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GOLDEN GATE UNIVERSITY  
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CLASS OF  
2007  
COMMENCEMENT



*Friday, the Eleventh of May*  
*Two Thousand Seven*  
*Nob Hill Masonic Center*  
*San Francisco*  
*Two O'Clock PM*

# PROGRAM

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<b>GREETING</b>	<b>Dean Frederic White</b> <i>Golden Gate University School of Law</i>
<b>WELCOME</b>	<b>Dr. Dan Angel, President</b> <i>Golden Gate University</i>
<b>STUDENT FAREWELLS</b>	<i>JD Class of 2007: Nicole Sato</i> <i>Graduate Law Programs Class of 2007: Esther Laatsch</i>
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<b>PAUL S. JORDAN ACHIEVEMENT AWARD</b>	<b>Melissa J. Newcomer</b> <i>Service and Contribution</i> <i>Class of 2007</i>
<b>CONFERRING OF DEGREES</b>	<b>Dean Frederic White</b> <b>Associate Dean and Distinguished Professor Sompong Sucharitkul</b> <i>Hooding of Scientiae Juridicae Doctor (SJD) Graduates</i> <i>Master of Laws (LLM) in International Legal Studies</i> <b>Associate Professor Marc Greenberg</b> <i>Master of Laws (LLM) in Intellectual Property Law</i> <b>Associate Dean and Associate Professor Kimberly Stanley</b> <i>Master of Laws (LLM) in Taxation</i> <b>Associate Dean and Professor Jon H. Sylvester</b> <i>Master of Laws (LLM) in United States Legal Studies</i> <b>Dean Frederic White</b> <i>Doctor of Jurisprudence (JD)</i>
<b>ALUMNI WELCOME</b>	<b>Jim O'Neil (MBA 86)</b> <i>President, GGU Alumni Association</i>
<b>CLOSING REMARKS</b>	<b>Dean Frederic White</b>

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### Key to JD Candidates

✕ Highest Honors	● <i>Golden Gate University Environmental Law Journal</i>
‡ Honors	□ <i>Golden Gate University Environmental Law Journal Editorial Board</i>
❖ Honors Lawyering Program (HLP)	❖ <i>Golden Gate University Law Review</i>
✦ JD/MBA	○ <i>Golden Gate University Law Review Editorial Board</i>
◆ JD/PhD	
♡ Public Interest Law Scholars Program	

### Certificates of Specialization

B Business Law	Li Litigation
C Criminal Law	P Public Interest Law
E Environmental Law	RE Real Estate Law
I International Law	T Tax Law
IP Intellectual Property Law	

Golden Gate University School of Law and the Class of 2007 wish to recognize the 2007 Graduation Committee for its hard work, enthusiasm, and dedication in helping coordinate Commencement and other graduation events. The 2007 Graduation Committee members are Clarissa Hilma Cannavino, Jenna Leigh Holthouse, Melissa J. Newcomer, Shikha Paul, and Perla Sanchez.

RECIPIENTS OF LAW SCHOOL  
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*(In alphabetical order by scholarship name)*

**Kimberly Iree Chew**  
*Alumni Association Endowed Scholarship*

**Lisa Michelle Dupuy**  
**Reuben Christopher Hart**  
**Philip Krayna**  
*Leon A. & Esther F. Blum Foundation  
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Scholarship*

**John Edward Varga**  
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**Nichole Marie Torres**  
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**Carolyn Marie Lee**  
*Catherine Sherburne-Thompson Endowed  
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**Carolyn Marie Lee**  
**Matthew Ahner Wood**  
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## STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

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**Julia Perelman**

*Faculty Award for Academic Excellence  
in Civil Litigation*

**Kirsten Marianne Kwasneski**

*Faculty Award for Academic Excellence  
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*Faculty Award for Academic Excellence  
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**Richard Henry Sinkoff**

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*Faculty Award for Academic Excellence  
in Labor and Employment Law*

**Owen Tipps**

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in Legal Writing*

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**Reid M. Miller**

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**Susana Angelica Garcia**

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**Esther Laatsch**

*Outstanding LLM Student Award*

**Catherine Anne Tullner**

*Outstanding Achievement in Public  
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**Reuben Christopher Hart**

*J. Lani Bader Award for Academic  
Excellence*

**Holly Dana Bressett**

*Rose Elizabeth Bird Award for  
Professionalism and Integrity*

**Melissa J. Newcomer**

*Paul S. Jordan Achievement Award for  
Service and Contribution*