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Friday, the Seventeenth of May
Two Thousand Thirteen
Louise M. Davies Symphony Hall
San Francisco
Eleven O'Clock AM

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PROGRAM

GREETING

Rachel Van Cleave, Dean
GOLDEN GATE UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW

WELCOME

Dr. Dan Angel, President
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JD PROGRAM CLASS OF 2013: Kris R. Soudah

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CONFERRAL OF HONORARY DEGREE

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CONFERRAL OF DEGREES

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Master of Laws (LLM) in International Legal Studies
Master of Laws (LLM) in Environmental Law
Master of Laws (LLM) in Intellectual Property Law
Master of Laws (LLM) in Taxation
Master of Laws (LLM) in United States Legal Studies
Doctor of Jurisprudence (JD)

CLOSING REMARKS

Rachel Van Cleave, Dean

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☼	Highest Honors
‡	Honors
☼	Jesse Carter Society
☼	Honors Lawyering Program (HLP)
†	JD/MBA
□	JD/PhD

◆	Pro Bono Honor Society
○	Moot Court Board
●	Golden Gate University <i>Environmental Law Journal</i>
◆	Golden Gate University <i>Law Review</i>
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ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE AWARDS

*Academic Excellence in Corporate
and Commercial Law*

John James Thomas, III

Academic Excellence in Criminal Law

Kristi M. Schulenberg

*Academic Excellence in
Environmental Law*

Cody Matthew Nesper

*Academic Excellence in
Family Law Award*

Eric Steven Cowdery

*Academic Excellence in Intellectual
Property Law*

Alexandra S. Reinsdorf

*Grotius Award for Academic Excellence
in International Law*

Brian Allen Christopher Ford

Stacey Alicia Maalej Rusnak

*Academic Excellence in Labor and
Employment Law*

Christina Nicole Diaz

Academic Excellence in Litigation

Tiffany S. Hansen

*Academic Excellence in
Real Estate Law*

Paul H. Mabry

Academic Excellence in Tax Law

Tyson R. Smith

*Scribes American Society of
Legal Writers Award*

Kate C. Baldrige

Jessica Marie Young Brown

Cameron Michael Lue Sang

Kristie L. Morris

SPECIAL AWARDS

*ALI CLE Scholarship and Leadership
Award*

Jamil David McClintock

Allan Brotsky Pro Bono Award

S. Houston Porter

*Honors Lawyering Program
Outstanding Student Award*

Alexis Jessica Waxman

*International Academy of Trial Lawyers
Award for Most Outstanding Student in
the Field of Litigation*

David E. Kuchinsky

*Law Review Award for Dedication
and Excellence*

Alexandra Davina Vesalgas

*Most Significant Contribution to the
Litigation Center Award*

S. Houston Porter

Montra Yazdani

*National Association of Women
Lawyers Outstanding Student Award*

Jodi Dyan Phillips

Outstanding LLM Student Award

Marc Anthony Santamaria

(International Legal Studies)

William Hamblin Davis (Tax)

*Outstanding Achievement in
Public Interest Law Award*

Kristi M. Schulenberg

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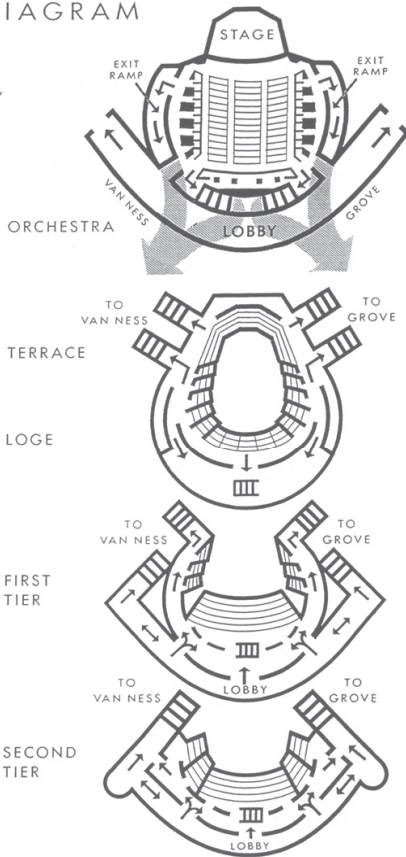
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