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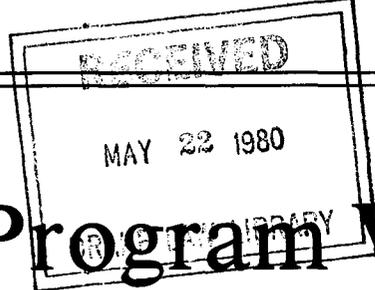
ALUMNI FORUM

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Books, Tapes, Lectures Galore!

GGU: New C.E.B. Program Venue



C.E.B. has come to Golden Gate in a big way! Many of you who practice in San Francisco probably have discovered that the California Continuing Education of the Bar has begun to give almost all its live programs and videotape presentations in the new law school auditorium.

You will soon discover that the entire catalog of C.E.B. publications, including hard and soft cover books, supplements, audiotapes and looseleaf services, will be available at the Golden Gate bookstore later in the spring.

"By May," assistant director of C.E.B. Curtis Karplus said, "Golden Gate will be the focus of all three services to members of the San Francisco Bar.

"The new auditorium—it's a splendid auditorium—is exactly right for our purposes. We'll still have some programs in other places, though, when we have more programs going on at one time than Golden Gate can handle."

The 33-year-old organization, which is a totally self-supporting, non-profit arm of the California State Bar, will be using the school two or three days per week, every week, for its noon-time videotape series, its Saturday sessions of live panels, and presentations by the hundreds of distinguished attorneys in the C.E.B. stable.

"We're very pleased to have found this first-class outfit at

Golden Gate," Karplus said. "Thanks to Dean McKelvey (who is a C.E.B. advisor) we'll now have lawyers going to Golden Gate for their C.E.B. programs."

Karplus also said that their extensive array of books will, for the first time in northern California, be sold in the Golden Gate Bookstore.

"We've found that attorneys want to see the book they're buying or they need to get it quickly," Karplus said. Formerly, C.E.B. books were only available by mail.

Allan Gidley, manager of the bookstore, said one section of the expanded facilities will be devoted to C.E.B. books. The bookstore will double its space in its present location during the summer to add approximately 1,000 titles to the legal section of the store.

"It's so exciting!" Gidley exclaimed. "I'm just thrilled about it. Not only will C.E.B. books be added, but also the ALI/ABA books, Shepard's, the Practising Law Institute publications, Legal Books, and a section on legal literature including the University of Chicago Press publications which have a thrust in historical legal literature."

For more information about C.E.B. programs and videotapes available in the next months, you may contact Karplus at C.E.B., 2150 Shattuck Avenue, Berkeley 94704. ■



Mayor Pete Wilson

Wilson Highlights Land Use II

San Diego Mayor Pete Wilson spoke at the luncheon Feb. 25 of the National Land Use Conference II, which was sponsored by Golden Gate Law School. Mayor Wilson spoke to the 175 participants at the conference, including conference chairperson Professor Arnold Sternberg and Dean Judith McKelvey (both seated at Wilson's left), on Politics, Planning and the Law. He specifically outlined his city's approach to growth management and emphasized the need for citizen participation in planned development to help assure its political acceptance. ■

Alums Assist "Appellate Arguments" Activities

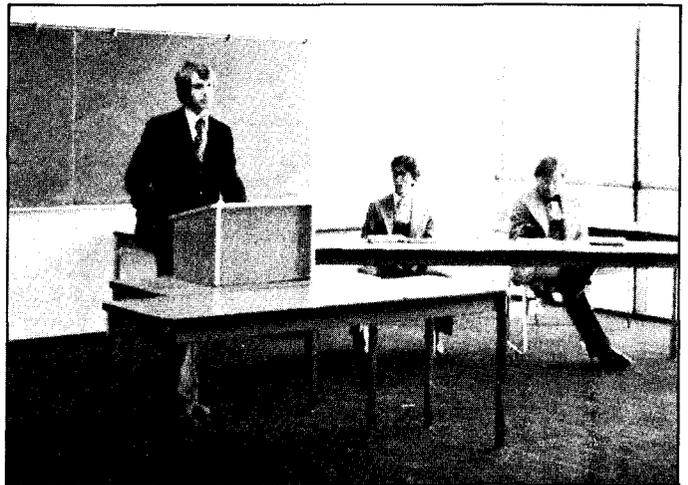
About 75 law school alumni participated as judges for the first-ever oral arguments required for the first year writing and research classes.

The oral arguments, held in April, were on appeals briefs done by the first year students. The topics, including maritime law, personal injury, criminal law, patents and trademarks, securities, and Indian law, were all on federal legal issues. Each student on a two-person team argued one of the two issues on appeal, either for appellant or appellee.

Two or three alumni, who had received the student briefs beforehand, acted as judges along with the student tutor. They asked the students questions during their 15-minute presentations, gave a decision on the issues, then critiqued the performances of the student lawyers.

Associate Dean Rick Koyle, head of the writing and research program, said the alumni were enthusiastic about the program. "They all said they wished they'd had the opportunity to argue their briefs in writing and research," Koyle said. "The students get the experience of thinking on their feet and of having to prepare for possible questions from the judges," he said.

Faculty secretary Ginger Crader, who organized the event, said they'd gotten very good responses from the alumni attorneys who were asked to participate in the Saturday arguments. All involved are hopeful of continuing the oral arguments next year as well. ■



Alan Cherrigan began the appellant's argument on a case dealing with personal injury under maritime law for his writing and research oral argument requirement. Bob Sullivan and Curtis Ogilvie (seated, from left to right) for the appellee had yet to take their knocks from the alumni judges, who critiqued all the students' performances.

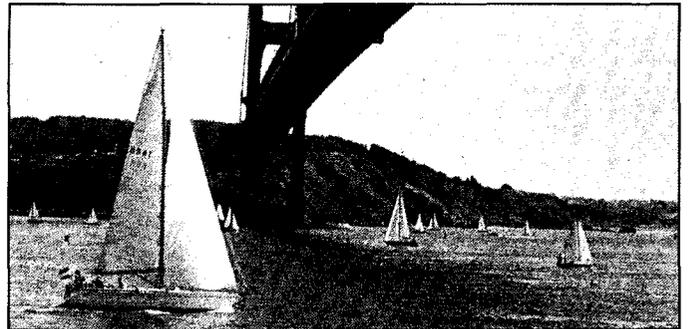
Clear Sailing For ALEP

So you say you don't know how to protect yourself from a lawsuit if someone gets hurt on your sailboat while you're out on the Bay?

Then this summer's ALEP (Advanced Legal Education Program) seminar will be right up your alley.

Three maritime attorneys, headed by John Edginton, will hold a one-day panel and workshop on maritime law for non-maritime specialists. The conference, which is tentatively slated for July 26 at GGU, is meant for those with some legal background who need to have an introduction and overview of maritime law either for their personal use or to be able to identify possible problems of their clients.

For information on registration and fees for the seminar, con-



Have a pleasant summer.

tact Charma Pipersky at the law school faculty center, 442-7000, ext. 7440. ■

Mock Trial: A Close Second

Golden Gate University Law School students Michael Carbonaro and Lynn Rossman teamed up to reach the final round in the Western Regionals of the National Mock Trial Competition this past February, held at City Hall in San Francisco. George Yaron and Michael Walker also represented GGU at the trials, losing to the team from McGeorge which was the eventual winner of the Regional Competition.

Many GGU students were involved as witnesses in the intense litigation experience, and several GGU alums served as judges for the three-day event. Greg Hartwell, Sara Simmons, Jay Strauss, Jim Ruben, Phil Stone, Steve Rosen, and Bill Rowan all donned judicial robes, with Professor Bernard Segal serving as the GGU coordinator and coach.

"It's an extraordinary opportunity for the participants to really experience the trial of a case in an intensive way," explained Professor Segal. "Even the students who served as witnesses for a day or two get the chance to see legal theory combined with the realities of practice, in a sense letting them see the 'legal forest,' not just the 'legal trees.'"

"It's definitely the best way to learn evidence!" added participant Lynn Rossman. ■

Graduation Program Set

Clinton W. White, Presiding Justice of the California Court of Appeal, First District, has accepted the invitation of the law school's 1980 graduating class to speak at the commencement ceremonies May 31.

The graduation will be held at 3 p.m. at Nourse Auditorium in San Francisco, and for the first time Golden Gate will host the champagne reception after graduation at the school itself.

The Law School will be graduating a class with probably the highest percentage of women students in the country—46½ percent of the estimated 225 graduates.

President Otto Butz, Dean Judy McKelvey and a member of the Board of Trustees will also address the audience.

Awards for the most outstanding student, outstanding faculty member and top litigation students will be presented during the ceremonies.

Admission to the graduation and the reception immediately following at the school will be by ticket only, with each graduating student eligible to receive six tickets. ■

Spring Externship Program

GGU Students Find Court Experience “Appealing”

by Sandy Van Broek

Of the 25 externs working for the First District Court of Appeal in San Francisco, two are students from Golden Gate. Mark Nissenbaum is assigned to Justice Joseph Grodin, and I am working on the staff of Justice Wakefield Taylor.

Each Justice has a permanent research attorney and up to three externs on the staff. As an extern, our primary role is assisting the research attorneys in researching points of law, preparing memoranda, and occasionally working on drafts of opinions.

Preparing a memorandum or draft opinion entails reading all the transcripts, court records and briefs; separating the major issues from the minor issues; checking every case cited in the appellate briefs; recommending the best answer on each issue; and doing it all rather quickly. Suffice it to say that all-nighters and weekend work are not unheard of at the court.

Most of the cases are criminal, but we have worked on labor cases, tort appeals, class actions, and various writs as well. Externs are assigned cases by the research attorneys, who are familiar with both the interests and backgrounds of the externs on the staff.

The majority of externs point to both the opportunity to learn more about the appellate process and the chance to improve writing skills as the main advantages of this type of position. Some complain about not seeing enough of their judge. Contact varies from daily to weekly, depending on the judge. Other externs are disappointed by the quality of the appellate briefs, with the range being from excellent to poor. Many externs speak of the realities of the criminal cases as difficult situations to get used to, while others simply complain about the lack of feedback on their writing styles. Everyone complains about the food in the state building cafeteria, but few complain about the prices!

Of the suggestions culled from conversations with other externs, I found the most important seem to be, “don’t bury the most important arguments,” and “don’t get into citing lots of cases that only relate to the weaker arguments and issues.”

After reading the memoranda and hearing oral arguments, the judges finalize their opinions. The decision then must be made whether or not to publish the case in the official reports. Opinions are published—and thus have precedential value—if they establish a new rule of law, involve a legal issue of continuing public interest, or criticize existing law. Some judges like the externs to indicate whether publication is recommended.



Mark Nissenbaum and Sandy Van Broek

All in all, an externship is an extremely rewarding experience. These types of positions are becoming more available each year at different courts in the area, though of course they are limited to law students and not alumni. It is interesting to note that each year Golden Gate seems to land a larger and larger percentage of the positions, and I, for one, hope that this trend will continue in the future. ■

Ed Tom Takes Admissions Post

Smack in the middle of the admissions process, on April 1, Ed Tom, 32, a former personal counsellor on the Monterey peninsula, took over as the Law School’s admissions director.

“It’s the worst time to come in,” he admitted, but Tom doesn’t seem overwhelmed by the prospect.

Tom, who came to Golden Gate directly from a position of assistant director of admissions at Boalt Hall, seems more concerned about the long-term admissions program.

“It’s a public relations problem,” Tom said of his plans to increase recruitment activities and the applicant pool. “The attraction of Golden Gate, aside from its location, is its faculty. Faculty credentials here are among the best in the Bay Area, but no one knows it.”

Tom said he wants to expand the alumni network so that applicants can get in touch with those who have first-hand exposure to the school.

Tom graduated from the University of California, Berkeley in 1970 and received a counselling credential from Berkeley one year later. ■



Ed Tom

Faculty Updates

Rosezella Canty-Letsome served as a panelist for the "Media Access Workshop" at the 11th National Women and the Law Conference held recently in San Francisco, and served as Faculty Advisor and Steering Committee member for the GGU-sponsored conference.

Drucilla Ramey had a busy winter, including: hosting the Annual Bill of Rights Day Celebration of ACLU—Northern California which honored Joan Baez and Jules Feiffer; speaking at a press conference on behalf of the ACLU condemning Senator Hayakawa's remarks on the internment of Iranian nationals; continuing her work as arbitrator for the San Francisco Bar Association Fee Arbitration Panel; continuing her service on the SF Bar Judiciary Committee which screens judicial nominations of Governor Brown in the San Francisco area; getting appointed to the Women's Advisory Committee to Mayor Feinstein; serving on the Board of Directors of the 11th Annual Women and the Law Conference; and serving as a panel member on two employment discrimination panels at the conference.

Dru also served as a consultant to the Legal Services Corporation Study in Washington concerning alternative delivery systems of legal services. Last, but not least, she served as the moderator for the ABA National Conference on Delivery of Legal Services this past December. Whew!



Dru Ramey: a busy winter.

Roger Bernhardt has been appointed to the Executive Committee of the Real Property Section of the State Bar of California, as well as being an appointee of Mayor Feinstein to the San Francisco Relocation Appeals Board.

Myron Moskovitz, in addition to developing increased expertise in the field of tennis, has been selected by C.E.B. as lead author of a new practice book on *Residential Landlord—Tenant Law*; authored the *Texas Tenants Handbook*, Nolo Press; completed the 1980 Supplement to C.E.B.'s *California Eviction Defense Manual*; prepared the Landlord-Tenant chapter of the C.E.B.'s *California Damages Guide*, 1980 Supplement.

Myron is also completing a manuscript for a casebook entitled *Modern Landlord-Tenant Law: Cases, Materials, and Problems*. In the rent regulation case involving Berkeley's Measure I, Myron successfully represented the City on the issue of the constitutionality of the controversial measure. Myron also successfully represented Senator David Roberti in a landlords' suit against him for writing an allegedly false ballot argument on Proposition 10 (which would end rent control in California).

In the field of criminal law, Myron stayed active with his edition of *Problems in Criminal Law* for use with Johnson's *Criminal Law Casebook* (2nd edition).



Marc Stickgold: makes a point.

Marc Stickgold was interviewed on the ABC-TV show "Bay Scene" this past February, about GI's rights of free expression. Marc also will have an article in the next issue of the GGU Law Review entitled "1980: Being an Interview With William O. Douglas Shortly After His Death, Together With A Brief Remembrance of His Life." Professor Stickgold recently authored an article at 55 U. of Det. J. of Urban Law 877 entitled "Yesterday's Paranoia is Today's Reality: Documentation of Police Surveillance of First Amendment Activity."

Arnold Sternberg served as the panel moderator and speaker at a training workshop for sponsors of non-profit housing held in March at the Oakland Hilton. The workshop was sponsored by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development and the State of California Department of Housing and Community Development. Professor Sternberg also attended meetings in Washington, D.C., of the Board of Directors and Loan Committee of the Housing Assistance Council, an organization administering a \$10 million rural housing development revolving loan fund. The group also provides technical assistance to not-for-profit housing developers in rural areas throughout the country.

Bob Calhoun spoke to the San Francisco Bay Area Psychological Association on the "Psychotherapist—Patient Privilege," and sat as a hearing officer for the San Francisco Rent Stabilization and Arbitration Board. This summer C.E.B. will publish a book on "Speedy Trial Rights," which Professor Calhoun co-authored with Richard Zimmer.

Michael Sorgen, part-time instructor teaching Education Law this semester, was co-author of a study for the ABA entitled "Mandate for Change: The Impact of Law on Educational Innovation."

Mort Cohen is now Chair of the BASF Committee on the Mentally Disabled, the State Bar's Committee on the Mentally and Developmentally Disabled, and the AMA's Committee on Medical Rights of Prisoners. As a result of the suit brought by Mort's Constitutional Law Clinic, the State of California has agreed to inform all voluntary mental patients in mental institutions of their right to refuse medication and of the side effects of proposed medication.

Dean Judith McKelvey has become a member of the State Bar Commission on Judicial Nominees Evaluation. She was also elected to fill a vacancy on the Board of Directors of the Bar Association of San Francisco. ■

Bovetti Resigns For DA Position

Sandra Bovetti, Associate Director of Development for the Law School, leaves Golden Gate University and San Francisco to live and work in the San Joaquin Valley. Working closely with Dean Judy McKelvey and the Director of Development, David DeVincenzi, Sandra helped create the foundation for an active fundraising and alumni program for the Law School. "We have only just begun . . .," Sandra reports. "There is a great deal of hard work ahead to realize success in terms of generating money from donors for Law School programs."

Sandra will become a Deputy District Attorney for Fresno County. She graduated from Golden Gate University School of Law in May, 1976. Although she was involved in private practice in Porterville, CA, before coming back to the University, she indicates that practicing criminal law now, after being away from it for a while, is going to be a real challenge.

Most of you will remember Sandra from her earlier days at Golden Gate. She began working as the then-Dean Lani Bader's secretary in 1970. After gradually assuming more and more responsibility, she became his Assistant in 1972. It was at that point that she decided to try law school. She attended Law School here for 3½ years in the night program.

"It's like leaving one home to go to another," reports Sandra. "I grew up in the San Joaquin Valley and my parents are there yet. For those reasons, going back is exciting for me. However, Golden Gate University has played an important part in my adult life over the last 10 years. I am extremely fond of the people that make up this institution. I will miss them. But, it's time to try my wings . . ."

LL.M. Tax Program: A Capital Gain

In the two years since the Graduate Taxation Program of the School of Law began, nine students have graduated and ten more will receive their LL.M. degrees this spring. The school is growing by leaps and bounds: the present student body of 75 will grow to 120 in the fall.

While many of the students are from Golden Gate and other Bay Area law schools, the trend, Professor Tom Manolakis said, is for students from all over the country to come to the law school's graduate program. About half the students are part-time evening students, a percentage which is expected to drop to one-third in the near future.

The tax program is the ABA-approved graduate division of the law school which confers the advanced LL.M. degree to successful students. Required courses in personal and corporate tax are supplemented by electives in such areas as estate and gift tax, state and local tax, and tax litigation.

The program opened in 1978 as the result of the growth in demand for graduate level tax education and through the efforts of Associate Dean of the Law School William Taggart, Jr., who is also director of the LL.M. program.

As the student body expands, so does the school's ambitions. The alumni are working on establishing their own alumni association; and at the school itself, a placement service is growing and a tax law review is planned.

The two full-time professors, Dean Taggart and Professor Manolakis, are augmented by a large adjunct professorship of practicing attorneys.

With the establishment of the LL.M. program, Golden Gate substantially increased its already extensive graduate programs in tax both at the San Francisco campus—through the Graduate School of Taxation—and the courses that department gives leading to M.B.A. (Tax) degrees in Los Angeles and other areas in southern California and in Seattle, Washington.

Alumni Notes

David V. Ainsworth ('72) has authored a lead article for the GGU Law Review's Ninth Circuit Survey Issue. "Murphy's Law: The *Pan Am* Corollary" deals with the application of recent Ninth Circuit decisions in the field of admiralty law.

Joseph M. Loomis ('74) will have his article on *Crestwood Lumber Company v. Citizens' Savings and Loan Association* published as the lead article in the GGU Law Review's Notes and Comments issue this spring. The case concerns the relationship of California's Usury Law and liquidated damages clauses to sales of goods transactions.

Norman H. Stone ('73) announces the relocation of his offices to 611 Front Street, San Francisco. Mr. Stone's practice emphasizes business and personal matters.

Henning, Walsh & Ritchie announces the association of *Kathleen S. King*. The firm emphasizes labor relations, aviation, admiralty, employment discrimination, personal injury and construction law, and was formerly known as Henning & Walsh.

Lynda L. Brothers ('76) has been appointed Deputy Assistant Secretary for Environment (Programs) in the U.S. Department of Energy.

Sidney Deitch (LL.M. '79) has opened a law office in Santa Cruz.

Ronald A. Goularte ('70) has a private practice in Mountain View and has been Santa Clara County Superior Court Judge Pro Tem since 1974. He also is a law instructor at DeAnza College and Directing Attorney for DeAnza's Legal Services.

Michael C. Jonas ('76) is a trial attorney for the Pacific Gas & Electric Company.

Bobette S. Jones ('75) has joined the Seattle firm of Betts, Patterson & Mines.

Michael Keenan ('77) has joined the law offices of Janin, Morgan, & Brenner in San Francisco. He will continue to practice tax and business law.

Gary A. Key ('78) has opened an office in Hayward for the general practice of law.

Lucy Robins ('77) has become Assistant Regional Counsel for Coldwell Banker Commercial Brokerage Company in Los Angeles.

What's Happenin'?

Have we heard from you lately? We'd like to find out about your new job or appointment or any articles or presentations you've given. Or, perhaps you'd like to let other alumni know of the events in your life — new marriages, new children, whatever. We'll publish it. Send your news to Law School ALUMNI FORUM, Golden Gate University, Second Floor, 536 Mission Street, San Francisco, CA 94105.

Five Corralled In Annual Faculty Roundup

Fall semester will see five new faculty positions filled, although two of the five "new" professors are already familiar faces at the law school. Allen Brotsky has been appointed as a full-time professor, and Arnold Sternberg is extending his visitorship another year. Susan Foote, Patricia Williams and Henry McGee will be the newcomers.

Allen Brotsky, who was a visiting professor of law this year, came to GGU from his partnership, Garry, Dreyfus, McTernan, Brotsky, Henderson & Pesonen. He teaches civil procedure and a civil trial class, and has had a general civil and criminal litigation practice in the Bay Area for the past 20 years.

Arnold Sternberg, who chaired this year's Land Use Conference, will extend his visit another year. He started at GGU in 1978 as an adjunct professor and is presently a visiting prof. Sternberg served for 13 years on the Interstate Commission on the Potomac River Basin, which is responsible for the area's land use planning, before he came to California as director of the California Department of Housing and Community Development.

Patricia Williams, who received her J.D. from Harvard Law School in 1975, will come to Golden Gate next year as an assistant professor. She is presently a staff attorney at the Western Center on Law and Poverty in Los Angeles. Prior to that post, Williams was a deputy city attorney for the Los Angeles City Attorney's office. Her teaching interests are consumer protection, contracts and the U.C.C.

Another Los Angeleno will trek north next year to teach at the law school as a visiting professor. He is Henry McGee of the University of California, Los Angeles, Law School. McGee, who

Español, Amigos?

Through the efforts of Placement Director Laura Greenfield, a "Spanish for Attorneys" class has been taught at the Law School for the past two semesters. Meeting one night a week with Ed Daneri ('82) and Rodolfo Villalobos (Hastings, '81), the dozen students receive instruction in oral and written skills necessary for dealing with Spanish-speaking clients. The class is entirely self-contained, with no outside reading required.

Oral practice includes mock interviews with clients, and written exercises include letters to clients, written totally in Spanish, explaining legal procedures and suggested courses of action to follow. Both civil and criminal situations are covered in class, with all sessions taught in Spanish.

The instructors have indicated that a summer class will probably be offered, with more details available from Laura Greenfield, Law School Placement Office, 442-7254. ■

has taught as a visiting professor at such far flung places as Oxford, England, and the University of Florence in Italy, received his J.D. from DePaul University Law School in 1957. He has published extensively, and is now consultant to the Department of Housing and Urban Development and the Office of Economic Opportunity for evaluating its Legal Services Program. McGee also served as a volunteer for the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission in Los Angeles.

Susan Foote, a 1977 Boalt Hall graduate and Ph.D. in history from Case Western Reserve in Cleveland, has been appointed a visiting professor for '80-'81. She is presently an adjunct professor at JFK Law School in Orinda, CA, and an attorney with the Consumers Union. ■



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