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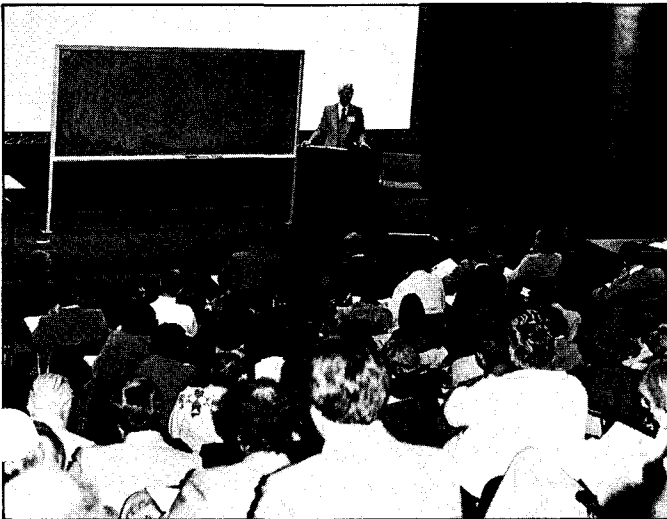
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Land Use Conference Gets Rave Reviews

"A smashing success" was the overwhelming opinion of participants at the Law School's recent National Conference on Land Use and Growth Management. The March 14-16 gathering was attended by over 150 practitioners in the varied field of "land use regulation," with planners and attorneys from across the country constituting the bulk of those present. In all, thirty states were represented.

Dan O'Connell, former Visiting Professor at the School of Law, assembled a dozen of the most prominent national practitioners in the field, with speakers' topics ranging from designing, defending, critiquing and implementing land use policies, and the role of the citizen in the complicated process that is re-shaping the face of our cities, suburbs, and rural areas as well.

Professor O'Connell, who was recently appointed General Counsel to the Florida Department of State, appropriately opened the program with a review of growth management techniques, from nuisance law to comprehensively planned communities, such as Ramapo, New York. Succeeding speakers included, among others: Dr. John DeGrove, Director of the Joint Center for Environmental and Urban Problems, Florida Atlantic University, with an emphasis on state initiatives in land use regulation; Robert Freilich, Professor of Law in Urban Affairs at the University of Missouri-Kansas City School of Law, and Editor of the ABA's quarterly *The Urban Lawyer*, on strategies and techniques for defending and implementing growth management plans; and UCLA's Don Hagman, who covered the implications of tax and revenue limitations, such as Proposition 13, on land use planning techniques.



Dan O'Connell delivering opening address to participants of the National Land Use Conference.

"We tried to bring in speakers who are in the forefront of growth management, and to attract the people who are responsible for actually getting things done in cities and towns across the country" explained Priscilla Camp (GGU Law '77), Director of the Conference. "With so many varied approaches to planning being tried today, we knew the exchange of information between the speakers and the audience, and among the participants themselves, would be valuable for everyone concerned."

The reactions of a representative sampling of the attendees supports the conclusion that O'Connell and Camp succeeded in reaching most of their goals. "Impressed with the quality of the speakers," wrote one participant, while another added, "It was definitely the most interesting and informative conference I've ever attended. Glad to see the emphasis was on learning rather than socializing."

A unique feature of the conference was the awarding of several scholarships to help defray the \$285 registration fee. One scholarship went to a low-income retiree from a small town in Oregon that can't afford to hire a city planner, and another went to a woman who hopes to serve as a private planner with non-profit agencies. Many law students also attended the conference on a free or reduced-fee basis.

Dean McKelvey has indicated that the National Land Use Conference will indeed be held again next year, with the possibility that an ongoing institute will be developed as well. Look for more on next year's plans in upcoming issues of the Alumni Forum.

Law Review Solicits Articles

The Law Review will be expanding to three issues next year, with the re-birth of the Notes and Comments Issue. That issue had been temporarily suspended to allow the staff to get both the Ninth Circuit Survey and the Women's Law Forum back on schedule. With both issues now current, the Editorial Board is looking forward to added input from practitioners, especially alumni, to assist in covering a wide range of current legal topics.

"We are looking for high quality outside material to supplement the work of the students on Law Review," says Lynn Rossman, newly-elected Editor-in-Chief of next year's (Volume 10) publication. "Especially sought are articles by alumni that relate to either recent Ninth Circuit cases (from October 1978 to September 1979), articles relating to cases or topics affecting women, or areas in which the alumni have special expertise or practical experience."

Additionally, alumni are encouraged to subscribe to the expanded Law Review, with special rates available. More information is available from the Editor-in-Chief, either by mail or at the new phone number (442-7000, extension 7587).

Curriculum news

Unique Externship in U.S. Attorney's Office

By Nancy M. Lashnits

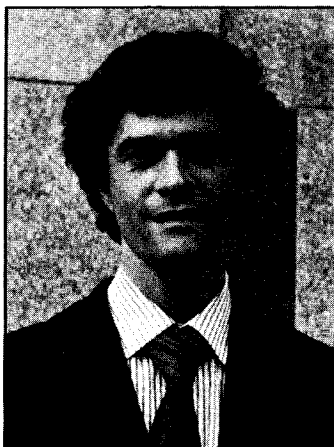
Four law school students are working in the U.S. Attorney's Office in San Francisco this spring as a result of a special externship set up by Mark Webb ('75).

Webb, an assistant U.S. Attorney, said he started the program in order to give students the practical experience of the courtroom and to familiarize them with the federal system.

"Most people at Golden Gate get defense oriented teaching because of the nature of the faculty," said Webb, who himself graduated first in his class. Selected for the U.S. Department of Justice's Honors program after he graduated, Webb worked as a special attorney in the organized crime and racketeering section in New York and Washington, D.C. He came to San Francisco for his present job about two years ago.

"The students are definitely getting both sides of the criminal process now," he stated in a recent interview.

Webb talked about U.S. Supreme Court Chief Justice Warren Burger's recent attacks on the poor quality and inadequacy of trial attorneys. Burger, at a February ABA meeting, mentioned that Harvard had a new multi-million dollar trial advocacy practice clinic for its law students.



Mark Webb, Assistant U.S. Attorney and GGU Alumnus

While GGU's program at the U.S. Attorney's Office is on an entirely different scale, Webb says his students are getting a much better experience, perhaps a unique one, because they work directly with trial lawyers and in the courtroom.

"The student externs," Webb explained, "are responsible for trying petty offenses in the federal magistrates courts; they're doing legal research for their own individual assistant U.S. Attorneys; they're preparing legal arguments and briefs for review; and assisting in trial preparation for federal felony narcotics and other federal trials." The students also attend a weekly two-hour seminar on trial tactics.

This is not a program for students who want to put in less than 50-60 hours per week of hard work! But it has its rewards. He says that his students will be ready to try cases in federal court by the end of the course.

The four students, Patricia Cummings, Paul Fitzgerald, Jim Molesky and Mike Waughtel, found out that they not only would learn basic law and procedure, but also begin to master the subtleties of the litigator's art. Webb and other attorneys and psychologists offer training in voice texture, warm-up exercises for trial preparation, body language and other tactics for presenting oneself to a jury.

"The course is fulfilling everyone's expectation," Webb said, "And those expectations were very high. It's also a good feeling for me to be able to use my experiences to give the students the practical knowledge. The students in the course are excellent. They're working very hard and absorbing a lot of data. The getting mainline doses of it."

New (and some familiar) faces added to Law School's teaching roster

Four new teaching positions have been filled in the Law School for the fall semester. But two of the new faculty members, Thelton Henderson and Arnold Sternberg, are already old hands, having been burnished in the fire of their visiting professorships this past year. Bill Hing and Allan Brotsky, on the other hand, will be new faces on campus.

Thelton Eugene Henderson, a 1962 Boalt Hall graduate, came to Golden Gate from a nine-year stint as instructor and assistant dean at Stanford Law School, where he was responsible, among other things, for establishing and administering their minority admissions program. This past year he taught Golden Gate students professional responsibility and administrative law. "I've gotten a lot of support from the students," he said with a bright smile. "That's why I decided to teach here — the students. I love 'em."

Arnold C. Sternberg has had a distinguished and varied career in the field of housing and economic development law. He came to California in 1975 from Washington, D.C., where he had been principal partner in the public interest law firm of Sternberg and Roisman. He also served on appointment by President John F. Kennedy for 13 years on the Interstate Commission on the Potomac River Basin, which has responsibility for the region's land use planning.

Born in Boston, Sternberg graduated from George Washington University Law School in 1953. He served in the State of Israel's War of Independence in 1948. More recently, he has been director of California's Department of Housing and Community Development in Sacramento. This past year he

taught construction and housing law here in a part-time capacity.

Bill Ong Hing is another distinguished attorney who is looking forward to being a very serious teacher. And he hopes to find "questioning students—not just students who ask questions." He has taught previously at both New College of the Law and at his legal alma mater, the University of San Francisco, from which he graduated cum laude in 1974. Hing, an L.L.M. candidate at Boalt Hall, presently director of the immigration law unit of the San Francisco Neighborhood Legal Assistance Foundation, serving indigent people of all nationalities. He is also active in several Asian and Asian-American civic and legal organizations in the city.

Allan Brotsky, who will be a visiting professor next year, has had a flourishing general civil and criminal litigation practice in the Bay Area for nearly 20 years. He is now a partner in the firm of Garry, Dreyfus, McTernan, Brotsky, Henderson & Pesonen. Brotsky reports that he taught a course in civil trial practice two years ago at the University of Puget Sound and fell in love with teaching. "Civil procedure is my life," he says enthusiastically, looking forward to this chance to teach again. His first-year students will also be quite fortunate, especially if some of his infectious enthusiasm for the law rubs off on them. Brotsky is quite new to Golden Gate, either, having taught a trial practice course previously in conjunction with Roger Bernhardt. And he has led courses at New College and at Hastings. He received his LL.B. from Columbia in 1942 and served in World War II before he came to California to practice.

Alumni news

Class Reunion Slated

The Law School's class of '74 will hold their much heralded reunion on June 3 at 8 p.m., at Mumm's (a private disco in San Francisco) where dancing, hors d'oeuvres, and a no-host bar will be on the program. Valet parking will be available. Proceeds from the admission price will establish The Class of 1974 Scholarship for the Law School. They hope to set a precedent for future fifth-year reunions with the scholarship incentive. All members of the class are of course invited to attend. Honorary invitations will be extended to faculty members who were full-time in 1974.

Alumni notes

- Richard Bridgman ('58) of Oakland has been re-elected to the Board of Governors of the 5100-member California Trial Lawyers Association for the 1979 term.
- Stuart H. Blecher ('70) has formed a "professional law association" in San Rafael with Tommie W. Whitener, doing business under the firm name of Blecher & Whitener.
- Jerome A. Davi ('70) has been reappointed to the Juvenile Justice Committee of the State Bar of California. Davi has been with the Contra Costa County District Attorney's Office for seven years, and presently serves as Supervising Deputy District Attorney in its juvenile division.
- Michael A. Gridley ('70) of Mill Valley has been tapped to serve as assistant district attorney for Marin County.
- W. Gordon Smith ('72) of San Rafael has been named assistant vice president in charge of credit and consumer affairs at the Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco. He was the bank's assistant general counsel before this promotion.
- Timothy A. Stewart ('73) of Agana was appointed a member of the Board of Trustees of the Guam Territorial Law Library.
- Samuel W. Beattie ('74) has opened his own law office in West Chester, Pennsylvania.
- Robert J. Brown ('74) has become associated with the firm of Casey, Schaefer & Robertson, in San Rafael.
- Steven R. Enochian ('74) has joined the firm of Reese & Halkides, in Redding, California.
- Frederick J. Amorose ('76) of Redwood City has married Constance Hunter.
- Stephen K. Shuttleworth and Robert F. Howell ('76) have formed a partnership for the general practice of law, in San Anselmo.
- Janice Heid ('78) has opened a law office in Berkeley.
- Marianne K. Tomecek ('78) has joined the Securities and Exchange Commission as an enforcement attorney, in Houston, Texas.

Seminar on *Comden* Ruling

The recent Supreme Court ruling in the *Comden* case, concerning the conditions under which an attorney ought to be disqualified from representing a client, has created a good deal of controversy and uncertainty in the legal profession. The Law School is holding a seminar on the implications of the ruling on April 26, at 12:15 p.m., to be moderated by Professor J. Lani Bader. Speakers at the event will be Judge Ira Brown, attorneys Curt Melchior and Alan Lipman, and Professor Les Minkus.

Help for injured grads

By Nancy M. Lashnits

They were numb when they heard the news that two friends and colleagues had been shot that Friday night.

But by Monday, several law school graduates and friends of Joel Blackman, '76, and Mimi Rosenblatt, '76, began to come out of their shock in order to help the two who had been wounded by the elderly caretaker of their apartment building in the Sunset District of San Francisco on January 19.

The caretaker Thomas Hufnagel shot four people, holed himself up in his apartment for a couple of hours, then killed himself. The incident apparently occurred as a result of a disagreement between Hufnagel and Blackman about Blackman's parking his car on the sidewalk outside the garage he rented.

Rosenblatt, who does public relations at the Fort Mason Foundation in San Francisco, was shot in the stomach. Blackman, who was scheduled to return to work at the Marin County Public Defender's Office, was hit in the face. Both were severely hurt and suffered some permanent injuries. Neither is able to return to work for several months.

Robbie Aranson, '76, a classmate and friend of the couple, started calling people Monday morning to arrange for blood donations. When she stopped at the Marin public defender's that day, attorneys in the office said they wanted to set up a fund for paying hospital expenses.

"It was a very spontaneous thing," Aranson said later. "People were so relieved to be able finally to do something rather than just sitting around worrying."

Two other GGU graduates, Jon Kerbleski, '76, and Jeff Appleman, '77, took over the blood donation drive. Through their efforts donations came into the Irwin Memorial Blood Bank that more than covered the amount of blood Blackman and Rosenblatt needed. Extra blood is credited to the couple, who may draw on it for a year.

John Rutledge, '70, and his partner Ted Baer, '76, both friends and colleagues of the couple, threw a wine and cheese fund raising party in their office. They collected some \$1800 from the 200 people that attended. Donations are still being received.

"The key point is to put in big, bold letters that more contributions are needed to cover the astronomical hospital costs," Rutledge commented. "The fund raiser only went a small way toward their total bills."

Anyone who wants to aid in the efforts put on by these alumni may send donations to The Joel Blackman Fund, c/o John Rutledge, 2247 Union Street, San Francisco 94123, or to the fund at the Bank of Marin, Fifth and B Streets, San Rafael 94901.

Saturday Seminars Start New Season

The Law School's Advanced Legal Education Program (ALEP) has announced the Spring lineup of Saturday Seminars, which it presents in conjunction with the Barristers Club. The following schedule is still tentative, so check the Recorder for further developments.

April 21: Criminal Misdemeanor and Felony Appeal Panel

April 28: Negotiating Construction Contracts

May 12: Federal Civil Procedure

May 26: CYLA film "Opening a Law Office"

June 2: Conservatorships and Guardianships

The seminars take place in Auditorium A, and generally last from 9:00 a.m. until noon.

Issues forum

Alternative Dispute Resolution Conference Announced

In the Law School's tradition of exploring new ways to apply the tool of law to the needs of the time, and endeavoring to be of service to both the legal profession and the community at large, Dean McKelvey has announced plans for a conference on alternative means of dispute resolution.

The Conference will be held here September 4, 5, and 6. Noted speakers, many of whom lead active alternative programs around the nation, will be featured. "We expect about 150-200 participants," says San Francisco attorney Paul Garofalo, who is Director of the Conference. "And we are going to hold small-group seminars as well as full assembly meetings, to maximize participation and flow of information."

Garofalo, who has recently completed a cross-country fact-finding tour of some of the leading dispute resolution forums, is concerned with keeping the aims of the Conference in focus, lest the group get lost in the incredible range of the concept. The first objective is to accurately assess the current "state of the art." In the course of this analysis, there will be an effort to develop a consensus as to the meaning of basic terms and concepts.

A wide variety of disciplines will be represented at the Conference. Sociologists, economists, anthropologists, and public administrators, as well as members of the legal profession will be contributing their expertise. Some of the questions to be addressed include the following:

What types of disputes can be resolved most effectively in alternative forums? Which methods (arbitration, mediation, summary procedures, small claims courts, administrative hearings, panels of experts, etc.) are best suited to each type of dispute? How and when should the judicial system be involved in these processes? What type of individual should hear these disputes, and what type of special knowledge, if any, should that person have? By what standards should the effectiveness of the neutral and the forum itself be judged?

"Naturally," Garofalo adds, "the Conference will also deal with a subject which will probably come to mind immediately for every attorney: what are the Constitutional implications of using alternative forums? It is crucial to determine whether they comport with our traditional notions of justice, and specifically the rights guaranteed by the Bill of Rights."

The Law School intends this Conference to be a neutral and unbiased forum, where all viewpoints may be aired and shared. Concern for the proper role of law schools in developing more adequate legal services is another of the problems the Conference will approach. In any case, the need for more research and creative programs is clear.

The Conference will be co-sponsored by the Bar Association of San Francisco, and has received the enthusiastic support of two State Bar committees, as well as other individuals and institutions concerned with the problems of justice in modern America.

From dream into reality...

Our New Home And What It Means

Golden Gate University's new building is alive and well. Classes are being held this term in the modern, more spacious classrooms; conventions and convocations are taking place in the wide-sweeping, terraced auditoriums; and students and attorneys are working in the much larger and more pleasant surroundings of the new library, which occupies two floors of the new structure, the colorfully decorated interior of which looks out upon a soon-to-be-completed garden, lined with trees and even containing a mandala-like fountain in its midst.

The rich carpets in the corridors radiate meditatively with tones of deep red, complementing the walls inlaid with brick. The whole effect is one of serenity and clarity, the self-assurance of the intellect. Stepping from a hallway into an elevator is a transition from silence to science, the ceiling-mirrors and the space-age interiors reflecting faith in a future of our own design. Every floor sustains in its central hub a windowed lounge, each furnished with sofas, chairs and tables. Faculty and students are thereby brought into more contact more conveniently; the environment suggests a confluence of souls, as indeed we are, gathered here from across the globe in quest of the powers of judgment and discrimination, to learn the use of that delicate spiritual equipment, law, which keeps the world from self-destruction.

The finishing touches are still being put on our new home. Completion of expanded dining facilities, locker areas, administration offices, and other areas is still underway. But the dream has already become reality, the new era of our institution has begun, and the effects of our law school's increasing contributions can already be felt across the nation. We are pledged to continue in the tradition of the new, seeking forms and offering forums, developing and encouraging both innovation and

response, to help resolve our conflicts and disputes, to more clearly define and approach the goal of justice, and one day help to usher into being a deeper dream which motivates us all: a world at peace, a golden age. It is finally for this that we are called the Golden Gate.

THE EDITOR.

Some features of our new law library

- an expanding collection, now approaching 100,000 volumes;
- the Congressional Information Service on microfiche;
- the Library is now a depository for U.S. government publications;
- another librarian will soon be added to the permanent staff;
- separate faculty study space is now available for those engaged in research;
- a large conference room is available on the lower level for meetings, seminars and other uses;
- expanded and more efficient photocopy service;
- seating capacity has been increased to 364.

Faculty updates

• Professor **Marc Stickgold's** article, "Yesterday's Paranoia is Today's Reality: Documentation of Police Surveillance of First Amendment Activity", will appear in the *Journal of Urban Law*, as part of its Symposium on Police Surveillance of Political Activity. Professor Stickgold's recent travels have included participation in a national conference on government spying in Ann Arbor, Michigan; training attorneys and paralegals in Alaska as consultant to the Legal Services Corporation; and serving as Golden Gate's representative, along with Professor **William Weiner**, at the California Clinical Education Conference in Los Angeles, where faculty from the fifteen ABA-approved California law schools, together with members of the bench and bar, discussed issues in clinical legal education, and its directions for the future.



Development Director Sandra Bovetti

Meet Sandra Bovetti . . . Our First Lady of Fund Raising

Actually, many alumni are already long-time friends of the law school's new Director of Development, who is herself a graduate of the class of '76. And others remember Sandra Bovetti from even before her student days here, when she worked as the assistant to then-Dean Lani Bader, from 1970-73. So for Sandra, this new position is one she feels well prepared to fill.

After graduating, Sandra practiced law in Tulare County, handling both civil and criminal cases, including a variety of pro bono matters. How does she enjoy the transition from raising defenses to raising funds? "It's marvellous," she laughs. "I love working with people, and I've already gotten so many nice letters from alums. I'm looking forward to seeing them all again. I want everyone to see the new building, too."

How does Golden Gate appear to the philanthropic eye? "We're competing well with other schools," Sandra is happy to report. "GGU's reputation is growing very strong." The community realizes the unique value of our institution, in her opinion. Our location, our style, our varied resources are becoming widely known. Sandra is especially keen on the night school and the opportunities which it provides to worthy people to whom the legal profession would otherwise be closed.

Sandra's immediate projects are to obtain funding for the new child care center, primarily from private foundations; to increase the number of student scholarships and faculty research grants; and to build an unrestricted general endowment.

Sandra's buoyant personality and her great interest in every aspect of the school's development have already led her into many other activities as well. For instance, she is helping to coordinate a fifth year reunion this summer for the class of '74. And she has even promised to write a column for the *Alumni Forum*. Sandra is also kept quite busy at home: she is the mother of a sixteen-month-old girl named Kristiana.

Anybody wishing to get in touch with Sandra should call her at the Development Office. The number is 442-7275.

• Peripatetic Professor **Tom Goetzl**, who has been visiting Memphis State University School of Law this term, is leaving his mark on Tennessee jurisprudence. Four separate bills which he drafted have been introduced into the state legislature there. The bills, modelled on similar California bills which he authored, concern artists' rights to resale royalties.

Goetzl spoke at the AALS convention panel in Chicago in January as part of the Art Law section. In February, he spoke in Washington, D.C. to the College Art Association, along with a number of lawyers attached to the Smithsonian Institution.

Goetzl reports that he misses GGU and the Bay Area, but loves the music at the Grand Ole Opry. He'll return to teach here again in the fall.

• Neil Levy's article "Arithmetic and the American Motorcycle Association" and Jan Kosel's article "Small Claims Court Jurisdiction Experiment" both appeared in the *CTLA Forum* for March 1979.

Placement Projects For Grads

by Laura Greenfield,
Law Placement Director

This Spring we have dedicated substantial amounts of time in the Law Placement Office to projects aimed at Golden Gate Law School graduates.

Many of you responded to the Graduate Directory Questionnaire we mailed out last fall and we have finally completed collating your responses. Now the printer is performing her duty and you will soon receive an order form from us to purchase copies, at cost.

Also in the works is the Golden Gate Law School Graduate Job Opportunities Newsletter. Following in the footsteps of Boalt and Hastings, we will now offer subscriptions to our monthly newsletter which will list all the attorney jobs that we receive in the Placement Office. The list will be continually revised and mailed out at the beginning of each month.

Subscriptions begin with the July 1979 edition and for \$10.00 you will receive a copy every month for one year. If you would like to participate, please send a check in the amount of \$10.00 made out to Golden Gate University by May 31st to the Law Placement Office, including your name and mailing address. Please advise us immediately if your address changes.

If you have any questions about the content of the newsletter, feel free to call us at 442-7257.

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GGU to be home of another CEB publication... Civil Litigation Reporter

The Law School will be the home of yet another publication of the Continuing Education of the Bar (CEB), with the first issue of the *Civil Litigation Reporter* scheduled for late May or June. Professor Morton P. Cohen will serve as Editor of this new periodical, joining Professor Roger Bernhardt (*Real Property Law Reporter*) as only the second law professor in the state to edit a CEB Reporter— and both from Golden Gate!

Professor Cohen will be working with Bruce Vanyo of McCutchen, Doyle, Brown and Enerson, Contributing Editor, and Golden Gate law students Elliot Smith and Anne Bouliane, Associate Editors.

“The original concept of a Civil Procedure Reporter was expanded to include all phases of the litigation process, from the decision whether to take a case, through discovery, and into the settlement and trial aspects of a case as well,” explains Cohen. “We’ll also cover new evidence rules, appeals procedures, and anything else of value to the attorney working in civil litigation.”

The *Reporter* will include recent State and Federal cases, new court rules, and explanations of pending and newly-approved legislation affecting litigation. Additionally, Cohen intends to present editorial viewpoints on the subjects covered, and open the *Reporter* up to guest opinions and comments by practitioners.

“We want the *Reporter* to be a practical aid to the attorney. To do so we’ll get into strategy and trial tactics in addition to reporting new cases, rules, etc. We think the practitioner wants this type of coverage, and with a statewide network of sources and commentators we hope to provide an invaluable publication for litigators.”

The *Civil Litigation Reporter* will be published every six weeks by the CEB. More information as to subscriptions, etc., is available from CEB, 2150 Shattuck Avenue, Berkeley, CA 94704.

Tobriner to Speak At Graduation

Associate Justice of the California Supreme Court Mathew O. Tobriner will speak at the Law School’s graduation exercises which will take place on June 2 in Nourse Auditorium in San Francisco. Both students and faculty members had expressed great interest in inviting the Justice to speak at the occasion, reports Molly Stelmack, who is spokesperson for the graduation committee, and everyone involved was happy that he has accepted.

Client Counselling Competition Held

Golden Gate hosted twelve California law school teams for the client counselling competition March 10. The teams were judged on how they interviewed the client and how they related legal issues to the client’s problem.

The Golden Gate team of Karen Hawkins, and Tom Kristoff, placed as semi-finalists.



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