbruton@ggu.edu, 415.442.7824

**SEPT 30**  
**11th Annual IP Law and Policy Conference**  
This all-day conference brings together experienced IP Practitioners and academics to discuss current issues in Intellectual Property law and practice. CLE available. Contact: Intellectual Property Law Center Co-Directors, Professors Marc Greenberg and William Gallagher, iplaw@ggu.edu, 415.442.5293

**OCT 18**  
**Third Annual Ronald M. George Distinguished Lecture**  
Featuring California’s new Chief Justice Tani Cantil-Sakauye and state chief justices of color from around the country. See p. 5. 5:00pm to 7:00pm, Free, ticketed event. Tickets will be available in September. Contact: Maggie Stone, 415.442.6608 mstone@ggu.edu

**OCT 26**  
**GGU Alumni Awards Luncheon**  
11:30am to 2:00pm, Four Seasons Hotel, San Francisco. Our annual luncheon honoring members of the GGU community who have achieved excellence. Contact: Deanna Bruton, dbruton@ggu.edu, 415.442.7824

**NOV 4-5**  
**White Collar Crime and Business Bankruptcy Conference**  
The ABA, Business Law Section, Business Bankruptcy Committee, Criminal Justice Section, White Collar Crime Committee and GGU Law host a national conference about freezing, seizing and distributing entity assets. Contact: Professor Karen Gebbia at kgebbia@ggu.edu

**NOV 5-6**  
**Conference on Interdisciplinary “Law and Society” Perspectives on Intellectual Property Law**  
This conference will feature presentations by prominent US and international IP scholars who study intellectual property law in its legal, social, cultural, and historical context, mostly employing empirical methods as well as legal analysis to understand this complex area of law and social life. Contact: Professor William Gallagher, wgallagher@ggu.edu, 415.442.5339

**NOV 11**  
**Environmental Law Symposium**  
Golden Gate University School of Law. Contact: Professor Paul Kibel, 425.442.6685, pkibel@ggu.edu

**DEC 2**  
**Swearing-in Ceremony**  
12:00 to 1:00pm, PG&E Auditorium, 77 Beale St., San Francisco. Contact: Deanna Bruton, 415.442.7824, alumni@ggu.edu

**JAN 28**  
**Beat the Clock MCLE and Networking Program**  
All day, Golden Gate Law, San Francisco. Contact: Mateo Jenkins, 415.442.6541, mjenkins@ggu.edu

**APR 20-21**  
**Dean Judith McKelvey Women’s Reunion**  
This very special two-day event will celebrate generations of Golden Gate Law Women. To join the Event Committee, please contact Lenore McDonald at lmcdonald@ggu.edu or at 415.442.7829.
“OUR ALUMNI REMIND US THAT THE POSSIBILITIES ARE AS DIVERSE AND DYNAMIC AS THE LAW ITSELF.” — DEAN DRUCILLA RAMEY