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Dear Alumni and Friends,

It has been an honor to step into the role of Interim Dean this year. Nearly midway through the academic year, I have enjoyed several opportunities to meet our distinguished alumni and others to share news about our incoming class, the substantive, unique programs in which our students are participating, and our outstanding faculty, including four new professors.

In this issue, you will read about GGU Law’s new and visiting professors. Their combined scholarship, teaching, and professional expertise support our continuing focus on combining rigorous academics with practice-rich lawyering skills, ensuring that our students are prepared for a dynamic future in the shifting legal market.

Our feature story is focused on this very theme: the connection between legal theory and practice, particularly as the relationship between these cultivates students’ development of their professional identity. In this piece, you will read dialogues and perspectives from GGU Law students, professors and alumni across various areas of law. The collection of conversations and perspectives showcases what has always been, and continues to be, GGU Law’s greatest strength—our community members’ unique personal stories, critical perspectives, and excellence in translating theory into practice.

In addition, this issue shares highlights of the Chief Justice Ronald M. George Distinguished Lecture, held in late October, on the theme of LGBT issues in the judiciary. We were most fortunate to have former Chief Judge Vaughn Walker as our 2012 Lecturer, Morrison & Foerster Chair Emeritus Keith Wetmore as our panel moderator, and two distinguished women jurists as panel participants.

As always, we are most proud of current students and alumni. 1L student Andrea Durio, profiled in the following pages, is the first recipient of GGU Law’s Stephen S. Dunham Scholarship, created in partnership with The Morrison & Foerster Foundation. Her story, combined with the class notes in every issue and the tremendous work of our professors, serves as the best testament to the exceptional quality and diversity of both our students and our programs.

This spring, I encourage you to find ways to connect or reconnect with GGU Law. Our alumni and law career services offices offer programs and events that enable you to earn CLE credit, provide students with valuable career advice and build and deepen your professional network. Please save April 18, 2013 for GGU Law’s Class Reunion. This year’s Reunion will be for the graduating classes ending in 3s and 8s. We invite you, whether near or far, to join us (details are on the event calendar on p. 35).

Sincerely,

Rachel Van Cleave, Interim Dean
Congratulations to Participating Schools at the First Annual GGU Professor Bernie L. Segal Criminal Mock Trial Competition

American University Washington College of Law
The Catholic University of America Columbus School of Law
Interamerican University of Puerto Rico School of Law
Maurice A. Deane School of Law at Hofstra University
Michigan State University College of Law
Southern Illinois University School of Law
Stetson University School of Law
The State University of New York Buffalo Law School
Tulane University Law School
University of Maryland Francis King Carey School of Law
University of Missouri at Kansas City School of Law
William and Mary Law School

The highly successful competition, held over three days in early November, featured 12 law schools from across the country, 21 trials, 70+ judges/evaluators, a full 12-person jury for the final trial in Sonoma, five Bay Area courthouses, three receptions, 30+ GGU litigation student volunteers, two extremely hard-working Baxter Fellows, and one exhausted, exceptionally skillful Director of the GGU Litigation Center, Associate Professor Wes Porter.

First Place for GGU Mock Trial Team

GGU Law’s mock trial team took first place this fall at the San Francisco Trial Lawyers Association (SFTLA) competition at the Ninth Circuit, triumphing over Stanford, Hastings and USF. GGU also took first place in the Northwest region of the ABA Labor and Employment Mock Trial Competition, triumphing over Berkeley, Hastings and USF.

The Intellectual Property Center Externship Committee

With Twitter, Pinterest and Zynga offices within blocks of the school, GGU sits in the middle of the one of the most dynamic technology centers in the world outside of Silicon Valley. David Jargiello, a new Adjunct Professor at the School of Law and member of the Intellectual Property Center Advisory Board, has been named as the Chairman of a newly formed Externship Committee that will work with alumni, local business leaders and local tech companies to identify externship opportunities for IP students. To get involved, share opportunities, or learn more, contact Mr. Jargiello at david@jargiello.com, or Professor William Gallagher at wgallagher@gu.edu.

If you wish to help GGU Law students or recent alumni secure externships or other job opportunities, please contact GGU’s Law Career Services at lawcareer@gu.edu.

Praise for Graduate Law Programs at GGU

- GGU Law’s LL.M. in Taxation was ranked among the top 10 in the nation by 151 heads of corporate tax departments
- *Recorder* readers ranked GGU Law’s LL.M. graduate programs among the top 3 in the state for a second year.
With an undergraduate degree in psychology and a master’s degree in education with a concentration on special education, Andrea is currently working as a first and second grade special education teacher at Markham Elementary in East Oakland while pursuing her law degree. Though Andrea’s childhood included tremendous hurdles, she believes that the encouragement and opportunity she received along the way have contributed to her success in and beyond school. Andrea’s vocational choices and aspirations clearly and beautifully integrate her personal story, her intellect, and her values, and give new life to the phrase “pay it forward.” On a late Thursday afternoon, between teaching and her evening class, Andrea took some time to share her path and purpose in the GGU Law community.

**With your undergraduate and master’s focused so much on human development and education, one might expect you to go further into education or social work. What prompted you to choose law over these other fields in which many child advocates work?**

I believe teachers are important. I think education is foundational to helping young people. But I want to be in a position in which I am able to effect the most change. And for me that’s law. As a lawyer and child advocate, chances are I will be able to give children direct guidance and be there for them at critical times. But as a teacher, there are many policies that put barriers between you and students. I want to be more directly and holistically involved. Meaningful is a key word for me right now. I want to make education meaningful for every student, but I want to combine my love for children with my dream of being a lawyer, a dream that took root when I was six.

**How did that dream come about?**

I didn’t talk until I was five. When I finally spoke, my mother did not shut me up because she was afraid I would be silent again. By six, I was called ABC/CBS because I was broadcasting everyone’s business. And I was opinionated. By seven, people said I should be a lawyer. I agreed.
Who have been your great influences on your path to law school?

First, my brother. Due to tough situations at home and in the neighborhood, he ended up in juvenile hall when we were kids. Even though I wanted to support him emotionally, I also knew that as his little sister there was not much I could do to change his life. It was a helpless feeling, but I’m not one to wallow. I decided the best way I could help my brother was to find a way to help people like him. I get a great deal of satisfaction from helping young people in distress. My second great influence was my eighth grade teacher, Ms. DuBois. When I was in third grade, the teacher told my mother I could not read, which was not true. I was simply reading more slowly than my classmates. After that, I feared public speaking and believed I was not as smart as other kids, even though in my home life I was handling much more responsibility and dealing with more challenging situations than many of my peers. But by eighth grade, Ms. DuBois said my writing was clearer than that of most of my peers. She complimented me and she helped me develop my skills. After her class, no one could ever tell me I wasn’t a good student. She really cared about her students and invited students and their families to Sunday dinner and to tea. And she was a great teacher. In addition to teaching at our school, she was a community college professor and gave us access to the same kinds of lessons she taught there, adapting them to our age group. I try to do the same with my students, take complex ideas and make them accessible.

Why did you choose GGU Law and what do you look forward to while you’re here?

I wanted to attend law school part-time so I could continue to work as a teacher and GGU Law’s part-time evening program is ideal for this. GGU Law’s public interest programs have an excellent national reputation and I hope to explore areas of youth law related to special education policy and young people in the foster care system. Because I am a part-time student, I will have three summers instead of two and I hope to study abroad. When I visited the school, the upper-year students I met were extremely helpful and open. They even offered me books for free. That didn’t happen at other places I visited. GGU is really a law school family. We’re all here to help each other. ///

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Andrea Durio
Susanne Aronowitz
Associate Dean of Law Career Services

Benedetta Faedi Duramy
Associate Professor
Faedi Duramy presented a paper at the Law and Society Association annual meeting in Honolulu, HI in June. Her presentation was entitled “Women in the Aftermath of the 2010 Haitian Earthquake.”

William Gallagher
Professor
Co-Director of the Intellectual Property Law Center
Gallagher presented papers based on his empirical studies of IP lawyers entitled “Patent Prosecutors, Innovation, and Ethics in Everyday Legal Practice” at the annual Law and Society Association annual meeting in Honolulu, HI and at the 12th Annual IP Law Scholars conference at Stanford Law School in August. He also published a review of *The Oxford Handbook of Empirical Legal Research* in the *Law & Society Review*. Gallagher has also been selected to serve as outside scholarly reviewer for the Republic of Georgia National Science Foundation research grant program.

Karen Gebbia
Associate Professor
Gebbia has been appointed to the Publications Board of the ABA Business Law Section.

Marc Greenberg
Professor
Co-Director of the Intellectual Property Law Center
Greenberg presented a talk on “The Year in Copyright” at the San Francisco IP Law Association meeting held in Healdsburg, CA. He served once again as a panelist at the Hot Topics panel of the Comic Book Law School program at the San Diego International ComicCon. Greenberg also presented a paper based on his forthcoming book, entitled *Comic Art, Creativity and the Law* at the 12th Annual IP Law Scholars Conference, held at Stanford Law School in August.

Helen Kang
Associate Professor
Director of the Environmental Law and Justice Clinic
Kang’s article “Use of Role Play and Interview Modes in Law Clinic Case Rounds to Teach Essential Legal Skills and to Maximize Meaningful Participation,” was published in the *Clinical Law Review*. Her article “Recognizing the Link among Climate Change, Food, and Poverty” was published in the September-October 2012 issue of the *Clearinghouse Review*.

Paul Kibel
Professor
Co-Director of the Center on Urban Environmental Law
Kibel presented a paper in August at the International Union for the Conservation of Nature (IUCN) Academy of Environmental Law Colloquium at University of Maryland Francis King Carey School of Law in Baltimore. His presentation focused on the Alameda Point project of the GGU Center on Urban Environmental Law (CUEL). Kibel also attended the annual State Bar Environmental Law Section conference at Yosemite in October, where he presented on a panel on climate adaptation and water resources.
Wes Porter  
Associate Professor  
Director of the Litigation Center  
Porter made presentations at several scholarly events, including a panel on “Giants of Fraud” as part of a lecture series on Ethics in the Professions at the University of Hawaii Law School (Shidler School of Business). Porter was also one of only ten law professors invited to participate in a conference on “Educating Tomorrow’s Lawyers” (ETL). He not only moderated a panel at this conference, but was also named a fellow of ETL.

Alan Ramo  
Professor  
Co-Director of the Center on Urban Environmental Law  

Marci Seville  
Professor  
Director of the Women’s Employment Rights Clinic  
Seville presented in June at the International Institute for the Sociology of Law in Oñati, Spain at a conference entitled “Reglas de funcionamiento corporativo y de flexibilidad interna en las empresas innovadoras (Organizational behaviour and internal flexibility rules in innovative companies).” Her paper was titled “The Changing Workplace and the Future Role of Unions and Collective Bargaining in the United States.” She will publish a version of this paper as a chapter in a forthcoming book to be published by Dykinson Press, entitled Internal Flexibility and Innovation in the Workplace. Seville also made presentations in June in San Sebastián and Bilbao, Spain for students and law school faculty on U.S. labor and employment law.
Associate Professor Kathleen Morris came to GGU from the San Francisco City Attorney’s Office, where she was a constitutional and public policy litigator and the founding Executive Director of the City Attorney’s Affirmative Litigation Task Force. As a litigator, Morris helped lead the City’s legal team challenging California’s marriage laws in state court; headed up the City’s challenge to the federal Partial-Birth Abortion Ban Act of 2003; and handled approximately one hundred additional cases on various subjects for the City of San Francisco. As Task Force Executive Director, Morris helped oversee the development of a comprehensive affirmative litigation docket for the San Francisco City Attorney’s Office. In her first year as Executive Director, she co-founded the San Francisco Affirmative Litigation Project at Yale Law School, through which law students work with deputy city attorneys to investigate, develop, and litigate cutting-edge public policy cases. In spring 2008, Morris was a Visiting Lecturer at Yale Law School. From 2009-2010, she was a Visiting Assistant Professor at Rutgers-Camden Law School, where she taught Property and a local government course. She has lectured widely on the subjects of constitutional law and progressive public law practice, and taught related courses at Berkeley Law in the spring of 2007 and 2009. This year, she will teach Property and Pretrial Civil Litigation.

Morris has a J.D. from the University of California, Berkeley School of Law; a Masters in Politics from the University of Edinburgh, Scotland, where she was a Rotary Scholar; and a B.A. from C.S.U. Northridge. She clerked for the Honorable Sidney R. Thomas, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit. 

Associate Professor Eleanor Lumsden has been a Visiting Assistant Professor at GGU for the past two years, and has been teaching both Torts and Business Associations. Prior to GGU, she was the Associate Director of Development for Reunion Giving at Stanford Law School and an associate at the San Francisco office of Orrick, Herrington & Sutcliffe, where she practiced in the Global Finance group. Before her time at Orrick, Herrington & Sutcliffe, Lumsden clerked for the Honorable Louisa Porter, a Federal Magistrate Judge, at the U.S. District Court in the Southern District of California. This year, she will teach Torts in the fall, and will spend the spring semester as a Fulbright Scholar in Jamaica, where she will teach a course on U.S. Business Associations and conduct an independent research project regarding poverty, mobile technology, and development in the Caribbean.* Lumsden earned her A.B. in Politics from Princeton University and her J.D. from NYU School of Law. At NYU, she was a Root-Tilden-Kern Scholar, and a Junior Fellow at the Center for International Studies. While at NYU, she served as an intern to Dr. Nabil Elaraby at the United Nations International Law Commission in Geneva, Switzerland. She also interned at the Global Policy Forum and for the Project on International Courts and Tribunals in New York. 

*Read more on p.19.
Visiting Associate Professor Jamie Lund joins us from St. Mary’s University Law School in San Antonio, where she headed the school’s intellectual property program and helped draft and implement a university-wide intellectual property policy. Prior to teaching, Lund worked at the law firm Irell & Manella in Los Angeles, where she worked on a diverse range of matters, including the representation of a Fortune 500 company in state-wide employment law actions and pro bono client the Navajo Nation in disputes relating to the uranium pollution of Navajo lands. She also participated in the prestigious LA County Bar’s Trial Advocacy Program, serving as a volunteer prosecutor with the Ventura County District Attorney’s office. This year, Lund will teach Civil Procedure and Copyright. Lund graduated with her J.D. with honors from the University of Chicago Law School and with her bachelor of music cum laude from Brigham Young University.

Visiting Associate Professor Rachel Alexander joins us from the University of South Dakota School of Law, where she was Associate Professor of Law and Director of Legal Writing. In that position, she directed the Fundamental Legal Skills Program, including direction of all skills-based curricula, and taught required and elective courses in research, writing, and drafting as well as courses such as Employment Discrimination and Disability Law. She was also nominated for every university and law school teaching award and served as the advisor to the law review, moot court board, DTP legal fraternity, and OUTlaws. Prior to teaching, Alexander practiced employment and labor law, where she litigated cases and administrative matters across the country, including arguments before the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals as well as the California Supreme Court and Court of Appeal. This year, she will direct and teach the first-year Legal Writing & Research program.
SINCE THE 2007 publication of the Carnegie report, *Educating Lawyers*, law professors and law schools have emphasized the importance of experiential learning and skills-infused courses in preparing practice-ready graduates. Many share news about innovative courses and cutting edge programs that address this pedagogical imperative.

At GGU Law, the Carnegie report affirmed the wisdom of the practical legal education we’ve been offering and enhancing for decades. Today we continue to honor this long-standing tradition, most recently by introducing new first-year and graduation requirements that demand students not only master the law, but also apply it substantively — whether in trial advocacy, externships or in new practice-rich programs like 1st STEP, our summer litigation training program. We are consistently impressed by how our professors and students — through academic research, professional work experience, and course content — harness legal theory to approach real-world issues and problems.

We are inspired by our community’s stories — the unique ways in which students, professors and alumni connect and apply substantive legal theory, research, skills, and their personal passions to carve their professional paths. Bringing a wealth of diverse life experiences and academic substance to all they do, GGU Law professors, students, and alumni find their greatness in myriad ways both in and beyond the classroom.

Here are some of their stories.
Cyclist Jared Cohen (JD 11) Rides into Solo Law Practice

by Jan Nussbaum, Assistant Director for Professional Development

Jared Cohen (JD 11) found his niche in solo law practice with the help of GGU Law alumni. In January of this year, Law Career Services held an all-day workshop on how to start and run a solo law practice. A group of nine law alumni from different practice areas provided nuts and bolts advice. View the workshop at http://goo.gl/w4gd1.

Jared had been contemplating starting his own firm but was hesitant since he hadn’t been out of law school for long.

“The panelists at the workshop said that they had no idea what they were doing substantively or operationally when they started their own practices, but they just did it anyway,” Jared recalled. “So it was the kick in the ass I needed to get out there and start my own practice. As a matter of fact, that is exactly what family law attorney Janet Mangini (JD 79, LHD 99) said when I told her of my hesitancy — ‘just do it!’”

Janet not only gave Jared words of encouragement, but after they met at the workshop, she mentored Jared throughout his first case. She provided feedback on the legal documents that he’d drafted, and also answered basic questions that new attorneys often struggle with, such as the best way to do proof of service.

Jared also received support from Gary Dubrovsky (JD 08), whom Jared met during law school through the Family Law Externship course. “I stopped by Gary’s office this past March just to say hi, and Gary asked me whether I wanted to help him out at his office a few days a week. This has been an invaluable experience since I get to see how another solo runs his office, and it provides me with some extra income while I’m getting my practice off the ground,” Jared explained.

An avid cyclist who you may see riding around San Francisco, Jared is expanding his practice to take on personal injury and other legal matters affecting cyclists. (Jared also serves on the San Francisco Bicycle Advisory Committee, a city appointed position.) “GGU Law and its alumni have helped boost my confidence to go into solo practice and take on cases of genuine interest to me. I am much indebted and look forward to doing the same for newer attorneys who come after me.”

Note: GGU Law is creating a program to formalize support between alumni solo practitioners through an online forum and regular in person get-togethers. If you would like to participate, contact Jan Nussbaum, Assistant Director for Professional Development at jnussbaum@ggu.edu.
Training for Solo Success: Otis Landerholm (JD 10)

by Otis Landerholm

My experience at GGU from 2007 to 2010 prepared me for being a sole practitioner in the field of immigration law in five ways:

1. GGU Law is located two blocks from one of the finest and busiest immigration courts in the United States. This convenient location allowed me to observe immigration court hearings on a regular basis.

2. My adjunct professor of Immigration Law was Immigration Judge Carol King. Nothing beats learning from a judge you appear in front of on a regular basis!

3. GGU Law’s Honors Lawyering Program (HLP) allowed me to take a whole semester off of school (while still graduating on time) to do a full-time internship. I seized that opportunity and apprenticed at an international non-profit called Asylum Access in Quito, Ecuador where I practiced asylum law in Spanish before the Ecuadorian government. That experience was unforgettable.

4. GGU Law’s clinics and externship opportunities gave me the practical training that I needed to build my confidence enough to go solo. While at GGU, I participated in five different internships: I practiced landlord/tenant law with the HLP law firm in the summer of 2008, I worked with Asylum Access as mentioned above in the fall of 2008, I interned at a small private firm specializing in family law in the summer of 2009, I interned for a federal court magistrate (now a judge) in the fall of 2009, and I interned at the San Francisco Public Defender’s office in the spring of 2010. These opportunities not only allowed me to see a wide variety of legal issues, but also allowed me to see how different lawyers run their offices. It was by far the most valuable part of my law school education.

5. GGU’ Laws faculty, staff and student organizations (with special thanks to the National Lawyers Guild) provided me with the only remedy to prevent burnout: inspiration! I went into law school afraid that it would turn me into a passionless businessman, a conformist in our dog-eat-dog system. After three years of law school, I felt more invigorated to fight against the injustices in our midst, to do what I can to help low income folks, and to be a great lawyer, all at the same time.

I have been in business for just under two years, and have already helped more than 150 clients with various legal issues. I have successfully argued motions before immigration and civil trial courts, and I have prevented the deportation of many thankful clients. Business is booming. I have expanded my office, hired two employees, and also recently brought on an all-star student intern from my beloved GGU Law! I am truly thankful to GGU Law for the experiences that have shaped my success. More info: www.landerholmlawoffice.com. ///
Trans-Formative Work: Milo Beitman (JD 12)

by Professor Michele Benedetto Neitz

GGU Law hosted a national conference in March 2010, with generous support from the Elfenworks Foundation. The conference, titled "Vulnerable Populations and Economic Realities: An Inter-disciplinary Approach to Law Teaching," put GGU Law on the map in national Poverty Law circles. Students assisted with numerous logistics for the conference, and as the conference coordinator I was especially impressed with Milo Beitman, a first-year law student at the time. Two years later, Milo volunteered for a second Poverty Law conference, the Trina Grillo Public Interest Retreat, which we hosted in March 2012.

Milo was also an outstanding student in my Poverty Law class, in which students are introduced to the unique legal issues of the poor. We focus on topics relating to how the legal system deals with access to justice and indigency. Milo’s paper for the class was an exceptional analysis of medical-legal partnerships in the transgender community. A 2012 GGU Law graduate, Milo is currently a law fellow at the International Justice Resource Center.

What motivated you to give up spring break and weekends to volunteer for the Poverty Law conferences? I never felt I was sacrificing to attend these conferences. I saw them as opportunities to engage with the public interest community and learn how to become an advocate for change. My motivation came from my desire to learn and build a foundation to become a public interest lawyer.

How did the Poverty Law conferences inspire your career goals? These conferences were an enormous inspiration. I met practitioners creating change and paving the way for the next generation of lawyers. I saw how I might be able to build upon the work being done and began developing an idea with a friend to start a medical-legal partnership (MLP) for the Bay Area transgender community. Compared to others in the LGBT community, individuals who are both transgender and people of color face disproportionate challenges. Seeing these contrasts in poverty law ignited my conviction to fight for transgender folks of color. We need to combat these injustices through a competent and comprehensive direct legal and medical service organization and serve this community that remains vulnerable to discrimination and marginalization.

How did the Poverty Law class refine your career objectives? I waited until my 3L year to take Poverty Law and it was worth the wait. I was able to engage with you and my classmates on imperative issues in the legal community affecting economically disempowered members of society. Through the class’s final paper and symposium, I was able to further develop my non-profit organization (NPO) by researching and addressing the key issues affecting transgender people and communities of color. I discovered enormous challenges facing gender non-conforming people attempting to access medical care. The lack of legal remedies further marginalize this community, creating a disturbing correlation between poverty, gender identity, and unjust treatment under the law.

Where do you plan to go from here with your project? We are in the beginning stages of building the T.R.A.N.S. Medical and Legal Alliance. We are meeting with various community members and local non-profits and MLP’s to create a plan of action, including funding. We are searching for interested community members and attorneys to join us and hopefully make this NPO a reality.

As transgender people we are motivated to do this work so that those who are less privileged can be safer and happier. We need more collaborators who believe in our gender justice “trans-formative” work. As transgender legal, medical, and research professionals we hope to pave the way for our community by being visible advocates and providing care through a holistic medical and legal approach. ///
Coalitions, Collaboration, and Client Skills: Kelly Densmore (JD 13)

by Professor Marci Seville, Director of the Women’s Employment Rights Clinic

Kelly was a student in the Women’s Employment Rights Clinic (WERC) in 2011. WERC gives students collaborative, hands-on experience representing low wage workers. For the past several years, the clinic has taken on legislative and regulatory advocacy to address workplace policies affecting our clients. Students assist clients from different class and cultural backgrounds, requiring many of our students to move out of their comfort zones and engage in cross-cultural lawyering.

Why did you enroll in WERC? I was excited about the clinic’s hands-on approach to learning lawyering skills. I was interested in gaining experience with clients in employment law with the supervision of a GGU Law professor. I was also interested in the clinic’s work with the California Domestic Worker’s Bill of Rights. When I was young, one of my mother’s main sources of income was domestic work. I have wanted to work on behalf of domestic workers since watching my mother struggle to stand up for her rights. I quickly learned that my mother’s experience as a white worker was very different than some of the experiences of the women of color I assisted at WERC.

Tell us about how your background led you to WERC. Before coming to law school I worked for a national non-profit organization called COLAGE that builds community, supports leadership, and advocates for youth with Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual Transgender and/or Queer (LGBT) parents. I met youth in LGBT families from across the United States whose family backgrounds, daily lives, and cultures differed greatly from my own, even though we all had LGBT parents. I wanted to do more work in cross-cultural situations, particularly while doing legal advocacy.

What has your client work taught you? I learned how important it is to be realistic about how much time I spend working on a client’s case, to only commit to tasks that can be completed, and not to make promises about outcomes. I also learned that clear professional boundaries are not only necessary but are also preferred by clients.

Was this the first time you had worked in a collaborative legal team? WERC provided me with my first legal teamwork experience. Luckily, my teammate and I worked very well together. We used our different strengths to our client’s benefit. At one point, I thought my teammate was doing more of the “important work” by communicating directly with the client, but I soon learned that there are many aspects to legal advocacy, and stepped up my work on other equally important case tasks.

What skills did you learn from your client and policy work that have carried over or benefited you in other legal work experiences since? After participating in WERC I interned at the San Francisco Public Defender’s Office. Within my first week as an intern, I was asked to interview a client in jail. Because of the training I received at WERC, the task of doing a client interview was not daunting or intimidating. I felt prepared and knew how to formulate and organize my interview, and I understood the importance of making a client feel comfortable.
Katrina on the Faultlines: Bringing Hurricane Lessons Home: Kate Baldridge

by Interim Dean Rachel Van Cleave

Kate was a student in my Katrina and Disaster Law seminar last year. I designed this seminar to explore the various laws that touch on preventing, mitigating, and recovering from disaster. In addition to substantive legal issues ranging from torts to insurance to the Posse Comitatus Act, the course addressed numerous social justice issues, including why certain communities may be more or less resilient before, during and after disasters. I have written about the seminar in “Property Lessons in August Wilson’s The Piano Lesson and the Wake of Hurricane Katrina,” which appeared in the California Western Law Review. While publication was not a course requirement, Kate’s excellent paper, which addresses San Francisco’s challenges in disaster preparedness has been published in The Urban Lawyer, the ABA’s national journal published quarterly by the Section on State and Local Government Law.

Why did you enroll in this seminar? I knew coming into law school that I was interested in a career in environmental law, but since that is a broad field, the seminar’s interdisciplinary approach helped to narrow my focus while learning new areas of the law. In addition, the opportunity to research and write an article in a structured environment improved my writing skills for both my Law Review article and writing assignments in my internships.

Describe the topic of your research and paper. The largest impediment to earthquake resilience in San Francisco lies in its existing housing stock, particularly that of soft-story buildings, which are most vulnerable to failure. In this regard, San Francisco is uniquely positioned to serve as an example to municipalities across the country in disaster preparation because it has already recognized its greatest vulnerability and may be able to take preventive action before a disaster scenario plays out. My article traces San Francisco’s attempt and failure to legislatively address the problem.

Tell us a little bit about your background before coming to law school that led you to your topic. Having lived in two of Europe’s old urban cities, I saw the impact that the built environment in the old urban centers has had on the development of culture. It is also clear that the failure of infrastructure can lead to devastating effects, as seen in the wake of Hurricane Katrina. Before law school, I was an environmental planner and worked on large infrastructure projects. My first internship in law school was at the City and County of San Francisco where I observed that the local government’s focus on new development detracted from the maintenance of existing infrastructure.

My course did not require that you seek publication, so what prompted you to do so? The old adage “earthquakes don’t kill people, buildings do” should actually be “earthquakes don’t kill people, bad governments do.” My research demonstrated that resilience in the wake of natural disasters, not just earthquakes, is largely dependent on the government’s preparation and planning.

In San Francisco, one of the most progressive, wealthy, and arguably most regulated cities in the world, over ten years of studying the city’s weak infrastructure has resulted in little action to fix it. I sought publication of this article in order to draw attention to the ability, and failure, of local governments to protect their citizens from the effects of natural disasters.

Anything else you would like to add about your experience in this course? The small class size fostered open discussion and commanded preparation. You simply cannot fake your way through a discussion of the Posse Comitatus Act. In addition to hours of classroom discussion, you were available for discussion pertaining to our individual research papers, which provided an opportunity to solicit advice and guidance in the writing process. Because this was my first legal research paper, this guidance was key to completing such an arduous task on a relatively short timeline. The experience was also crucial for preparing me for Law Review. While technically I wrote the articles concurrently, only after the completion of the seminar did I feel like I had a grasp of how to address the argument presented in my Law Review article. ///
Environmental Law Advocacy and Community Change: Lucas Williams (JD 08)

by Associate Professor Helen Kang, Director of the Environmental Law and Justice Clinic

Lucas Williams was a student and then a Graduate Fellow at the Environmental Law and Justice Clinic. The clinic provides JD and LL.M. students with close supervision while working on environmental cases affecting communities of color and the urban poor.

Why did you decide to practice in ELJC as a student? The clinic is the reason I came to GGU Law. I grew up in the Central Valley where the air pollution is near the worst in the country. Slaughterhouses, mega-dairies, and sewage plants in the Valley are usually in low-income, rural communities of color. Almost all of my friends had asthma. The choice of where to go to law school was easy: GGU had the only environmental justice clinic in California.

Why did you come back to work as a Graduate Fellow in ELJC? Working at the clinic as a student was the highlight of law school. It was thrilling to be an environmental justice advocate working on interesting cases, and you constantly challenged me to reflect on the big picture aspects of our advocacy. This combination made the Fellowship a dream job.

What kind of work did you do in ELJC as a Fellow? I had such a diverse caseload. One case stands out because of the clients. We represented a rural San Bernardino County community opposed to an open-air sewage sludge facility that hadn’t been well thought out. They fought long and hard for their community while working to earn a living and caring for their families. I also worked on the clinic’s energy cases with Professor Deborah Behles, cases aiming to move the state away from fossil-fuel based energy production to renewable energy. The novelty and broad impact of these cases were exciting.

Did your expectation of what the law could achieve for communities that suffer from pollution change during your Fellowship? My Fellowship expanded my understanding of what the law can achieve for communities suffering from pollution. Before being at the clinic I thought that a lawyer’s job was winning cases — to sue polluters to keep them from polluting. When your job is to represent communities who have suffered from systemic inequalities, your job is much more complicated. In our energy cases, for example, our job was not just to stop unnecessary power plants, but also to change the agencies’ thinking on a broader level: to have them consider the impact of their decision on communities living near power plants.

What are you doing now, and how is your work connected to your development as a lawyer? I work at the Lexington Law Group in San Francisco. Our practice focuses on enforcement of toxics laws and class actions targeting deceptive “greenwashing” of consumer products. I was hired in part to help expand the firm’s practice in areas such as air quality, in which I have expertise from my clinic work. At Lexington, I’ve acquired new skill sets in class action litigation. I am also fortunate to continue to work with lawyers who love practicing, are dedicated to their clients, and are constantly looking to improve as advocates. Visit law.ggu.edu/eljc to learn more about our work.
Jamaican Journey: Fulbright Scholar Returns Home to Pay It Forward

by Associate Professor Eleanor Lumsden

This December, I will travel to the island of Jamaica to begin a six-month adventure as a Fulbright Scholar at the University of the West Indies (UWI, pronounced “you-wee”). On the Mona campus in Jamaica’s capital Kingston, I will be immersed in university and community life, combining classroom teaching with independent research. I plan to teach a class in U.S. Business Associations, much like the class I teach at GGU. My research, in the area of mobile technology and development, will focus on the regulation of mobile banking in Jamaica and within the broader Caribbean Community (CARICOM). I am particularly interested in how financial innovations in payment systems and corresponding legal and regulatory reform may alter microenterprise and microfinance in Jamaica to provide for a more inclusive and secure financial system.

As a native of Jamaica, and as a professor of business law and torts, this project is both personal and practical. My family, including my grandmother, who was eventually followed by seven of her children, immigrated to the United States beginning in the 1960s; my mother arrived in 1976, and I followed three years later. As a child, I was often regaled with stories of how the family struggled to adjust to their first experience of bitter cold when they arrived in Albany, New York “in the middle of winter, with no coats, and never having seen snow before.”

I moved to San Francisco right after graduating from Princeton. Although California has been my adopted home for well over a decade, fond memories of my childhood in upstate New York, my law school days at NYU School of Law, and living in Brooklyn, are never far away. Similarly, memories of Jamaica are also ever present — being carried as a toddler on my grandfather’s shoulders as he, machete in hand, inspected crops and talked to neighbors, and many trips back throughout my childhood.

Jamaica is a small country with tremendous potential, and the country’s motto, “Out Of Many, One People,” reflects its complex racial history. Descendants of African, Chinese, Portuguese, Spanish, Syrian, East Indian, British, and Jewish immigrants are central to the island’s unique cultural heritage. Among its nearly three million inhabitants, this English-speaking, developing country boasts high literacy rates among women and men. Jamaicans are a determined and independent people. Evidence from the World Bank suggests that Jamaica is among the top 25 countries for starting a business. Although there is significant inequality in Jamaica, my research will focus on financial innovations that may put the small island nation on a different track — one in which an increasing number of Jamaicans could experience financial stability and prosperity.

Specifically, my research will seek to answer the question of whether Jamaica can implement regulatory reforms that allow people to take advantage of nascent mobile payment systems that would in turn stimulate the Jamaican economy and make a significant difference for those who are struggling to make ends meet. The Fulbright Grant will enable me to fulfill an old vow to return and give back to a country that has meant so much to my family. For both GGU and UWI, I anticipate that this project will promote mutual understanding and a future exchange of ideas. Not only will my research promote more awareness in the United States regarding economic issues in Jamaica, but also my collaboration with Jamaican students and faculty will doubtless influence both my teaching and scholarship at home. ///
Prosecutor’s Path: Samuel V. Luzadas, Jr. (JD 10)

by Associate Professor Wes Porter, Director of GGU Law’s Litigation Center

While at GGU Law, Sam Luzadas (JD 10) took full advantage of our unique programs, including the Honors Lawyering Program. His authentic passion and talent for litigation was clear from the beginning. While competing on GGU Law’s mock trial teams, Sam received the Best Advocate Award at the Regional AAJ Student Trial Advocacy Competition in 2009, was a member of GGU Law’s Championship SFTLA Mock Trial team in 2009, and was a member of GGU Law’s Semi-Finalist team at the ABA Criminal Justice Section National Criminal Justice Trial Advocacy Competition in Chicago, Illinois in 2010.

While actively participating in GGU Law litigation programs and mock trial teams, Sam also interned for the San Francisco District Attorney’s office in the misdemeanors and narcotics division. Upon graduation in 2010, Sam earned the award for most outstanding student in criminal litigation. After graduating, he continued to give back to the Litigation Center, serving as a Baxter Fellow preparing our mock trial teams for competitions and as Program Coordinator for our 1st STEP Program. Today, Sam serves as a Deputy District Attorney for Stanislaus County.

What about your background or family led you to law school? I first wanted to be a lawyer in high school, because a lot of my family were involved in law enforcement. Specifically, I wanted to be a prosecutor. Like my involvement in athletics growing up, I saw trial work as the ideal way to combine my competitiveness and work ethic. It was a skill set that I could acquire and put to immediate use in practice.

Why did you choose GGU Law and gravitate to the Litigation Center during law school? I chose GGU Law because of its reputation and success in training students as practice-ready trial attorneys. I immediately sought to learn all I could about our Litigation Center and its courses, programs, and competition opportunities. Two things confirmed litigation was for me: the experienced litigation professors were extremely accessible. Under the instructors’ watchful eyes, upper-division litigation students repeatedly demonstrated the teachings, showcased their talent and received pointed feedback. With that type of practice, guidance from those coaches, and my willingness to work, I knew I could succeed — in law school and thereafter in practice.

How did the Litigation Center prepare you for your current job? The Litigation Center is so much more than a single law school class, event or activity; it offers a system of skill training required for trial work, countless opportunities to exercise those skills and many diverse presentation styles to emulate. I took full advantage. While in law school, I internalized the skills and developed my own style and voice in the courtroom. I was able to articulate for Stanislaus County’s District Attorney office exactly how and why I was ready to perform. If they need me to go to trial, I can confidently respond, “Give me the file and I’ll pick a jury today.”
Describe how you, as a prosecutor, draw on your time at GGU Law and in the Litigation Center? Something that I cherish about litigation at GGU was my opportunity to work with a wide array of professors with different backgrounds, perspectives and presentation styles. I think of these mentors often in practice — each helped me become the attorney I am today and their different perspectives and voices are in my mind as I seek justice in individual cases.

Lastly, the Litigation Center emphasizes perfecting the basics and doing all the “little things” correctly. I fully appreciate this approach now that I am presenting in trials. Because I am more professionally prepared for presentation, I am free to focus on the next set of facts, the next argument, and the nuances of each new case. I firmly believe that because of GGU Law and my work in the Litigation Center I have an edge every time I step into the courtroom. ///

GGU Law Students Awarded California Bar Foundation Scholarships

This fall, the California Bar Foundation, through their highly selective Public Interest Scholarship Program, awarded scholarships to three outstanding GGU Law students aspiring to be public interest lawyers: Jessica M. Brown, Kathleen Flynn, and Kristi Schulenberg.

The scholarships, awarded to just 21 students statewide, are sponsored by law firms Latham & Watkins LLP, Milstein Adelman LLP, Munger, Tolles & Olson LLP, Seyfarth Shaw LLP, by the Foundation’s founding executive director Jim Pfeiffer, and by Daniel S. Goodman, a longtime prosecutor in the U.S. Attorney’s Office in Los Angeles.

Jessica M. Brown, Daniel S. Goodman Scholar

Jessica is particularly interested in working to advance fair trial rights, as well as promote justice for crime victims. Her internships with judges in the Supreme Court of California and the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda at The Hague showed her that justice requires a tremendous amount of resources, including good attorneys. She intends to pursue a career in criminal justice to help ensure our legal system attains fair and just results for all.

Kathleen Flynn

Katie attended journalism school at Columbia on a full academic scholarship and worked directly for Arianna Huffington at the Huffington Post. She has written about architecture, business, politics, and science, but has always returned to the topic she first reported on in high school — homelessness. While still a teenager herself, she wrote a feature on homeless youth, sharing their stories of hardship, isolation and abuse. As an advocate for homeless individuals, she intends to join a nonprofit focused on housing and homeless policy after law school.

Kristi Schulenberg

As a junior in college, Kristi joined an organization that led to a life-changing friendship. As a member of an anti-death penalty organization, she met Dan, a prisoner on death row. For seventeen years, the two exchanged letters and calls and Kristi visited him in prison. Last year, she spent time with him the week before his execution and witnessed his passing. Losing Dan inspired Kristi to serve individuals who need quality representation but lack the resources to pay for it. Upon graduation, she plans to pursue a career in immigration or criminal defense. ///
On October 29, more than 250 alumni, students, distinguished professors and jurists, and attorneys gathered at the PG&E Auditorium for the Fourth Annual Chief Justice Ronald M. George Lecture featuring former Chief Judge Vaughn Walker as the 2012 Lecturer. Their hopes for details about the case for which he is now best known were realized, even during his introduction by former California Supreme Court Chief Justice Ronald George, who joked that he continues to be a “warm-up act” for Walker, as Justice George wrote the decision in In re Marriage Cases preparatory to Judge Walker’s writing the opinion in Perry v. Brown on the issue of marriage equality. Judge Walker acknowledged the intense public interest in the Proposition 8-related case, sharing that at his recent, unrelated Commonwealth Club talk every question related to marriage equality. “Throwing in the towel” on his habitual discretion about the case given the “pretty remarkable few weeks recently,” Walker discussed the Windsor v. United States decision in which the Second Circuit Court of Appeals held Section 3 of the Defense of Marriage Act (DOMA) unconstitutional. Judge Walker noted that the Court arrived at the decision applying intermediate scrutiny analysis, one of three levels of scrutiny — strict, intermediate and rational — applied in related cases. After weaving together a substantive survey and critique of how earlier equality cases influenced contemporary cases involving gender equality, including the Prop 8 case, Judge Walker discussed two sources of resistance to equality, sharing personal and professional experiences.
Traditionalism as a form of resistance to equality

Judge Walker shared a story about Judge Robert Kelleher, for whom he had clerked earlier in his career. In 1971, Judge Kelleher was resistant to having a female law clerk, but as the world was quickly changing around him, he hired his first female law clerk in 1972. Judge Walker noted that Judge Kelleher was not a misogynist or close-minded, that in fact he had been instrumental in advancing the tennis careers of Billie Jean King and Arthur Ashe. At Judge Kelleher’s memorial, the speakers included two former female law clerks as well as Judge Walker. Judge Walker shared that the decreasing importance placed on gender identity, a movement spearheaded primarily by women, enabled Judge Kelleher to overcome his reflexive bias, and that the women’s movement has also paved the way for advances in gay and lesbian equality. Judge Walker concluded that this type of resistance can be overcome in time.

Religious convictions as a form of resistance to equality

“The second and more troubling type of resistance, are social attitudes that find their justification in what are at bottom religious doctrines, at least as espoused in the majority of religious denominations, if not, of course, in the adherence to those denominations.” Pointing to a full-page ad in the New York Times from the previous week, in which Reverend Billy Graham noted the necessity for voters to bear in mind the need to maintain the biblical definition of marriage, Judge Walker observed that this

—Former Chief Judge Vaughn R. Walker
“makes this issue difficult.” As he explained, millions of Americans are unable to square the notion of marriage equality with their religious convictions. Nonetheless, he believes it is the job of judges and lawyers, as sensitively as possible in this “multi-cultural society and an increasingly heterogeneous world,” to “strongly make the case that in a society that deals with people from disparate backgrounds it is important that our civil life must be based upon secular values rather than religious values, that our civil laws must be free of the dogmas and doctrines of theology.” Nonetheless, Judge Walker noted that the challenge for judges and lawyers is to deal with this form of resistance. Though Judge Walker has no doubt that the end result will be marriage equality, he noted that much will depend on how lawyers and judges confront the religious convictions of so many citizens. “But, after all,” he concluded, “it’s no fun being a lawyer or judge unless you have a challenge.”

Judges Panel

Following the lecture, Judge Walker joined Justice Virginia Linder of the Oregon Supreme Court and Presiding Judge Tonya Parker of the 116th Civil District Court in Dallas on a panel moderated by Morrison & Foerster LLP Chair Emeritus Keith Wetmore, who has been openly gay throughout his career. Unfortunately, Hurricane Sandy’s havoc made travel and participation impossible for Judge Deborah A. Batts, U.S. District Court for the Southern District of New York, who was originally scheduled to join the panel.

Wetmore immediately engaged the panelists, each of whom is openly gay, asking, “Have you ever found your sexuality to be part of someone else’s agenda when appearing in your court?” The recurrent, surprising theme was that their judicial careers were not affected by their sexual orientation. Justice Linder responded first, stating, “In my court, no. And really not as part of anyone’s agenda generally.” Judge Tonya Parker said, “My orientation has not come up in the courtroom,” but went on to describe how a speech she gave to an organization in early 2012 caused quite a stir in the media. In the speech, she stated that, although she has the power to perform marriage ceremonies, she does not perform them because she lives in a state that does not have marriage equality, making her unable to apply the law equally. The media reacted strongly, suggesting that she was committing civil disobedience, which she was not. She concluded this portion of her remarks stating that she had not performed ceremonies for two of her relatives, each of whom was married this year.

Judge Walker said that he had been of the “don’t ask, don’t tell” era when he first became a judge, but that even during the Proposition 8 case his sexuality had not come up. In fact, it did not come up until after the Prop 8 decision, and in his view, in general, “…this life experience is receding very much into the
The Marriage Equality Cases In The Federal Courts — Tales From The Front Lines

On October 11, GGU Law welcomed Scott Shafer of KQED and an all-star panel of attorneys and scholars who discussed the attorneys’ experiences challenging Proposition 8 and the Defense of Marriage Act. The panel of attorneys included Rita Lin of Morrison & Foerster LLP, who litigated the DOMA case; Jeremy Goldman of Boies Schiller & Flexner LLP; Therese M. Stewart of the San Francisco City Attorney’s Office, who litigated the Prop. 8 case; and gay rights expert and legal historian Professor Elizabeth Hillman of U.C. Hastings. GGU Law co-sponsored this event with the Northern District Chapter of the Federal Bar Association. The event was organized and hosted by Professor Kathleen Morris, who joined GGU Law’s full-time faculty in Fall 2012. Morris is a long-time active member of the Federal Bar Association who actively litigated marriage equality and other constitutional issues on behalf of San Francisco before joining the faculty. She was thrilled to bring these communities together. A video of this discussion will be posted on GGU Law’s YouTube channel.

NOTE: On October 29, the same day as the lecture and panel, the U.S. Supreme Court indicated it would consider in November whether to grant review in Hollingsworth v. Perry (formerly Perry v. Brown), and several other cases challenging DOMA. And in an historic election November 6, voters in four states were faced with ballot measures relating to marriage equality. For the first time in history, rights were upheld rather than removed. Three states — Maine, Maryland, and Washington — passed initiatives creating marriage equality. Minnesotans were faced with a constitutional marriage equality ban and turned it down.
Edward C. Johnson (JD 70) was appointed to serve on the Contra Costa (CA) Civil Grand Jury for 2012-2013.

John L. Glovka (JD 73) retired from the State Compensation Insurance Fund.

John F. Barg (JD 74) is a Northern California Super Lawyer and was named by Best Lawyers to The Best Lawyers in America 2013 list for environmental law and litigation.

Cynthia M. Lee (JD 74, LLD 01) was elected presiding judge of the San Francisco Superior Court.

Karen L. Hawkins (JD 79, MBA 81) received the Cal Tax Bar Lifetime Achievement award in November. Hawkins was named one of the 100 Most Influential People in tax and accounting in Accounting Today.

Stephen S. Siegel (JD 79) was appointed as a Santa Cruz County (CA) Superior Court judge by Governor Brown.

Diane Ritchie (JD 80) was interviewed in The Recorder on August 13. She serves as Superior Court Judge in Santa Clara County, CA.

Robert C. Gabrielski (JD 81) is chair of the business law and international law groups and was named to the management committee at Norris McLaughlin & Marcus P.A. in Bridgewater, NJ.

Mary P. Canning (JD 81, LLM 82) was named one of the “Most Influential Women in Business” by the San Francisco Business Times. Canning is the dean of the School of Accounting and the Bruce F. Braden School of Taxation.

C. Jean Ryan (LLM 83) is of counsel for Sideman & Bancroft LLP in San Francisco.

Joan D. Edelsohn (JD 84) owns Joan Edelsohn Mediation Services in Moraga, CA.

Zadick Shapiro (JD 84) was awarded Outstanding Volunteer in Public Service by the San Francisco Bar Association. Shapiro serves as a judge pro tem for the San Francisco Superior Court.
James P. Cunningham (JD 85) is counsel at Tucker Ellis in San Francisco.

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Kathleen K. Wright (LLM 91) is a visiting professor and director of the state and local taxation certificate program at Golden Gate University.

Keith Lyon (JD 93) was the keynote speaker at the 2012 Mobile Forensics World/Techno Security Conference in Myrtle Beach, FL.

Darrin T. Mish (JD 93) co-authored the book *Marketing Miracles: Odd, Unusual, Breakthrough Strategies That Build Great Businesses*.

Steven S. Fus (JD 94) was presented the Exelon Outstanding Corporate Counsel award at the CBA and CBF 14th Annual Pro Bono and Public Service Awards Luncheon in Chicago, IL.

Elizabeth A. Cohee (MS 95, JD 99) had an article published in *The Recorder* on July 26.

Michael Notaro (JD 96) was chief guest at Toastmasters Ovation 2012, the Annual Conference of District 82, in May in Colombo, Sri Lanka.

Frances Heller (JD 98) is senior vice president, business development at Bristol-Myers Squibb in their New Jersey and New York offices.

Jesshill Love (JD 99) is the president of the Silicon Valley Entrepreneurs’ Organization. Love is a business and real estate partner in Ropers Majeski Kohn Bentley PC’s, Redwood City, CA office and will serve a one-year term.

Katherine A. Threlfall (JD 99) owns the Law Offices of Katherine Threlfall in Lafayette, CA.

Brian T. Leonard (JD 01) is on the 2012 Southwest Rising Stars list in *Super Lawyers* magazine. Leonard is an attorney at Palumbo Wolfe & Palumbo in Phoenix, AZ.

Yoshie Valadez (JD 01) is a member of the bankruptcy department at Ablitt Scofield in Woburn, MA.

Matthias Berger (LLM 02) is chair of the International Trademark Treaties, Laws & Practices Committee of the ABA’s Intellectual Property Law Section, a member of its membership board and counsel at Field Fisher Waterhouse in Hamburg, Germany.

Stephen W. Dale (LLM 02) joined ElderCounsel’s national advisory board and will serve as the organization’s special needs content co-editor.

Kishore K. Rajan (JD 02) was appointed by Governor Jerry Brown to be the Director of GO-Biz, the Governor’s Office of Business and Economic Development in Sacramento.

David M. Serrano Sewell (JD 02) was appointed to the Medical Board of California by Governor Jerry Brown.

Zakia Afrin (LLM 03, SJD 07) lectured on family conflict resolution at the Muslim Perspectives on Peacebuilding conference at Claremont Lincoln University on Oct. 12 in Claremont, CA.

Blaine Jones (JD 03) was profiled on triblive.com.

Nancy L. Oehler (LLM 03) is a partner at Klein, DeNatale, Goldner, Cooper, Rosenlieb and Kimball LLP in Bakersfield, CA and received a Martindale-Hubbell AV peer review rating, which demonstrates a lawyer has earned the highest rating available for legal ability and professional ethics.

Rebecca J. Prozan (JD 03) was profiled in *The Bay Area Reporter*.

Eric A. Rudolph (JD 03) owns The Law Offices of Eric A. Rudolph in Coachella Valley, CA.

Brij Dhir (LLM 04) presented “Bench and Bar: Paradigm of Moral Justice System” to law students of S.N.D.T. University, Santacruz, Mumbai, India.

Chavangi Tom (LLM 04) is director of legal services and acting CEO at the Kenya Truth Justice & Reconciliation Commission in Nairobi, Kenya.

Brendan D. Devlin (JD 07) was elected to the GGU Alumni Association board of directors in August. Devlin is a financial advisor at Merrill Lynch in San Francisco.
Daljit K. Dhami (JD 07) is in-house associate counsel at Amalgamated Transit Union’s International Headquarters in Washington, DC.

Christopher J. Donewald (JD 07) is an associate at Blank Rome in Los Angeles.

Kara L. Holzwarth (JD 07) is associate counsel at Pacific Specialty Insurance Co. in San Francisco.

Sanaz Alasti (SJD 08) was interviewed in The New Yorker on Feb. 24.

Anna L. Benvenue (JD 08) participated in an alumni career panel for 1L orientation on Aug. 9 at GGU Law. She is an immigration attorney with the Law Office of Robert B. Jobe.

Jennifer W. Lam (JD 08) participated in an alumni career panel for 1L orientation on Aug. 9 at GGU Law. She is corporate counsel at Zynga.

William J. Walraven (JD 08) is an attorney at McGrane LLP in San Francisco.

Sophia M. Andritsakis (JD 09) is on the board of directors for Queen’s Bench in San Francisco.

Arthur N. Bortz (JD 09) is an associate at Wood Smith Henning & Berman LLP in Concord, CA.

Betsy Brazy (JD 09) opened the Law Office of Betsy Brazy specializing in disability law in Alameda, CA.

Elijah M. Keyes (JD 09) is an associate attorney for Carney, Sugai & Sudweeks LLP in Los Gatos, CA.

Christopher B. Yuen (JD 09) participated in an alumni career panel for 1L orientation on Aug. 9 at GGU Law. He is deputy public defender in Santa Clara County.

Catherine Delcin (JD 10) is managing director of Delcin Consulting in Walnut Creek, CA.

Maureen Doran (JD 10) is an attorney with DLA Piper in East Palo Alto, CA.

Eric D. Gelwicks (JD 10) is an associate attorney with Owen, Wickersham & Erickson PC in San Francisco.

Albert M. Hsueh (JD 10) is the deputy public defender for the County of San Bernardino in Victorville, CA.

Nicholas B. Lee (JD 10) is associate counsel with the Board of Veterans’ Appeals in Washington, DC.

Arya C. Mortazavi (JD/MBA 10) is the global supply chain manager at Lam Research in Livermore, CA.

Aleksander A. Volkov (LLM 10) wrote the article “SFAR Membership Not So Voluntary” which was published in The Recorder.

Paul S. Wick (JD 10) is an attorney with Disability Services Legal Center in Santa Rosa, CA.

Anne Liezel A. Asis (JD 11) works at the Law Offices of Charles A. Jonas in San Francisco.

Anthony A. Austin (JD 11) is serving as a judicial law clerk to Colorado Court of Appeals Justice Diana Terry in Denver, CO.

Bridgid-Leigh K. Brady (JD 11) is a deputy public defender with the Tulare County Public Defender’s Office in Visalia, CA.

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Erica M. Corns (JD 11) participated in an alumni career panel for 1L orientation on Aug. 9 at GGU Law. She is a deputy district attorney in San Francisco.

Nicole C. Edwards-Masuda (JD 11) works at the Family Violence Law Center in Oakland.

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Jonah J. Minkoff-Zern (JD 11) is a senior organizer with Public Citizen in Washington, DC.

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Monique Roberts (JD 11) is associate counsel at the New York State Assembly.

Francisco D. Silva (JD 11) is an associate attorney with Dudnick Detwiler Rivin & Stikker LLP in San Francisco.

Luke W. Welmerink (JD 11) is an associate in international tax services at PricewaterhouseCoopers in San Francisco.

Lauren M. Young Epstein (JD 11) is serving as a judicial law clerk to US Bankruptcy Judge Alan Jaroslovsky (JD 77) in Santa Rosa, CA.

Anitra T. Zobeck (JD 11) is an associate attorney with the Law Office of Robert B. Jobe in San Francisco.

Vanessa Sandoval (JD 12) is the immigration legal services program director at SIREN in San Jose.

Tyler R. Smith (JD 12) is an associate at Johnson Becker PLLC in Minneapolis, MN.

Christina Tetreault (JD 12) is a staff attorney at Consumers Union in San Francisco.

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