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Dear Alumni and Friends,

At our May commencement ceremony, my first as Dean of GGU Law, I had the singular pleasure of congratulating our graduates as they walked across the stage to receive their diplomas. Our graduates were honored with an inspirational commencement address delivered by American Bar Association President-Elect James Silkenat, moving farewell speeches by their fellow students and future colleagues, and the cheers of families and friends.

The evening prior to commencement we held our Annual Awards Ceremony and celebrated students’ myriad law school achievements. There, I had the honor of meeting the families of our newest alumni and hearing about student experiences and accomplishments from faculty and staff presenters. It is a great gift to celebrate the achievements and bright futures of our graduates as they transition to become members of our alumni community.

In this issue’s Theory to Practice, you will read about Marina Pantchenko and Jamil McClintock, two of Golden Gate’s Class of 2013. Jamil shares how his dream of becoming an associate at DLA Piper took shape. Marina, one of a handful of graduates nationwide selected as an Equal Justice Works fellow, tells us about her personal and academic journey to this prestigious opportunity. Maggie Stern (JD 09) and Ryan Griffith (JD 12) also generously recount their impressive achievements and what it took to get there. You will also learn how two professors, Mort Cohen and William Gallagher, bridge their practice in their respective areas of law and their classroom pedagogy to enhance our students’ practical training.

Over the last year, I have been surprised and delighted by the number of veterans and veteran advocates among our alumni, students, and community partners. Our veterans are a great source of strength and pride, as you will see from the new programs supporting veteran students and veteran issues at GGU, as well as profiles of veteran students.

Finally, I encourage you to save the dates of two very special events this fall. The Fifth Annual Chief Justice Ronald M. George Distinguished Lecture will be held October 17. This year, the lecture and panel are focused on Veterans in the Judiciary, and feature Associate Justice Ming Chin of the Supreme Court of California and a distinguished panel of veteran judges. The following day, GGU Law will host a day-long conference focused on veteran’s issues.

Whether by volunteering on a law career panel, engaging your firm in our recruitment programs, attending alumni events to strengthen your network, or supporting GGU Law with a gift that aids the next generation of GGU Law students, I am deeply grateful for all the ways each of you continues to support our extraordinary law school.

Sincerely,

Rachel Van Cleave
Dean
SAVE THE DATE —

Thursday September 19, 2013, 6:00pm to 8:00pm

GGU LAW CLINICS
20TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

Twenty years ago, Golden Gate University School of Law established the Environmental Law and Justice Clinic and the Women’s Employment Rights Clinic to serve as training grounds for the next generation of social justice advocates and to provide critical legal services to our communities.

The 20th Anniversary Celebration will honor the founders of our clinics—Marci Seville, Alan Ramo, and Cliff Rechtschaffen—and celebrate twenty amazing years of working with students and our community.

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GGU has a tremendous community of military veteran students and alumni. Building on our history of participation in the Yellow Ribbon Program, in the upcoming academic year, GGU Law will provide to qualifying veterans matching grants that cover 100% of tuition. This past November, GGU hosted a special veterans recognition luncheon and each year, as part of the law school’s summer recruitment program, JAG Corps recruiters come to campus to meet with our students.

Last fall, Dean Van Cleave met with some GGU Law veteran students. Working with Dean Van Cleave, GGU Law’s veteran students have proposed and launched both an internal veterans student organization and co-founded the Law Student Veterans Coalition (LSVC), a group of law students from throughout Northern California who plan to work together to raise awareness of veterans’ issues.

This year’s Chief Justice Ronald M. George Distinguished Lecture will feature veterans in the judiciary (see details on the back cover of magazine). In conjunction with the lecture, GGU Law will host a conference with LSVC members on Veterans’ Legal Issues featuring panel discussions and workshops about professional career planning for veterans, VA benefits, Veterans Courts and other topics.

“Our veteran students have experiences and perspectives that truly enrich the GGU Law community, and it’s my hope that through these new organizations, the special contributions of veterans and the military will be recognized in legal education, the legal profession, and by the public,” said Dean Van Cleave.
We spent time speaking with some of our amazing veteran students. Despite their differences, these students share a common bond and commitment that ties their history to their chosen profession: a commitment to the rule of law and a deep appreciation for the role the military has played in their lives, providing them with opportunities for personal and professional growth. Their bonds are formed not through their specific paths and types of military service, but through the core values imparted through their service. These students demonstrate well the many meanings of military, just one of which is law student. ///

2L Sarah Yohay Eaquito

In her third year at GGU Law, Sarah has been elected by her peers to serve as Secretary of the Student Bar Association. Next year, she will also serve as President of GGU’s Veterans’ Law Student Association and as GGU School Representative for the Northern California Law Students Veterans’ Coalition.

B.A., Economics and Legal Studies, Claremont McKenna College (2008)
Paralegal Certification, UCLA (2008)

Service
Sarah has been a part of the US Army Reserve for the past four years, enlisted as a 68M Nutrition Care Specialist with A Co. 352d Combat Support Hospital in Mountain View. Sarah was recently chosen for a highly competitive 2L Army JAG Corps internship for Summer 2013 and plans to pursue a career as a JAG attorney after graduation. Her internship this summer in North Carolina will reunite her with her husband, who is active duty Army, and is currently enrolled in the Special Forces qualification course.

Military Highlights
I was surprised by the amount of military aid and missions that are humanitarian in nature. It is truly public interest work on a global scale.

Law School Highlights
1st STEP with Professor Porter was an outstanding experience because I really enjoyed learning from someone who has already been through the JAG Corps, and has been trained to work in a very regimented way. I also enjoyed International Law of Armed Conflicts with Adjunct Professor Warren Small. It’s a great class for any student who has interest in military justice and international humanitarian law.

The Future
I am excited to be applying for active duty and will remain in the military for the foreseeable future. The Army JAG Corps presents amazing opportunities to learn different areas of law and build incredibly diverse skills as a new attorney. Though my priorities may change as my husband and I build a family, the Army JAG Corps is by far the best career path for me right now because it will ensure that we can live and travel together and be successful in our respective careers. ///
A Tradition of Service:

2L Lauren Whitted
B.A., English, University of California, Davis (2006)

Service
Enlisted in 2006 in the California Army National Guard, Staff Sergeant. Deployed to Baghdad and served as a paralegal with the last Military Police Brigade in Iraq. 19th Military Police Brigade out of Fairfield, California. She is currently in the National Guard while attending law school working for a Military Judge as a law clerk.

Military Experience
I worked as a paralegal in an office with seven men. Though the lowest ranked person, and the only female in my section, I was also the glue, ensuring good lines of communication and organization. I worked in one of Saddam Hussein’s palaces, but it was not palatial—no indoor plumbing and giant rats, but probably better than the trailers in which others worked. The VBC (Victory Base Complex) was called Camp Victory and took about an hour to drive end-to-end. I will never forget the day I arrived. Our sleeping quarters had been mortared and someone had died. There were a lot of mortar attacks. The positive, professional relationships and experiences I had with my unit remain with me today.

GGU Highlights
Professor Chang teaches a criminal law case involving a modified rifle. My classmates were a bit shocked, then impressed by my ability to describe the rifle in great detail. I also enjoyed 1st STEP with Professor Porter. I recently took Aviation law with Professor Gipson and feel fortunate to attend a school that provides such specialized classes. I am confident that it will prepare me for my summer internship.

The Future
My military experience helped me obtain a great summer internship in Washington, D.C. at the Department of Justice in the Civil Division, Torts Branch, doing Admiralty and Aviation. I know I want to be a trial attorney but I am keeping my options open as to what specific form that will take.

2L William Mord

William is married and father to three-year old Madelyn and 11-month old Luciana, who was born during his 1L year.

B.S., Business Management, University of Phoenix

Service
Enlisted, Army. Seven years of active duty as a paralegal in the JAG Corps, assigned to Special Operations and Special Forces units. Deployed to Iraq once, Afghanistan twice, and has spent two years in the Reserves while in law school.

Military Life Lessons
True service is hard work and integrity, how to choose the hard right over the easy wrong. In the military, our duty is selfless service to our country and our brothers-in-arms. The enlisted serve at the pleasure of commanders, officers at the pleasure of the President, and even the President serves at pleasure of the populace. That model of service has shaped how I regard my future legal career, as an advocate and public servant.

Military Highlights
By far, the best thing about my military service has been the people I have met. In the military, the law played a role in making average men and women great. The reason those men and women stepped up is because average won’t do. True mentors are in short supply in life. I have had the privilege of working with a handful of average men and women who took their service to heart and not only became great soldiers but also incredible mentors. Their effect on my life is something I can never pay back to those individuals; I can only pay it forward to future generations.

The Future
I may pursue becoming an officer in the JAG Corps, but am open to other possibilities.
1L Eric Seyvertsen

B.A. History, University of California, Los Angeles

Service
Navy, Enlisted. Jet mechanic and hazmat specialist. Active duty for four years at the age of 17, from 1990 to 1994, then inactive duty for an additional four years while he attended UCLA. Eric taught from 2001-2012, moving from being a substitute teacher for years to becoming a high school English teacher and a middle school Language Arts teacher until starting law school. In his first year of law school, Eric earned the Witkin Award in Contracts I.

The Future
Eric now lives in Elk Grove with his wife and first child who just turned one in February. Eric commutes on Amtrak, three hours each way, to attend GGU Law, and seeks to go into bankruptcy law and work in the federal courts in Sacramento after graduating and passing the bar.

Angel Riley (JD 13)

Angel is a first generation immigrant from Chengdu, China, in the Province of Sichuan, and she just became a citizen in April, 2012. She credits her accomplishments to her mother, who is a real estate agent and investor.

B.S. Psychology, with a Minor in Chinese, University of California, Berkeley

Service
Enlisted, U.S. Army Reserve. Angel served for six years as a Sergeant and pianist in the 191st Army band from Dublin, California while attending undergraduate and law school.

Military Highlights
Growing up I was very focused on academics and I was not a very physically active person. When I decided to enlist at 17, people couldn’t believe it. The military expanded my horizons. I went outside of my comfort zone, challenging myself physically and mentally and traveling. In the process, I developed tremendous self-discipline and a good work ethic. I walked away with great memories and a very diverse and special group of friends.

Law School Highlights
While in law school, I was fortunate to have the opportunity to explore different areas of law. I started off exploring criminal defense and ventured into civil litigation with an emphasis on personal injury cases. More recently, I interned at a corporate and business law firm called Punzalan Law, P.C. I have really enjoyed my experiences in the corporate and business field and look forward to identifying similar opportunities after graduating.

The Future
After taking the bar, I am eager to get out there, assist clients, and contribute to the legal world, and find ways to give back to the veterans community. I’d like to practice in the field of corporate and business law, and am also open to serving clients in estate planning.

1L Marylou Poli

Marylou joined the military in 2008 while both the Iraq and Afghanistan wars were underway. From her first year in college, Marylou knew she wanted to be an attorney; however, as a single parent, reaching that goal has been a long road. She is very close with her daughter, who is now married and lives in Nebraska. The people she has met at GGU and the familial atmosphere have supported her success during her first year.

B.A. Political Science, University of Texas, Arlington

Service
Army, Enlisted. Four years of active duty as a satellite operator. Now in the Individual Ready Reserves for another four years.

Military Highlights
The military opened up opportunities I couldn’t imagine. I served in Germany, a great adventure as a satellite operator, and I was most fortunate to meet my sweetheart, also a veteran, while serving there. The military gave me the space and time to grow personally and professionally. Without the military, I would not be in law school today.

The Future
I hope to work on behalf of veterans, connecting through the Veterans Administration.
On March 27, current GGU Law students, professors, and past recipients of the Zamperini/Burchell scholarship—awarded annually to a 3L gay or Lesbian student for exemplary legal writing—gathered at the offices of Coblentz Patch Duffy & Bass LLP to celebrate Professor Zamperini, 20 years of the landmark scholarship, and this year’s recipient Kate Baldridge.

Professor Helen Chang paid tribute to Professor Zamperini and past recipient Julia Adams shared with guests how much the scholarship meant to her as she prepared to graduate from GGU. Today, Adams and her partner, GGU alumna Rebecca Prozan, are proud members of San Francisco’s legal and LGBT communities. Along with the tributes, Professor Zamperini, known for his excursions to Australia, was presented with an engraved boomerang to honor his and his partner Clay Burchell’s twenty years of generosity.

Prior to her time at GGU, this year’s recipient, Kate Baldridge, founded a grassroots nonprofit organization in Fresno that involved the LGBT community in service projects. In her remarks, Baldridge said, “To join the 19 other recipients that have come before me and are doing excellent things as GGU grads is humbling.”
Burchell Scholarship

Academic Excellence and LGBT Students

/// Professor Michael Zamperini, past recipient Marty Courson (JD 95), Clay Burchell

/// Kate Baldridge (JD 13), Dean Rachel Van Cleave

/// Julia Adams (JD 02), Kate Baldridge (JD 13)
Enterprising. Determined. Talented. Each of these powerful words describes how Marina Pantchenko was chosen as one of a handful of 3L law students nationwide to become an Equal Justice Works fellow.

Each year, the Equal Justice Works fellowship competition selects 40-50 qualified and passionate graduating law students and lawyers who have developed new and innovative legal projects that impact lives and serve communities in need of legal assistance. These two-year fellowships include a competitive salary, generous loan repayment assistance, professional connections via a sponsor, trainings, and other support. In the past ten years, three other GGU Law students were selected for the competitive fellowships: Amy Cohen (JD 02); Marci Keever (JD 04); and Jami Cornish (JD 06).

Marina credits her success to her family, work experiences during law school, and the mentors she had along the way. Through GGU Law’s Honors Lawyering Program, Marina worked for Judge Chen, U.S. District Court, Northern District of California. His extensive background in public interest law and willingness to teach his interns provided Marina with exposure to all facets of the justice process. Marina also credits GGU Law adjunct professor Shawn Roberts, who Marina met through Professor Roberts’ Refugee and Asylum Law class. Roberts had been a staff attorney for Bay Area Legal Aid (BALA) and encouraged Marina to extern at the organization. BALA staff attorneys Michael Keys and Jerel McCrary were key advisors that aided Marina in submitting her final EJW application. After months and several interviews, including interviews with sponsors Morgan Lewis & Bockius LLP and Hewlett Packard, she was selected as a fellow.

Marina is modest about the enormous character and hard work she brings to all she does. To her proposal, Marina brought the rare combination of thorough research, a unique project and target population, relevant work experience, and a solid personal commitment to public interest law and immigration issues. At BALA, she worked in the health access unit, attending Medi-Cal hearings and representing seven different profoundly disabled immigrant clients against opposing counsel from the Department of Social Services, winning each of her appeals.

Describing it as her most rewarding experience while attending law school, Marina said, “My work at Bay Area Legal Aid equipped me with the ability to build a case from the ground up and successfully advocate on behalf of indigent and disabled clients despite substantial resistance from government agencies.”

Marina’s fellowship project takes a four-pronged approach to improving health access under the Affordable Care Act—community outreach and education, systemic administrative advocacy, litigation, and direct client representation. Her clients for this pilot project are Burmese and Bhutanese refugees in Alameda County, who arrive in the U.S. with disproportionately high rates of health-related issues and often end up living in social and linguistic isolation.

Now returning from an internship at the Department of Justice, Office of Immigration Litigation, Marina is more inspired than ever to become a voice for the voiceless communities of Alameda County. And when pressed about her vision for the future, this resolute woman who arrived in the U.S. from Russia with her family at the age of 10, replies without hesitation, “I would love to have a leadership role in a nonprofit related to human rights and health advocacy or the chance to litigate alien tort cases.”
What led you to pursue law?
I always wanted to be a professional. In college, I realized it would be in the legal field. I majored in economics at Brown and upon completing Corporate Strategy and Corporate Governance I learned that I was more interested in navigating the legal issues of businesses rather than the balance sheet. My professor spoke about the challenges he faced as a business owner, executive, and member of various boards. In all of his roles, he relied on the expertise of his advising attorneys. It became clear to me that pursuing a law degree would not only enable me to have a career dealing with issues that interest me, but would also allow me to fulfill my childhood dream of becoming a professional.

How did you get connected to DLA Piper?
DLA hosted a mixer for GGU’s first-year students during orientation. I remember telling a fellow first-year, “I would love to spend long hours working here. This place is nicer than anywhere I’ve lived.” Upon leaving the mixer, I researched the firm and later applied to DLA through GGU’s Summer Recruitment. I reached out to attorneys at the firm and Dean Ramey arranged my first significant contact with DLA, connecting me with her former student, a current DLA partner. That meeting led to subsequent meetings with other DLA attorneys. GGU’s location made it easy to meet with the attorneys because the DLA office is directly across the street from campus.

Were there specific programs or professors at GGU who helped you along the way? If so, how?
I entered law school focused on putting myself in the best position to get a job in a corporate law firm. Law Career Services (LCS) helped me every step of the way. I spent a lot of time in that office and feel as though they are as invested in my future as I am. I spent every day of my first-year spring break in Jared Solovay’s office trying to perfect an application for a position that summer; as a result I was selected to serve as the summer law clerk in Gap Inc.’s legal department. Since then I will not add a word to my resume without asking Jared to read it. The LCS staff has always gone the extra mile, whether it was brainstorming on the best way to present my experience, connecting me with attorneys, participating and assisting with events I organized, or strengthening my candidacy for employment after office hours. They did a great job supporting my efforts and keeping me informed of new opportunities. I accepted four separate job placements while in law school and LCS’s expertise was vital to each offer.

What was the highlight of your time at GGU?
Representing GGU at law school fairs was the highlight of my time in law school. It was an honor to represent the school while being a student. In addition, the ability to speak to aspiring law students recharged my batteries. It is easy to forget how wide-eyed and excited you were before law school when you were in the midst of undergrad midterms and finals. Speaking with those students reminded me that it is a privilege to be a law student. And traveling back to the east coast allowed me to see my family more often than I would otherwise.

What and who provided the inspiration that got you through law school?
I find inspiration in many things. Throughout law school, I tried to implement a saying my college track coach shared. She told me that any time spent not getting better is spent getting worse. I approached every assignment, exam or responsibility as a test to measure my improvement or an opportunity to better myself. I am also an ambitious goal-setter. Doing well and graduating from law school is just one step to attaining my goals, but it is an important step. I would be remiss not to mention the major sources of my inspiration, my family and community. I come from a large, tight-knit family and aspire to do well by them. I take pride in being a role model for the younger family
members and work to provide my entire family with better opportunities. In middle school, I enrolled in NJ SEEDS, a nonprofit organization that provides students from low-income families with better educational opportunities. NJ SEEDS changed my life; as a result, I seek to put myself in a position to improve the educational opportunities of more children from similar backgrounds.

**What advice would you give to current law students who are concerned about employment prospects? About balancing academics and work experience while in school?**

Ignore the negative articles, employment statistics, and naysayers. I have met plenty of people that have found great jobs in this market and most of them got their job by doing the legwork. Never underestimate the power of face-to-face communication and do not be afraid to put yourself out there. If you do not work for yourself, why would anyone believe that you would work for them?

Personally, I find work experience helps with academics. The busier I am the more efficiently I work. Work seems to put school in perspective. Working while in school forces you to determine what is important while exposing the skills you have mastered and those that need improvement. It may seem counterintuitive, but my experience has taught me that the more I have on my plate the better I do academically.

**Ten years from now, professional wish for yourself?**

If I have my professional wish, in ten years I will make partner at DLA Piper and be a leading expert in large-scale corporate transactions. I will also garner enough support to improve the educational opportunities of underprivileged children, whether that means starting a nonprofit similar to or working to increase the reach of NJ SEEDS.
I enrolled at GGU Law in 2006 after having received an MPA from the Monterey Institute of International Studies in 2001. I started in the part-time evening program so that I could work and support myself and my 18-month old daughter. The summer after my first year, I sent letters of inquiry to every City Attorney’s office in the Bay Area, offering to volunteer for free two days a week. The City of Richmond took me up on my offer. I also participated in GGU’s externship program that summer, working at the California Department of Insurance three days a week under the direction of Julie Soo, an amazing attorney, mentor, and GGU alumna. In my second year, I was offered a part-time paid internship at the City of Richmond, so I transferred to the day program and began working at the Richmond City Attorney’s Office under Randy Riddle, another amazing GGU alumnus and election law attorney extraordinaire. I continued to work part-time at the Richmond City Attorney’s Office until shortly after I passed the bar exam.

GGU had all the practical courses I needed to be prepared for my work, including contracts drafting, land use, and administrative law courses. I was able to focus on environmental issues related to municipal entities by becoming part of GGU Law’s *Environmental Law Journal*. The research I did prepared me very well for some of the work I do today. Participating in GGU’s Law and Leadership Program provided opportunities to interview outstanding community attorneys and helped me develop a professional portfolio. My last semester, I participated in an externship with the US Department of Labor, where I had the privilege of working for the Honorable Russell J. Pulver.

After I graduated, I was appointed to a two-year position as a Neighborhood Law Corps attorney with the Oakland City Attorney’s Office. There, I was tasked with the broad goal of using litigation as a tool to improve the quality of life for Oakland residents. I worked to bundle blight code enforcement violations against bank-owned properties for abatement and policy change in response to the foreclosure crisis. I also brought nuisance lawsuits against drug houses and motels that were catering to human trafficking, litigating two of those cases through trial and into receivership, and managed a code enforcement program for downtown residential hotels which house some of Oakland’s most vulnerable residents.

In October, 2012, when my appointment expired at the City of Oakland, I was offered a position with Kronick, Moskovitz, Tiedemann and Girard in Sacramento, a premier California public agency law firm. I am thrilled to work for many different types of municipal corporations including cities, towns, special districts, and school districts with amazing colleagues. My work today is challenging and rewarding. I never would have imagined when I started at GGU that I would have such an amazing career. I am so grateful to GGU for helping me get here! ///
Ryan Griffith  (JD 12)

My Dad used to tell me, “If you are going to say no to something, have a good reason. Otherwise, you’ll miss endless opportunities.” At GGU, I took his advice to heart—I met professors during office hours, worked with career services, participated in mock trial competitions, joined a journal, and did internships. Taking advantage of such experiences beyond the classroom, and benefiting from the teaching of great professors, prepared me perfectly for my current role in the Vallejo City Attorney’s office.

Professors Jon Sylvester, Wes Porter, Bob Calhoun, Peter Keane, and Myron Moskovitz, as well as GGU’s law librarian Michael Daw, each prepared me for practice in different ways. I do not think I would have passed the bar without Professor Sylvester’s help. He met with me multiple times while I studied for the bar, and is one of the best professors I have had in my life. Professors Keane, Calhoun, and Moskovitz taught me Constitutional Law & Criminal Procedure, which I use every day in my position as a neighborhood law attorney. It was actually one of Professor Calhoun’s lessons that helped me resolve my first drug, prostitution, and nuisance property case.

Just after passing the bar, I was hired by the Vallejo City Attorney’s Office, Neighborhood Law Program (NLP). My second week on the job, we were given a case involving a squatter property that had frustrated neighbors and police for two years. Members of the community were fed up with the horrible events at the property and the police could only respond to individual calls. The City Council told the irate community members that the NLP, consisting of me and one other attorney right out of law school, would resolve the situation in two weeks.

Fortunately, I remembered the Camara v. Municipal Court case we covered in Professor Calhoun’s criminal procedure course, which addressed inspection warrants. Using e-search skills taught by Michael Daw, I found the city code relevant to obtaining a warrant: if a building was not paying for water service it could be declared substandard and boarded up. The training I received from Professor Porter through GGU Law’s Litigation Center and mock trial competitions paid off in terms of preparing and executing the warrant. We organized a police team, the building department, and the fire department to raid the property. Newspaper reporters were outside taking pictures of us clearing the house and many of the neighbors came out of their houses, full of praise and relief.

After the initial raid, securing the property from future squatting meant installing an expensive security system. Using Professor Sylvester’s lessons from my favorite subject, contracts, my office worked with Bank of America to pay for the system. It’s amazing that within two months of being sworn in I was able to successfully execute the various case needs. I think this success is a testament to GGU Law, where I learned the skills necessary to get results without making excuses.

Though I graduated last spring, I still play basketball with Professor Porter, who was not only a great professor, but who has also become a friend. He has developed relationships with numerous students and is a prime example of GGU Law faculty’s special dedication to mentoring students, even after they graduate. III

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“Taking advantage of such experiences beyond the classroom, and benefiting from the teaching of great professors, prepared me perfectly for my current role in the Vallejo City Attorney’s office.”
In recent years there has been a lot of buzz in legal education about the need for law schools to produce more “practice-ready” graduates. GGU Law has long prided itself on providing rigorous, practical legal education, and Professor William Gallagher’s course, IP Litigation: Trademark and Copyright, is at the forefront of this tradition.

Professor Gallagher designed the IP Litigation course to emulate how lawyers learn the law in actual practice. There are no textbooks assigned for this class. Rather, students meet each week in a small-class setting to go over assignments that require them to solve a client problem and produce weekly written work product—which includes client letters, cease and desist demands, legal pleadings such as complaints and answers, discovery requests, short memos, and pretrial motions. In other words, the types of work intellectual property lawyers do from the first day of practice. And, as in actual practice, students in IP Litigation may use any source necessary to help them complete their work, including professional practice guides, Google searches, legal treatises, online research tools, or discussions with actual attorneys.

Of this highly pragmatic process, Gallagher states, “That’s exactly how lawyers approach solving problems and figuring out what to do. You can ask colleague lawyers for advice or exemplars, or you can look at practice guides to give you some insight as to what to do—and believe me, beginning lawyers are often confronted with situations in which they are not certain what to do, so they need a game plan for what steps to take or questions to ask to be able to succeed.”

Gallagher believes that law students need to learn how to do practical legal research using a variety of resources beyond doing standard, academic legal research. “Law students sometimes provide an answer, but lawyers need to provide the answer and to know whether or not they’ve found it.”

Gallagher notes that new lawyers often do not get much guidance or training in practice because busy lawyers do not often have time to mentor them. “It’s not much of an exaggeration to say that the guidance you sometimes get in practice is ‘Do this quickly and don’t screw it up.’ That was certainly my experience as a young IP lawyer, and that of many others.” This is a common reason that some firms and organizations do not want to hire new lawyers—it is time-consuming to provide the mentoring many new lawyers require.

GGU Law student Lisa Agueda says that Gallagher’s approach pays dividends. “IP litigation has taught me to think like an attorney. I am confident that I can write a cease and desist letter, draft complaints, and propound discovery. In fact, this course has opened the door for a potential IP litigation job this summer. I think it’s essential for any student interested in practicing IP.”

Gallagher is convinced that the type of learning he fosters in his class is the future of legal education. And he is confident that by learning how to teach oneself the law as lawyers do, students gain an advantage in the marketplace for externships and employment over graduates who lack such training.

Students in Gallagher’s IP Litigation class are graded not only on the quality of their written work but also on their self-assessment of their process in executing each week’s tasks—including a discussion of how confident they are that they got each assignment “right.” A big part of the learning in this class stems from students’ analysis of what did and did not work as expected and why.

“That’s often the most challenging thing for law students
and new lawyers to deal with,” Gallagher says, “the uncertainty that is part of any legal practice. Lawyers need to develop skills to teach themselves the law by drawing on multiple sources of information, thereby resolving uncertainty and producing quality work for colleagues and clients.”

Another thing that sets *IP Litigation* apart from classes taught at other law schools is the extent to which students receive written comments on their work from a lawyer who has deep practical experience in intellectual property. Each week, Gallagher provides extensive written feedback on both the substance and style of students’ writing before discussing the assignment in class.

“Students are sometimes surprised to find out that I comment not just on the substance of what they turn in—did you find the best legal authority for your position, for example—but also on the style—did you write clearly and effectively? I not only read the cases or statutes cited to tell them whether they found good sources, but also correct sloppy, grammatically incorrect, and overly colloquial writing to guide students to produce polished, professional work. Lawyers don’t want to work with lawyers whose writing they need to correct. My goal is to show students how to be self-critical so as to produce the best work product possible.”

In his eight years of teaching at GGU Law, Gallagher especially enjoys the *IP Litigation* class because he sees students come into class performing as law students and leaving class performing as junior lawyers. “It’s gratifying to see how hard our IP law students will work. It is not easy getting feedback that how you work and write is not yet at a high level, but what strikes me each time I teach this class is how most students take constructive criticism and advice to heart and produce polished and lawyerly work by the end of the course.”

Student Jeff Tye agrees. “IP Litigation flips the script. Instead of sitting through a lecture in class, students have the opportunity to discuss the challenges or successes they faced in completing the assignment. It is a challenging course, and you usually feel completely ignorant when beginning each assignment. But it is precisely this struggle that guarantees you will actually learn something, not to mention giving you a taste of what being a lawyer is all about.”
Professor Mort Cohen has taught at GGU Law for 30 years. In addition to teaching, Cohen has taken on pro bono cases as an advocate, most recently in service of the elderly and mentally ill. In 2012, in addition to teaching, Cohen successfully represented two individuals and the California Association of Mental Health Patients Rights Advocates in K.G. Et al v. Meredith as a Marin County Public Guardian. In an unprecedented, unanimous decision, a three-judge panel in The California Court of Appeal, First District stated that patients could not be treated with mind-altering drugs without their informed consent. It further stated that the County of Marin denied such people due process by failing to give them adequate notice, counsel, and a hearing before finding them disabled and rendering them incapable of exercising rights of decisional autonomy (their right to make their own medical decisions). In 2012, he was presented with two Attorney of the Year awards, one from California Advocates for Nursing Home Reform and one from the California Association of Mental Health Patients Rights Advocates. Recently, Professor Cohen generously took some time to discuss his professional journey and passion.

How did you come into public interest work?
I grew up in the Crown Heights neighborhood of Brooklyn. My father was a truant officer and we were a very liberal family. When I graduated from law school, I first worked with a dreadful law firm, but made a very quick escape to the Federal Trade Commission, and then the Department of Justice, Antitrust Division. Raised with a strict commitment to social justice, I began volunteering with the Harlem Chapter of the Congress of Racial Equality (Harlem CORE) while working with the FTC. I was the only white guy at Harlem CORE and spent my time representing people at demonstrations.

In 1966, the DOJ sent me out to California. Now Associate US Supreme Court Justice Stephen Breyer was also working in Antitrust at the time, and he wanted to sue the Los Angeles Realty Board—at the time an entirely white institution—for conspiring to prevent blacks from obtaining access to housing and multiple listing services. Justice Breyer and I handled that litigation together and initially the FBI was tasked with handling the investigation. When the FBI told me they couldn’t believe the nice folks on the realty board could ever discriminate, I was forced to manage the investigation myself, and hired a group of assistants, many of whom were black. We found records of discriminatory practice and in the end we obtained a consent decree.

In 1968, I was transferred back to the New York office, after I’d grown tired of antitrust litigation and joined the Neighborhood Law Offices in New York. I also worked at the Legal Aid Society where I initiated processes for using law students in live cases—including minor criminal defenses and welfare department hearings—and convinced appellate courts to certify law students. After handling innumerable cases there, I became a teaching fellow at Harvard.

How did you get involved with prison conditions litigation?
While at Harvard, beginning in 1971, I became one of the lawyers in the litigation arising out of the Attica Prison Riot. By the mid-1970s, I had worked on Attica and Wounded Knee, and had moved to the ACLU in San Francisco. At the same time, I began hearing reports of the misuse of drugs on mentally ill inmates. In 1978, I filed two lawsuits against the county jails. The guards often cooperated with me because they didn’t like the conditions either. I won both lawsuits, and brought another lawsuit in San Bruno. The first two resulted in consent decrees, and another resulted in the building of a new jail.
I knew about prison conditions long before Attica. I came from a part of Brooklyn that had had many interactions with law enforcement. And my dad would come home with lots of interesting stories. When I left the DOJ and worked with Legal Aid and Harlem CORE, a lot of my work pertained to prison conditions because if you were a poverty lawyer, crime was always an aspect. At Attica, many of the inmates came out of Brooklyn, where many of them had spent time in a jail known as the Tombs. Everyone knew that the conditions of these jails were terrible. The people in these institutions did not just lack representation; they were mistreated and had no voice. Because they were very difficult to work with or reach they were often ignored. That fact gives them something in common with the mentally ill.

Now you serve as an advocate for the elderly and mentally ill. Why?
I really enjoy taking on the windmills of society. This work is tough. And it’s challenging to handle class action cases involving the elderly and mentally ill while also teaching a full course load. But it’s very rewarding work.

Does your pro bono work help you prepare students for practice? If so, how?
It does. I am able to persuade judges to visit my classroom. I have brought students to court. And there is no question that my pro bono work helps lift the learning curve and keeps the attention of my students. My pro bono work allows me to better understand every course I teach in both a theoretical and practical context, and that helps students.

You started performing pro bono while still in law school. How do we instill a passion for public service in young people today?
At Legal Aid, I worked with lots of students and had a particular bent. While I wanted to inspire students to work on behalf of the poor, most eventually went into other fields. I learned that my job is not to opinionate students. I have strong opinions, but when I enter the classroom I have to cleanse myself of the tendency to express them and remain with statements on the law.

We have to find out what the students want. We can’t force feed them on the issues that we care about. Some students will not be persuaded. But I think that many people get into this profession because they feel some anguish about deprivation. Understanding this can help us persuade more students. I tell aspiring prosecutors that they should learn about defense work in order to become good prosecutors.

After thirty years of teaching at GGU, what can you say makes our school unique?
It’s 2:30 in the afternoon and I am here. This conversation happening right now would not happen anywhere else. The collegiality and congeniality we experience at Golden Gate is extraordinarily unusual. Golden Gate supports a humane faculty in terms of approaches to themselves and their students. This is a pleasant, friendly place to work.

If you could be anything other than an attorney or law professor, what would you be?
I don’t really have any frustrations. I really like what I do. At one point, I was asked to be a magistrate and turned it down because I wanted to be an advocate. I wouldn’t be a professional fisherman. I would do lots of things but would still want to be an advocate. ///

Professor Cohen was interviewed by Leeor Neta, Director of Public Interest, Law Career Services.
Practice Perfect

GGU Law Dean Rachel Van Cleave

By now, GGU Law’s Dean Rachel Van Cleave, who began as our permanent dean in January, needs no formal introduction. In the University’s spring magazine, Faculty Chair Eric Christiansen described Rachel’s Olympian qualities of discipline, focus, and grace under pressure. Like Eric, I have been in awe of Rachel’s ability to work collaboratively and strategically, orchestrating positive programmatic changes that reflect and combine professors’ expertise, best practices in legal education, and market realities—all to serve our students.

To the many kudos Rachel has earned during her first six months of being GGU Law’s new dean, I would add her uncanny ability to operate with both depth and breadth in her work on behalf of the law school. Rachel displays relentless energy and keen intellect in seamlessly and simultaneously understanding the important, deep work faculty do with students and collaborating to help integrate that richness with a vision and strategy that addresses the current climate of legal education and the legal profession.

While Rachel is very serious about the work we are doing and the challenges we face, she also possesses a warmth and collegiality that is contagious. I enjoy hearing the warm laughter that emanates from her office next door to mine as she meets with alumni, students, university stakeholders, and community partners. We at GGU Law are most fortunate for the rare combination of vision, diligence, intelligence, and friendly grace Rachel brings to all she does on behalf of the law school. GGU Law could not ask for a stronger leader in the midst of so many changes in legal education and in the profession.

Kimberly Stanley, Associate Dean of Academic Affairs

Institutions of higher education and law schools in particular are currently addressing new questions about the value and form of the education they offer, due, in part, to economic reality, practical necessity, and public scrutiny. Changes in the nature of the legal profession and the market, the cost of legal education, and most recently the purpose of the third year of law school, have each been at the center of professional conversations, public debate and media stories about reform.

Like my colleagues at other law schools, I am certainly involved with these critical conversations. I am also working with GGU Law faculty members and program leaders to launch and execute a comprehensive three-year action plan this fall. The plan will provide clear strategy and guidance and more importantly, tackle critical areas that address the needs of students from the time they enter law school through their transition into the profession.
Recently, the Daily Journal published my article “The Future of the Legal Profession” (you may read the full article at http://digitalcommons.law.ggu.edu/pubs/569/). In this piece, I write about technology-driven changes in the profession. I also write about the values that shape our professional purpose, the importance of not losing sight of what it means to be a “counselor at law.” I believe it is critical that, at a time of rapid changes in the legal profession, we all remain grounded in the core values of serving clients and society by continuing to build a stronger profession and a more just democracy.

The article has sparked informative conversations with colleagues, alumni, and friends. Many were pleased that our law school is aware of and responsive to the changing external landscape. Other readers enjoyed learning about mindful lawyering. And, in the midst of so many external changes, many were pleased to be reminded of and affirmed in the values that drew them to the profession and guide their work during challenging times.

At GGU Law, we are working to both hold to the values that shape the legal profession and the practice-driven hallmarks of the education we offer while strategically and thoughtfully designing a future for the law school that responds to the needs of our students and the profession. Thus, we will enhance the work of our faculty and students so that they, like generations of GGU Law alumni, will contribute to a vibrant future rooted in integrity and service.

Professors and students choose to teach and learn at GGU Law because they seek a small school culture, a dynamic urban setting, and, above all, a focus on experience. The entrepreneurial students GGU Law attracts, the vast majority of whom participate in externships and other field placements, eagerly pursue opportunities to apply and practice law from the time they start at GGU. To help them get started, this fall we
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are launching a Faculty Coaching program for our first-year students. Small teams of students will meet monthly with their coaches to discuss the transition to law school, professional identity, and other areas of professional interest. Our faculty look forward to using this new program to engage and cultivate our future colleagues.

Because of our small size and long tradition of practical training, we have, over the last few years, been able to fine-tune and implement strategic reforms to existing programs, implement curricular reforms that spurred a partnership with the Educating Tomorrow’s Lawyers consortium of schools focused on innovative legal education, and offer new scholarships and post-graduate support that help lessen our students’ and graduates’ debt. Still, we know there is much work to do to continue perfecting our programs, preparing students for their transitions into careers, and implementing programs that ensure the law school remains a sound economic and professional investment.

In the coming months, I look forward to designing and launching a focused and strategic plan of action for GGU Law—a plan rooted in our more than 110 years of emphasizing both theory and practice, strong collaboration with colleagues, in conversation with our students and alumni, and with our eyes and ears on the market.
Commencement
May 17, 2013
Frederick W. Bradley (JD 65) has been working for Coldwell Banker in Roseville, CA, since 2011.

Michael E. Kaiser (JD 68) retired as judge of the Riverside (Calif.) Superior Court after 17 years of service and is now a mediator neutral with IVAMS Arbitration and Mediation Services in Rancho Cucamonga, CA.

Lyle C. Cavin (JD 69) was elected president of the Alameda Contra Costa Trial Lawyers Association for 2012-13.

Stephen N. Dorsi (JD 73) is chair of the San Luis Obispo County Bar Association, Estate and Trust section. Dorsi is also the Arroyo Grande, CA, High School mock trial coach and serves on the board of directors for KCBX Public Radio.

Robert H. Oliver (JD 73) was elected vice president of the California Judges Foundation executive board of directors in Sacramento.

Ruth Astle Samas (JD 74, SJD 08) teaches business law at the Golden Gate University Edward S. Ageno School of Business in San Francisco.

Susan Rutberg (JD 75) wrote an article for The Recorder, “Happier Law Students, One Client at a Time,” on April 5. Rutberg is a professor of law at Golden Gate University School of Law.

Gary A. Angel (JD 76) was listed among the Legal Leaders in this year’s San Francisco’s Top Rated Lawyers. Angel owns the Law Offices of Gary A. Angel in San Francisco.

William R. Parker (JD 76) is a financial advisor at Wells Fargo Advisors LLC in Walnut Creek, CA.

Dale A. Affonso (JD 77, MBA 77) is principal for McGladrey LLP in Irvine, CA.

Henry M. Domzalski (JD 77) lives in Malawi, after retiring from the UNHCR, the UN Refugee Agency in 2008.

Timothy Smallsreed (JD 77, MBA 79) joined the Trusts and Estates Group of Wendel, Rosen, Black & Dean LLP in Oakland.

Linda J. Sloven (JD 79) was appointed to the Nevada County Superior Court, CA, by Governor Jerry Brown.

Walter Riley (JD 80) was honored at the National Lawyers Guild San Francisco Bay Area Chapter Testimonial Dinner on April 27.

Catherine A. Yanni (JD 81) was listed among the Legal Leaders in this year’s San Francisco’s Top Rated Lawyers. Yanni is a neutral at JAMS Arbitration, Mediation and ADR Services in San Francisco.

Susan Alexander (JD 83) was named Family Law Bench Officer of the year for 2012 by FLEXCOM. Alexander is a family law judge for the Alameda County, CA, Superior Court.

Raymond N. Erlach (LLM 83) was listed among the Legal Leaders in this year’s San Francisco’s Top Rated Lawyers. Erlach owns the Law Offices of Raymond N. Stella Erlach in San Francisco.

Nancy E. O’Malley (JD 83) was a featured speaker at the California Women Lawyers 2013 Annual Conference on May 4 in San Francisco. O’Malley is the district attorney for Alameda County, CA.

Joel C. Lamp (JD 84) gave the keynote address at the 10th Annual General Counsel West Coast Conference in San Francisco. Lamp is senior associate general counsel in the legal department at Walmart Global eCommerce.

Susan Rabin (JD 84) is performing in the show “Foodies the Musical” in San Francisco. Rabin owns the Law Offices of Susan Rabin in Sherman Oaks, CA.
Amy Eskin (JD 86) was awarded the Civil Justice award at the Trial Lawyer of the Year Gala on April 25. Eskin is of counsel at Levin Simes LLP in San Francisco.

Michael S. Williams (JD 86) was appointed to the Napa, CA, Superior Court by Governor Jerry Brown.

Michael D. Rounds (JD 87) was listed among the Legal Leaders in this year’s San Francisco’s Top Rated Lawyers. Rounds is a founding partner of Watson Rounds in San Francisco.

Kuruvilla Mathen (JD 88) passed the Patent Bar examination on January 23.

Charles O. Thompson (JD 88) is a partner at Seyfarth Shaw in San Francisco.

Larry F. Estrada (JD 89) was awarded the Achievement Medal for Civilian Service for exceptionally outstanding and continual stellar service as the deputy counsel/employee labor relations at the US Army Corps of Engineers in Los Angeles.

David C. Whitcomb (JD 89) is vice president of the legal department for Charles Schwab in Chicago, IL.

Hal J. Abrams (LLM 90) is the vice president, division of institutional advancement, for the University of Oregon in Portland, OR.

Michael E. Banister (JD 91) is a retired California deputy attorney general and currently volunteers with the Veterans Consortium Pro Bono Program.

Scott C. Kline (JD 92) is a partner at Lucosky Brookman LLP in Los Angeles. Kline has over 20 years of experience in international law firms and has spent nearly a decade practicing corporate and securities law.

Scott C. Tsui (JD 92) was profiled in the Gilroy Patch. Tsui is an assistant district attorney for the Santa Clara, CA, County District Attorney’s Office.

Simona A. Farrise (JD 93) received the Litigation Distinction Award at the GGU Law Student Awards Ceremony. Recognized as one of the top 50 female lawyers in California, Farrise is the founder of the Farrise Law Firm in Los Angeles.

Robert G. Teffeteller (JD 93) is general counsel for Jackson Oil in Meridian, ID.

Deborrah A. Klis (JD 94) was named to Maryland’s Top 100 Women by The Daily Record. Klis is of counsel at Ballard Spahr in Bethesda, MD.

Alexander H. Lubarsky (JD 94, LLM 98) is director of business development at TERIS, partner and cofounder at Community Legal Centers and teaches legal technology in the Cal State East Bay paralegal certificate program in the San Francisco Bay Area.

Daniel A. Panitz (JD 95) joined Integreon’s eastern US business development team to help grow the business for EDRM, LPO and BPO engagements with law firm and corporate clients in New York.
Sylvia Perez MacDonald (JD 95) has been elected treasurer of the Santa Clara County, CA, Bar Association. MacDonald is an attorney with the Santa Clara County Office of the Public Defender.

Daniel Pickard (JD 95) is the author of the law review article “The US Court of International Trade in 2011: Appeals from the US International Trade Commission and Department of Labor” which was published in the Fall 2012 issue of Georgetown Journal of International Law. Pickard is a partner at Wiley Rein LLP in Washington, DC and a 2013 Washington DC Super Lawyer.

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Duncan Lemmon (JD 96) is an attorney at Hake Law PC in San Francisco.
Peter G. Milne (JD 02, LLM 03) was featured in the promotional video “Be a Champion of Justice,” which played at the annual Veterans Gala in Austin, TX, in April. Milne is a tax, business and probate law attorney.

Patricia M. Nelson (LLM 02) wrote a book of poems titled “Among the Shapes that Fold & Fly” which was published by Sugartown Publishing.

Carol A. Treasure (JD 02) was on a panel discussion at Ark Group’s West Coast Women Legal 2013 conference on January 31.

Zakia Afrin (LLM 03, SJD 07) presented “Trying the War Criminals in Bangladesh: Seeking Truth, Justice, and Reconciliation for a Battered Nation” at UC Berkeley on February 23.

Jalila A. Bell (JD 03) is a solo practitioner in New York. Bell is also of counsel at Malecki Law, Greenberg & Merola LLP, the Law Firm of Doron Zanani, Esq., and the McFadin Law Group.

Blaine Jones (JD 03) was profiled in Trib Total Media. Jones owns Blaine Jones Law in Pittsburgh, PA.

Rebecca J. Prozan (JD 03) was profiled in the SF Bay Times. Prozan is the Director of Community Relations with the Office of the District Attorney in San Francisco.

Kathryn B. Sullivan (JD 03) is a civil litigation attorney for J. Christopher Amrhein PC in Hingham, MA.

Ekelaka Ehrlich (JD 04) is a foreclosure defense attorney with Consumer Attorney Services in Jacksonville, FL.

Michelle Ramos Burkhart (JD 04) is president and senior trial consultant at Verdict Works LLC in Long Beach, CA.

Jason Armstrong (JD 05) owns the Law Office of Jason Armstrong in Bozeman, MT.

Paul Starrett (LLM 05) spoke at The National Press Club Newsmaker Conference on April 15 in Washington, DC. Starrett is the chief global risk officer & counsel at UBIC Inc.

Prachya Yuprasert (LLM 05) is the chief judge in the Thai Office of the Judiciary in Thailand.

Petrina A. Boakye (LLM 06) owns the Law Office of Petrina A. Boakye in Louisville, KY.

Paul Hogarth (JD 06) is an Associate Campaign Director at Daily Kos, a prominent national legal blog.

Joseph S. Oxman (JD 06) is an associate with Oxman Goodstadt Kuritz PC in Philadelphia, PA.

Mike J. Silveira (JD 06) was profiled on SFGate.com. Silveira owns Silveira Law in San Francisco which specializes in traffic ticket, DUI, and criminal defense.

Melinda B. Barker (LLM 07) is a partner at Pillsbury Winthrop Shaw Pittman in Palo Alto, CA.

Esme V. Grant (JD 07) is the manager of the Disability Rights Program at the US International Council on Disabilities in Washington, DC.

Niels Wiese (LLM 07) works at the Bavarian Ministry of Labor and Social Affairs, Department of Law and Public Procurement in Munich, Germany.

Sanaz Alasti (SJD 08) presented her research at a NATO seminar in Sicily in November 2012. Alasti is an assistant professor of criminal justice at Lamar University in Beaumont, TX.

Katia M. Bloom (JD 08) was featured in an article on working as in-house counsel in The Recorder. Bloom is of counsel at Avira Inc. in Burlingame, CA.
Nancy S. Brandt (JD 08) is a panel attorney for the appellate projects in the Fourth and Sixth Districts of California.

Vanina Sucharitkul (LLM 08) is an international arbitration associate at Herbert Smith in Bangkok, Thailand. Sucharitkul is a Thai member of the Court of International Arbitration.

Michael C. Sutliffe (JD 08) is with Blakley Sokoloff Taylor & Zafman LLP in Sunnyvale, CA.

Lindsay K. Eaton (JD 09) joined Right Lawyers, handling serious car accidents and work injury cases in Las Vegas, NV.

Caroline A. Koch (JD 09) is an associate at Lawyers for Clean Water in San Francisco.

Jonathan A. Logan (JD 09) was named to the board of directors of Napa Valley Hospice & Adult Day Services. Logan is an associate attorney at Murphy, Logan & Bardwell in Napa, CA, and serves as treasurer of the Napa Valley DARE and Safe Schools Foundation.

Jocelynn J. Maier (JD 09) is an associate at McManis Faulkner in San Jose.

Sara E. Matlin (JD 09) is a fair housing coordinator at Project Sentinel, a housing non-profit in the Bay Area.

Kelly Vlach (LLM 09) is a juriste, contrats internationaux at ETDE in Paris, France.

Greg M. Bentley (JD 10) received the Young Alumnus award at the GGU Law Student Awards Ceremony. Bentley is part of Pier 5 Law Offices, a community of solo practitioners in San Francisco.

Hazel S. Chu (JD 10) is an associate attorney at Tharpe & Howell LLP, an insurance defense firm in Los Angeles.

Ashley R. Eagle Gibbs (JD 10) is an associate at Lawyers for Clean Water in San Francisco.

Julia R. Harris (JD 10) was honored with the Rising Star award at the AMEC's 8th Annual Counsel of the Year Awards on January 11 in Los Angeles. Harris is the director, business and legal affairs at Paramount Pictures.

Kathryn E. Carroll (JD 11) is an attorney with the US Postal Service in San Francisco.

Caroline N. Cohen (JD 11) is a fair housing coordinator at Project Sentinel, a housing nonprofit in the Bay Area.

Nioura Foad Ghazni (JD 11) is an associate at Osborn McDerby LLP in San Francisco.

Leslie C. Liao (JD 11) serves as the law clerk for The Honorable Cathy H. Serrette, an Associate Judge of the 7th Judicial Circuit, in the Prince George's County, MD, Circuit Court.

Susan Rados (JD 11) is Deputy District Attorney in Solano County, CA.
Gertrude A. Torkornoo (LLM 11) was the first recipient of the International Association of Women Judges’s scholarship for women jurists from developing countries. Torkornoo was appointed to the second highest court in Ghana in October 2012.

Matthew J. Tuller (JD 11) owns the Law Office of Matthew J. Tuller, an estate planning, employment law and business entity formation firm in San Francisco.

James B. Upp (JD 11) is a broker associate at Better Homes & Garden MasonMcDuffie Realty in Oakland.

Tyler W. Browne (JD 12) is the director of operations for the Vallejo Admirals, a professional baseball club in Vallejo, CA.

Cosmin I. Corendea (SJD 12) is an associate academic officer for the United Nations University Institute for Environment and Human Security in Germany.

Caitlin M. Emmett (JD 12) is an associate attorney with Bledsoe, Cathcart, Diestel, Pedersen and Treppa LLP, a civil litigation firm in San Francisco.

Pete J. Georgis (JD 12) is an associate attorney with Rice Silbey Reuther & Sullivan in Las Vegas, NV.

Ryan C. Griffith (JD 12) was featured in The Times Herald. Griffith is an attorney with Vallejo’s Neighborhood Law Program, CA.

Shannon M. Grube (JD 12) is a staff attorney with the Alliance For Children’s Rights in Los Angeles.

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Donald K. Pope (JD 73) died May 6, 2012.

Thomas I. Russell (JD 74) died February 22, 2013.
CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2013

SEPT 19  GGU LAW CLINICS 20TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION
6:00pm to 8:00pm. Delancey Street Foundation, San Francisco. The celebration will honor clinic founders Marci Seville, Alan Ramo, and Cliff Rechtschaffen and celebrate twenty amazing years of working with students and our community. Contact: Professor Hina Shah, 415-442-6649, hshah@ggu.edu

OCT 10–13  IN VINO VERITAS 2013
GGU Law Professor Bernie L. Segal Criminal Mock Trial Competition, San Francisco and Sonoma. Contact: Professor Wes Porter, 415-442-6663, wporter@ggu.edu

OCT 11  GGU LAW RECEPTION AT THE CALIFORNIA STATE BAR ANNUAL MEETING
San Jose. Contact: Deanna Bruton, 415-442-7824, dbruton@ggu.edu

OCT 17  FIFTH ANNUAL CHIEF JUSTICE RONALD M. GEORGE DISTINGUISHED LECTURE: MILITARY VETERANS IN THE JUDICIARY
6:00pm to 7:30pm. PG& E Auditorium, 77 Beale Street, San Francisco. Contact: Maggie Stone, 415-442-6608, mstone@ggu.edu

OCT 18  VETERAN LAW CONFERENCE
All day. GGU Law, 536 Mission Street, San Francisco. Contact: Maggie Stone, 415-442-6608, mstone@ggu.edu

OCT 30  GGU ALUMNI AWARDS LUNCHEON
11:30am to 2:00pm. Four Seasons Hotel, 757 Market Street, San Francisco. Our annual luncheon honoring members of the GGU community who have achieved excellence. Contact: Deanna Bruton, 415-442-7824, dbruton@ggu.edu

DEC 6  SWEARING-IN CEREMONY
12:00pm to 1:00pm. PG&E Auditorium, 77 Beale Street, San Francisco. Contact: Stacey Sorensen, 415-442-7812, alumni@ggu.edu
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PROGRAM

LECTURER
Associate Justice Ming W. Chin, Supreme Court of California
Captain in the US Army, including a year in Vietnam

MODERATOR
Gordon Erspamer, Retired Senior Counsel, Morrison & Foerster LLP

PANELISTS TO DATE
Judge James E. McFetridge, Superior Court of California,
County of Sacramento
Former Associate Justice Milton L. Williams, New York,
Appellate Division, First Department

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