Family Ties

Golden Gate University Graduates Talk About Working in Family Law

Also:
Arlin Armstrong: an appreciation
Judy McKelvey, one of my distinguished predecessors as dean of Golden Gate University School of Law is retiring after teaching here for more than 30 years. Judy’s impact on this law school is enormous. Her love for the school, combined with her zestful energy, drive, and great reputation in the legal community were all powerful forces that she used effectively to enhance Golden Gate as a first-rate institution that turns out many of the finest lawyers in the profession. She is a truly classy person and hers is a hard act for me and her other successor deans to follow.

This issue of *Class Action* features Judy on her retirement. It has been a joy for me to write Judy’s profile, which appears on page 2. Please be sure to let us know if you can attend a special luncheon in Judy’s honor. See page 5 for details.

Family law is also featured in this issue. From the words of many alumni of Golden Gate University School of Law, we learn about the challenges, opportunities, and rewards of working in this area of the law. These attorneys are the powerhouses of cutting-edge practices in an area of law that deeply affects the lives of many people.

Finally, be sure to take a look at our new centennial logo (below). The year 2001 will mark the 100th anniversary of Golden Gate University School of Law. We plan to celebrate the year with a lot of pizazz, and the logo is a promise of things to come.

Sincerely,

Peter G. Keane
Dean
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Judy McKelvey has been a colossus of the legal profession in the Bay Area and in all of California for more than a generation. She broke through glass ceilings long before anyone ever used that term. Along the way, Judy has touched the lives of everyone lucky enough to know her, especially those of us who are blessed with the delightful experience of being her friend.

I first got to know Judy McKelvey when I joined the board of directors of the Bar Association of San Francisco in the early 1980s. Judy was the president of BASF during my first year on the board. She was only the second woman president in the Bar Association's history. At the time, she was also the dean of Golden Gate University School of Law. Judy majored in philosophy at the University of Wisconsin, and as graduation approached, her father took her aside for a talk about her future. This was the 1950s, when the career path for most women, if there was to be any career, was just a stopping-off point along the way to marriage and the stay-at-home role of wife and mother.

"My father encouraged me to become a lawyer," Judy says. "One of his main points was that I should be independent and not have to rely on a man in order to exist. This was a radical notion for its time."

Judy graduated from the University of Wisconsin Law School in 1959 and went off to Washington, DC. "That's where the jobs were for lawyers," she recalls. She got a job working for the FCC and remained for several years. Then there was a detour for a three-year stay in France, "sixty miles south of Paris. It was great. I put 60,000 miles on my car driving around France." Judy's eyes light up and sparkle as she remembers the delight of her Gallic sojourn.

Back in the United States, she came to San Francisco and cast around for a job as she studied for the California Bar Exam. It was while she was awaiting the Bar results that she began her teaching career, part-time, at Golden Gate University School of Law.

When Judy started teaching at Golden Gate in the fall of 1968, the main building at 536 Mission Street did not exist. The school was housed in the smaller, older building just east of the current main building (and now connected to it). The University student body was about the size of today's freshman entering class; the Law School graduating class of 1968 was less than 45 students. "The entire law school was jammed into..."
On the Road
with Judy throughout the Years

... relaxing in Mexico, 1972

... in Saint Petersburg, Russia

“Bonjour” from Paris, and “Hello” from Maine

the second floor area where the dean's office and half of the faculty offices are now located,” Judy recalls. “The Law Library was jammed into a smaller space on the floor below.”

Lani Bader, who was then dean, describes Judy’s early tenure: “Judy’s energy, sense of humor, and infectious love for the law captivated everyone, student and faculty alike. Right away, we knew we had been blessed with a marvelous resource by getting Judy.”

The part-time teaching job that Judy took “temporarily” while waiting for her bar results soon became full-time. Judy had found her true passion: teaching law. Before long, she was recognized as the jewel in the crown of the Law School faculty.

Judy became dean in 1973. She explains, “The big challenge we faced was to become accredited by the AALS (American Association of Law Schools). Golden Gate had received full ABA accreditation in 1971, after many years of provisional accreditation. In order for us to have our identity established as a recognized mainstream law school, the need for AALS accreditation was critical.” The accreditation came, and with it came phenomenal growth on the part of the Law School. “This was the ‘70s,” Judy recalls, “and it seemed everyone wanted to become a lawyer. In addition, it was the beginning of a mass movement of women into the practice of law.”

Judy’s natural dedication and interest in the legal profession, as well as her desire to spread around the Golden Gate University name, motivated her to become involved in Bar Association activities. “The Law School needed as much visibility as it could get in order to enhance its reputation. Being a voice in the Bar Association, and particularly being president, was a wonderful public relations method for getting greater recognition for Golden Gate University Law School among the legal profession and the public.”
Judy's practical instincts and basic street smarts combine with a personal grace and eloquence that impress everyone who meets her. Drucilla Ramey, executive director of the Bar Association of San Francisco says, "No one did more to advance women, either in legal education or in the practice of law, than Judy McKelvey. She was one of the founders and one of the first presidents of the California Women Lawyers' Association. Judy had a sophisticated political savvy and a decisiveness about where we should be going that advanced all of us."

Judy stepped down as dean in 1981, leaving the Law School secure, prosperous, and respected. She continued to teach through the years, and her Property and Constitutional Law students look back on her with fondness and respect. Christine Pagano (92) describes a typical McKelvey class: "She always wore beautiful suits and made an excellent entrance into the classroom. Judy had a habit of leaning up against the board. By the end of class, her suit and hands were covered with chalk."

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Although Judy retires this year from the Law School, she is determined to play a major role in helping the school achieve its next milestone, the construction of a new Law School building. Her other plans include travel and a new phase of active life that she describes as "I'm not sure what, but I'll know it when I see it." Judy retires with a great deal of gratitude owed to her by Golden Gate University School of Law, her colleagues, and a generation of students whose professional careers and lives were molded by her influence. She is a true pioneer and one of a handful of dynamic women lawyers who changed the face of the legal profession in the last part of the 20th century. We can all be proud that the legacy of Judy McKelvey will always be reflected in the vibrance and energy of Golden Gate University School of Law.

Come Celebrate Judy McKelvey
A retirement luncheon in Judy's honor is being planned for Friday, February 25, 2000.
For information, please contact Debra Holcomb via e-mail at dholcomb@ggu.edu or by phone at (415) 442-6602.
Recently, Class Action spoke with a number of graduates who practice family law. As they discussed the value of helping clients, bringing about change in the law, giving back to the community, and mediating or going to trial, they shared their greatest challenges and opportunities.

THE CHANCE TO HELP OTHERS

While a law student, Rosanne Calbo-Jackson (93) was a law clerk with the San Francisco Neighborhood Legal Assistance Foundation (SFNLAF). Family law appealed to her because, she explains, "Once I saw what an impact my work could have on people's lives -- especially battered women who had no other resources -- I knew I wanted to help. Not that it's all strawberries and cream, but when you really can help someone, that's when it's most fulfilling. When I can help people get their kids back, get on their feet, get a restraining order against someone horrible -- all that makes me glad that I chose this area."

Calbo-Jackson continues her work as a sole practitioner working out of her home in Oakland.

Lisa Tarr (93) also gained her first experience in family law working as a law student in the domestic violence department at SFNLAF. Now an associate at Winter & Ross, she says, "This work is rewarding because I get to help people when they're feeling pretty low. They're in the middle of such chaos in their lives that they can't see straight. I help them find a way to work together as parents. They are angry now and things are heated, but when it's over they have this kid to raise together."

Diana Richmond (73), Law and Mediation Offices of Diana Richmond, echoes these sentiments. "I feel gratified personally and professionally because I help people through a difficult time in their lives," she says. "I believe that good family law attorneys legitimately view themselves as part of a helping profession."

Bringing a measure of calm to a tense situation inspires Stuart MacKenzie (79), sole practitioner in southern Alameda County. "I need to use compassion and psychology because clients act viscerally, not rationally," he says. "I'm empathetic toward others, and I come across as a good listener. People feel they can trust me with information. Recently someone came to me after leaving another lawyer and said, 'You really care.' The client said the other lawyer was just business-like. That's not what clients need in this situation."

Mary C. Rupp (93), Law Office of Mary C. Rupp, sees her role as primarily helping women achieve independence through financial security. "My expertise developed with helping battered and emotionally abused women through the divorce process," she explains. "I'm much more politically inclined toward women's issues in family law matters. I have great male clients, but women seem more receptive to my approach. I'm not unnecessarily aggressive, but I am fiercely protective of women's rights. I work to restore some kind of balance between the parties. Maybe there never was balance before, but I strive to impose one."

Unlike Rupp, Eric Young (96), Law Offices of Eric G. Young in Santa Rosa, primarily represents men. "There's a misconception that most fathers are deadbeat dads," he complains. "That may be true in individual cases, but I deal with many fathers who are good parents, are willing to support their children, and want an equal role in raising their children after divorce. I strive to make it a reality for couples to have joint child-rearing responsibilities."

Matt Pachkowski (97), with the Law Offices of John Miller in Palo Alto, admits to having a love/hate relationship with practicing family law. "With some cases I feel good about the work I do; others just fly in the face of my sense of justice, and there's nothing I can do about it. Divorces are ugly, and no one wins. Too often attorneys don't see how their actions affect the dynamic of the family and the finances of the parties. Too often people will waste twenty, thirty, forty thousand dollars on fees that need not have been spent if someone had applied some common sense and decency. Their job should be to get through with as little cost and impact to the client as possible. The more money that goes in my pocket means less money to support the children."
Kathryn Ringgold (70) works primarily with pro bono guardianships and adoptions. "My greatest reward comes with completing a guardianship. I've had cases where a father can't care for a child and the mother is on drugs, so the father's ex-girlfriend takes the child in with her other children. I get letters and hugs because they're all so grateful. The children say, 'Thank you. Now we're all one family.' The same happens with adoption. Children are happy because they now have their own father and mother. This is a wonderful way to spend my retirement years as an attorney."

**INFLUENCING CHANGE**

Some of the attorneys we spoke with cite the opportunity to influence others and change the law as incentives to working in family law.

Diana Richmond currently works on a committee that has spent the past year updating *The Bounds of Advocacy*. Originally produced in 1991 by the American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers, this document "outlined a set of voluntary goals for the practice intended to surpass the ethical rules that existed," Richmond explains. "They broke new ground in several respects, including the notion that as you represent one of the parents you should have an eye out for the good of the child. That's heretical for someone following the zealous-advocacy model. The current committee is taking the *Bounds* a logical step further," and hopes that the new goals will be approved by the AAML Board of Governors and distributed to members.

Part of Elizabeth Hendrickson's (79) practice includes adoption for gay and lesbian couples. "Over the past 15 years, there have been steady developments allowing gays and lesbians to legitimize their relationships," Hendrickson explains. "Domestic partner and adoption laws have been extended, providing for a lot more gay/lesbian family stability. At the same time, however, the religious right is escalating attacks and mounting campaigns to attack gay/lesbian families."

Hendrickson also works as part of Alameda County's Death Review Team, which reviews all domestic violence death cases by looking at police reports, court files, emergency room visits, and more. The goal is to determine if problems in a community might be preventable with an intervention plan.

Esther Lerner (80), Lerner Law Offices, is working with the San Francisco courts to review and recommend changes in procedures for settlement conferences, as well as provide a useful forum for settling family law disputes. "The judicial system needs to offer people reasonable avenues for negotiating settlements," she explains. "For example, the court's existing settlement procedures allow litigants only a half day to settle all their issues. We're trying to expand the negotiating period to a full day to give people more time to work out their differences and avoid a costly and protracted trial."

Richard Sherman (74) is a civil appellate specialist who has emphasized family law since 1979. "All of my cases went to trial, are hotly contested, and usually involve cutting-edge issues," he says. He prefers handling appeals that raise questions of social policy. For example, he represents baseball player Barry Bonds in a case of first impression pending before the California Supreme Court. It will determine what the standards are for enforcing a premarital agreement under the Uniform Premarital Agreement Act, which California adopted in 1985. Sherman has been involved in many published Court of Appeal cases and a U.S. Supreme Court case, *Burnham v. California*, often discussed in law school Civil Procedure courses.

Influencing the law is clearly something Sherman enjoys. As he explains, "While most divorce cases settle, this is almost always against the backdrop of the law, and whenever the legislature makes new law, it takes a while to see how the courts interpret and apply it. I like being involved in that process."

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GIVING BACK TO THE COMMUNITY

In addition to running their own law practices, many family law attorneys work pro bono or teach law classes. Others choose to work for nonprofit organizations, which they find more fulfilling despite being less lucrative than private practice.

After 21 years as a board-certified specialist in workers' compensation, Kathryn Ringgold sold her practice three years ago and looked for pro bono legal work where she could help children. She now volunteers for the Bar Association of San Francisco’s Volunteer Legal Services Program and for Legal Services for Children, a privately funded organization. She recently received the 1999 President’s Pro Bono Service Award from the California State Bar.

Ringgold is also a court-appointed special advocate (CASA). The court appoints a CASA to work with dependents of the court who the court fears might become juvenile delinquents. Ringgold’s role is to try to keep them from getting lost in the system. “These kids have been kicked around, no father, mother on drugs, five foster homes in one year,” explains Ringgold. “First, I have to be a constant in their life. Meet with them once a week and take them places—swimming, the Exploratorium, Metreon, Lawrence Hall of Science. I’m also an advocate and work with the school to get the child more involved in his or her education.”

In addition to her private practice, Rosanne Calbo-Jackson volunteers with Volunteer Legal Service Programs (VLSP) in both San Francisco and Oakland. In 1995 she received an American Bar Association Volunteer Award. From 1995 to 1998 she received the Wiley W. Manuel Award from the State Bar of California for completing more than 50 hours of volunteer work a year. For two years in a row, she was named Outstanding Volunteer in Public Service by San Francisco’s VLSP.

“I have to give something back because I’m getting a lot out of this,” says Calbo-Jackson. “I’m able-bodied, and sometimes the people I represent are not. I feel in general that I owe something to society because I have so many blessings in my life.”

Myra Sheehan (89) is a sole practitioner in Reno, Nevada, who works on domestic violence and other family law issues. She helped create the Volunteer Lawyers of Washoe County and served as the organization’s board president and executive director. She recently received the ABA’s Section of Litigation John Minor Wisdom Public Service and Professionalism Award.

Mary Rupp credits VLSP in San Francisco for giving her the opportunity to work with family law pro bono cases when she was a new lawyer. “VLSP nurses you through the procedural aspects, helps you to attain trial experience, and provides support when you get stuck,” she says.

Julia Arno (92) first planned to work in corporate or civil defense law. After a few unsatisfying years in a San Francisco defense firm, she went to work at the nonprofit Family Law Center in Marin County. Now executive director of the Family Violence Law Center in Berkeley, Arno only regrets those first few years. “It’s hard to find a place in the law where you can feel good about what you’re doing. There are many areas of practice, and you won’t be fully satisfied unless you follow your passion. I wish I had done that right from the beginning.”

Although Nancy Tilly (92) recently left Marin’s Family Law Center, she is confident that she will return to nonprofit work in the future. “I think the most wonderful thing about these nonprofit family-law centers is that when you finish a case with someone, you know from the handshake, the hug, the note, the thank-you, the box of candy, that you’ve made a difference in someone’s life. In the nonprofit world, you know going in that it’s not for the money; it’s working with people, helping an individual who needs help and can’t get it in the regular legal system.”

Elizabeth Hendrickson teaches family law at Golden Gate as an adjunct professor. “In class I like to show how family law is shaped by non-legal factors,” she explains. “Family laws are often used to attack a community by preventing it from legitimizing and protecting its families. This has happened to a number of groups in the past, including African slaves, Asian immigrants, interracial couples, and, more recently, gay and lesbian families. In class, we look at what goes on in the law from both historical and contextual vantage points. We ask what the economic, religious, and political factors were that created various laws.”

Golden Gate graduates seem to have developed a reputation for service. Karen Kadushin (77), dean of the Monterey College of Law, says, “People from GGU view public service and education as very important. They recognize the importance of becoming active in the local legal community and giving back to the community.”
MEDICATION VS.
LITIGATION AND TRIALS
Before the 1970s, "fault divorce" was the law in California. Divorces were acrimonious and almost always involved a trial. Today, mandatory mediation for child custody, divorce disclosure laws, and a cultural movement toward mediation and collaboration have changed the system dramatically.

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Eric Young (96)

Diana Richmond started to practice in 1973, when these changes were beginning to take effect. "The system is now more oriented toward collaboratively resolving the problems of a family instead of just winning for one's client," says Richmond. "This is a healthy change, as it helps humanize the process and helps parents recognize that they are part of a family that continues. Mediation helps participants learn to solve their own problems rather than have others dictate to them how their lives will be." Richmond intends "to eliminate litigation work from my practice altogether."

Lisa Tarr sees immediate benefits from mediation. "It's interesting to see where two people are when they walk into the room to mediate and when they walk out at the end. Each develops from an angry, hostile person to someone who can handle the situation."

Nancy Tully explains, "I always saw myself as the kind of attorney who wouldn't be going into court. I'm more of a mediator, trying to work things out. If we can settle out of court, it is much better for the client."

Kim Harmon (77) is the current director of the Dependency Mediation Program of the San Francisco Unified Family Court. The program provides mediation services to families whose children are at risk for abuse and/or neglect by their parents or guardians. Prior to the introduction of the Dependency Mediation Program, cases were settled in one of three ways: informally among lawyers, in judicial settlement conferences, or through litigation. The Mediation Program provides a fourth tool — the only option in which parents can directly participate in developing a plan for their own family.

"Most of the parents involved in the juvenile dependency system have very few resources with which to deal with the debilitating effects of poverty, substance abuse, and mental health issues," explains Harmon. "Their ability to actively participate in the mediation session, where their ideas and concerns are given as much respect as any other participant's, can be a powerful way for them to assert some control in an overwhelming and frightening system."

Unlike many of his peers, Eric Young is not involved in mediation or collaborative law. "I tend to get litigation cases either from the get-go where mediation is not a possibility or referrals where mediation has broken down."

Young sees other directions that attorneys can go when handling divorce cases. "In domestic violence cases, for example, one spouse may have a civil tort claim against the other spouse for battery. When you're working with spouses that have been abused, they need more remedies than just a restraining order. There is also an enormous need for attorneys who are skilled in helping clients modify court orders, particularly those involving support and custody."

Stuart MacKenzie likes his family law cases partly because he goes to court often — three to four times a week. He enjoys the camaraderie that develops as attorneys get to know one another. Half of his caseload is divorce; the other cases are civil litigation and business law. Few of his divorce cases are acrimonious. "I get more tension and anxiety from litigious civil cases than from family law," he says.

FINDING A BALANCE
While Golden Gate graduates in family law are universally committed to the profession and their clients, many have one reservation: fear of burnout. Rosanne Calbo-Jackson admits that as a young attorney, she would like to know how experienced attorneys have learned to make a decent living in family law while maintaining a balance in their personal lives.

Some lawyers vary their practice to make that balance. "In order for me to keep my sanity, I take on other cases that are not so emotionally charged," says Eric Young. "You have to have a practice that is varied in the types of cases you handle or you have to have something in your personal life that is a kind of escape."

Kim Harmon agrees. "Working in family law is difficult," she says. "No only is the work emotionally draining because of its inherently intense nature, but it also challenges all of us because of our own family and relational histories. In order to better serve our clients, it's critical to know our own 'buttons' so that we can maintain appropriate boundaries. Over-identification with a client can lead to bad judgment, poor lawyering, and quick burnout. We need to find ways to release the tension, in whatever way that might be for each individual, and to stand back and know what we can, and cannot, do for our clients."
I first came across the name Arlin Armstrong on a file I was reading as a member of the admissions committee here at the Law School. It was a time when law school applicants were clamoring for admission and we were reading every file carefully, looking for special students. As I examined the Arlin Armstrong file I was impressed with the quality of her letters of reference. I was also impressed that the applicant was 61 years of age. One letter in particular stood out. It praised Arlin's academic and intellectual achievements and stressed the writer's great belief in her potential to be an excellent lawyer. The letter ended with a poignant plea to please admit Ms. Armstrong to the law school because, "I'm her son and if she doesn't get in she'll never forgive me." The letter was signed by a lawyer named Luke Hiken. I thought to myself, "No mother who can inspire a letter like this could be anything but an asset to the law school." It was one of the happiest decisions I ever made. I later realized that I had voted to bring Arlin not only into the law school but also into my own life. Over the next 25 years she was in turn my student, my colleague at the bar, my teaching companion and, above all else, a most dear friend. In every one of these roles Arlin enriched my life.

I cannot begin to explain how much fun it was to have Arlin as a student. She never hesitated to ask questions to clarify what was being taught. But, despite her own brilliant record as a teacher, her questions never undermined the authoritative nature of the answer from the teacher. In truth, she was always supportive of the teacher.

While in law school Arlin took on the challenge of pulling together the work of a team of students who were doing research for the first comprehensive book on the law of eavesdropping and wiretapping. She was a brilliant editor and helped shape a useful but formless mass of material into a ground-breaking book. I loved to read Arlin's written work; it was characterized by clarity of thought and graciousness of style.

After Arlin graduated from GGU she remained an important figure in my life as a teacher. When I talked to older people who were considering law school and worried that they were "too old," I told them Arlin stories. When I talked with younger students struggling with their legal education, I challenged them to live up to Arlin's achievement. She became my shining example of a person who would not allow her age to make her irrelevant.

After she had been out of law school for several years and was living in Los Angeles I made one of my periodic calls to her to see how she was doing with the trials and tribulations of her Hispanic clients. I was told that she had gone off to Mexico. I told Arlin's secretary to extend my good wishes to her when she returned from vacation. "Vacatione?" said the surprised secretary. "Senora Arlin is not on a vacatione. She is there learning Spanish!" That story got added to my repertoire of Arlin "can do" stories.

Arlin practiced law for more than twelve years in Los Angeles and Davis. I think the best experiences that I had with her were when she ended her active practice of law in Davis and returned to the Bay Area. As always, Arlin was too vibrant just to sit on the sidelines of life. She began to help me prepare students for trial advocacy competitions. Arlin brought into the litigation arena her strong theatre background (a Ph.D. from Northwestern University and seven years of professional acting). The results were outstanding. During the time Arlin was my colleague in the trial advocacy program Golden Gate University Law School had outstanding successes, winning two regional (gold) championships and placing in the silver and bronze medal brackets three other times. Out of these experiences Arlin created the Courtroom as Theatre course. The performance skills Arlin taught the students were extraordinary. But I think Arlin's greatest pleasure came from teaching a Taiwan-born young
Arlin Armstrong

man who was struggling with his articulation of English in the courtroom context. His classmates often felt frustrated because of the difficulty they had understanding him. Arlin not only worked with him in class but had him come to her during office hours for independent work. At the end of the semester, when this student delivered his final performance (a closing argument), we all beheld a stunning improvement in his articulation. The entire class erupted in applause for the student’s achievement, then followed by an even more enthusiastic round of applause for Arlin, the teacher who made it possible.

I was saddened to learn that Arlin died earlier this year. I know that her inspiration will be carried forward by the dozens of law students she taught and who loved her. Arlin is an irreplaceable icon in our lives.

1940s

John M. Filippi (43) writes, “I was in the class of 1943 with Herb Harrington. We were both drafted in January 1943 and took our final exams while in basic training, thanks to the professors and classmates who furnished us their class notes. We graduated with our class in May 1943 at the Palace Hotel. We returned to camp. In June, I was sent to the South Pacific, and Herb went to Europe. We returned in January 1946, immediately enrolled in John Busey’s refresher class (six days per week), and were admitted to the California Bar on Motion on June 18, 1946. Herb, now deceased, was later the DA for Fresno County. I have been successfully in private practice in Palo Alto and Mountain View. I again, as I have many times, thank GGU Law School, its professors, and my classmates for a wonderful education and a great life in the legal profession. I have been happily married for 59 years with three children and six grandchildren.”

1960s

Richard Rosenberg (66), retired chairman and CEO of BankAmerica Corporation, is the new chair of the Jewish Community Endowment Fund.

Paul Vortmann (69) was appointed a judge of the Tulare County Superior Court in January. Previously, he practiced criminal law in Tulare County as a public defender, then joined a firm where he specialized in civil law, particularly insurance defense, personal injury, and some water law.

1970s

Michael H. J. Curtis (73) retired as founder and exclusive owner of Industrial Construction Company and has now resumed his career as both a full-time executive consultant to the Austin (TX) City Manager’s Office and department chair and professor in St. Edward’s University MBA Department.

Lee D. Baxter (74) retired from the San Francisco Superior Court on July 1, 1999. She plans to devote more time to traveling and pursuing her work with her African game preserve and African Educational Film Foundation, in addition to continuing her role on the GGU Board of Trustees. She also plans to sit on assignment in the S.F. Superior Court.

Neil Franklin (74) spent three months consulting on curriculum reform at the University of Sts. Cyril and Methodius Faculty of Law in Skopje, Macedonia, on behalf of the American Bar Association. He has been appointed acting dean of the University of Idaho College of Law.

Duane Ruth-Heffelbower (74), professor of conflict management and peace-making at Fresno Pacific University, is taking leave to join the faculty of Universitas Kristen Duta Wacana in Yogyakarta, Indonesia, on the island of Java. His assignment through 2001 is to establish a peace center.

Lee (75) Erickson and Maggie Erickson (85) write, “We have stayed very busy raising our three children during the last 20 years. They are all on their own now; Paulette is a social worker for CPS in Boulder, Sonia is a fourth-year podiatry student in San Francisco, and David is a surgical technician in the Army in San Antonio.

“Lee has been with the same company since graduation, Stauffer/ICI/Zeneca. He uses his law every day as an environmental manager making sure all air and water quality regulations are followed.

“Maggie has been a full-time R.N. working in home care; an E.R.-R.N. at Highland Hospital in Oakland on the trauma team; and at Brookside, San Pablo, in the E.R.

“Maggie is volunteering two days per week at Contra Costa Legal Services doing eviction defense work. She is finally able to use her law degree and plans to continue doing so well into retirement.”

Ted H. Williams (78) runs The Williams Group with Nancy, his wife of 30 years. They advise companies on human resource issues, such as sexual harassment, management training, workforce diversity, and compensation. Their clients range from small Des Moines area start-ups to large organizations, such as MidAmerican Energy Co., the California Medical Association, and a 10,000-employee Coors subsidiary.
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James M. Barry (79) is senior vice president at the firm of Froley, Revy Investments Co. in Los Angeles. He is a chartered financial analyst.

David J. Cooper (79) stepped down as owner of Afikomen Jewish Books, Gifts and Art to begin as the full-time spiritual leader of Kehilla Community Synagogue in Berkeley.


Carole Scotti (79) received the Distinguished Women in Law Award from the West Virginia University Women's Law Caucus. She was selected for this high honor in recognition of her excellence in the practice of law and her numerous groundbreaking achievements. As the attorney for West Virginia's first female coal mine foremen, she brought the landmark case establishing sexual harassment as a cause of action under the West Virginia Human Rights Act. She was the first Greenbrier County lawyer to obtain a court order sending a "deadbeat dad" to jail for flagrant nonpayment of child support and was also the first local attorney to obtain a court order restricting a sexual predator to supervised visitation with his young daughter. Her recent cases in the areas of race, disability, religious, and sex discrimination include a sex discrimination and harassment case at a medical school; a challenge on behalf of three employees to sex-segregated job categories at a financial institution; and religious discrimination by a coal mine against a church pastor.

1980s

Thomas T. Carpenter (80) joined the Los Angeles office of Carroll, Burdick & McDonough as a partner and will focus his practice on the defense of product liability and aviation claims.

Robert L. Edwards (80) has been appointed associate professor of criminal investigation at the State University of New York College of Technology at Canton (SUNY Canton). The program offers a broad education in the technology of criminal investigations including evidence collecting, interview/interrogation techniques, legal issues, forensics, and other topics. Edwards worked for the Oakland Police Department as detective sergeant in the Gang Unit until 1992. He was among the first American police officers to be deployed to Bosnia as part of the International Police Task Force (IPTF). He served as the chief of investigations of the Mostar Region for the IPTF and as a consultant to the Human Rights Watch concerning the situation in Mostar.

Holly I. Ploog (80) joined DynCorp, an information technology and services firm, to serve as president of its state and local business practice, DynCorp Management Resources, Inc. (DMR). She is responsible for leadership and business development of the practice, which DynCorp started in 1996 to pursue business opportunities at the state level. She joins DynCorp following ten years at Lockheed Martin, where she was a founder of that company's IMS Children & Family Services division. Most recently she served as senior vice president and managing director for the Lockheed Martin IMS Information Resources Management unit, where she managed large-scale IT outsourcing programs and new technology business initiatives, stemming from her service as senior vice president of business development for the IMS unit. Previously, she served four years as director of the Division of Child Support Enforcement for the State of Alaska. She also acted as program liaison with the Department of Health and Human Services, the Alaska court system, and the state legislature.

Mark L. Nissenbaum (81) joined the firm of Warnnick, Chaber, Harowitz, Smith & Tigerman. The firm represents victims of asbestos and tobacco-related lung diseases and cancers.

Paul Barulich (84) recently completed managing the production of a video on estate planning scams, Take Charge, in cooperation with the Estate Planning Trust & Probate Law Section of the State Bar of California.

Joanna R. Reichel (84) writes, "I joined United Airlines as attorney-contracts manager in 1997. I received the San Mateo County Bar Association Women Lawyers Section's 1998 Elinor Falvey Award for Community Service for founding Kris's Kloset in 1994. Kris's Kloset collects and distributes interview clothing for men and women who attend job training workshops through the Human Services Agency."

Caleb Sullivan (85) writes, "I am presently pursuing two additional graduate degrees from Columbia University: a master's degree in international affairs from the School of International and Public Affairs and an LLM from Columbia Law School. I have recently completed an internship at the United Nations with the Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs and am currently interning with the State Department in Washington, DC, for the Bureau of Western Hemisphere Affairs."
IN MEMORIAM

Howard Gonsalves (64), April 1999.
George L. Abrams, Sr. (66), June 17, 1999, in Oakland.
Lawrence Mayer (66).
Arlin Armstrong (76), May 2, 1999 (see page 10).
Doris Caldwell (82) died of natural causes on June 13, 1999. She devoted her life to helping young people get the education they needed and was a strong advocate for women’s equality. She was in her sixties when she graduated from law school.
Albert Dair (82), the first Chinese-American Marin County deputy district attorney, died of pancreatic cancer on July 31, 1999. He was 44.
Walter Dreger (84), a patent attorney with Flehr, Hohbach, Test, Albritton & Herbert, died of cancer on March 9, 1999.
Roderick S. Polentz (84), early May, at the age of 46; is survived by his eight-year-old daughter.
Daniel Kristensen (88), August 17, 1999.
Andrea Thatcher (88), April 28, 1999; is survived by her daughter, Beth.
Cynthia Beth Cottingham (89), June 18, 1999.
Lance Weinberg (93) died of heart failure Sunday, June 13, 1999. He was 31 and lived in Birmingham, MI.
Maryam Maleki (96) was killed in an automobile accident in Kazakhstan in August. She was working for the U.S. State Department, helping to write the new democratic constitution for Kazakhstan.

Patricia L. Hastings (86) (Trish) moved to Gulfport, Florida, in February 1996 and was admitted to the Florida Bar in October 1996. She practices law part-time, mostly doing research and drafting for California workers’ compensation firms, and goes to the beach daily. She also volunteers with the Housing Law Clinic of Gulfcoast Legal Services and serves in an advisory capacity to the legal referral service of Equality Florida, a lesbian/gay rights organization. Trish has a four-year-old daughter, Jamie.

They can be reached at: Paladin1@Compuserve.com.

Bryan Sean McKown (87) formed his own four-attorney firm focusing on insurance coverage, construction defect, bankruptcy, and real estate litigation.

Marcia Jensen Lassiter (88), a partner with Frankel and Goldware in Danville, CA, a firm that specializes in family law and children’s issues, received the first annual Pro Bono Attorney of the Year Award from the Contra Costa County Bar Association on September 24.

Myra Sheehan (89) received, on April 15, the American Bar Association Section of Litigation John Minor Wisdom Public Service and Professionalism Award for her pro bono contributions. A private practitioner in Reno, NV, she started her law practice out of her home, representing victims of domestic violence who did not qualify for legal services yet could not afford to retain legal counsel. She still practices exclusively in the area of family law, and helped create the Volunteer Lawyers of Washoe County, which serves low-income clients. She served as both the president of the board of directors and as interim executive director of that organization. She also served as the first law clerk in the newly created Family Division of the Second Judicial District in Washoe County, NV, and was instrumental in creating the Family Court rules, as well as procedures and forms for the court that allow pro se litigants access to the family court. Sheehan regularly speaks, lobbies, and writes on the issues of family law and domestic violence.

1990s

Rick Friedling (91) opened his own law firm concentrating on family law, domestic violence, and juvenile criminal defense law.

David Hershey-Webb (92) married Amy Jayne Schwartz on October 3, in Chester, New York. David and Amy live in New York City where David works for a state assemblyman assisting pro se tenants. While honeymooning in San Francisco, David and Amy attended the district attorney debate at Golden Gate.

Thomas Johnson (92) and his wife Noel had a baby boy, Matthew, in June 1999.

Stephen K. Lightfoot II (92) and his wife Cynthia recently welcomed their first child, a son, into the world. Stephen K. Lightfoot III was born on August 21. He weighed 8 lb. 10 oz. and was 19 inches tall. Stephen is a partner at the Bledsoe Law Firm in San Francisco and an adjunct professor at GGU.

Theresa M. E. Lorin (92) practiced civil litigation in Los Angeles for four years (1993 to 1997) and then practiced corporate law as in-house counsel in Pleasanton from 1997 to 1998. She is currently the vice principal at Ribet Academy College Prep (private K–12), a former client, in Los Angeles, where she also teaches law and AP English literature. She writes, “I love the change in job! I am so happy to be working with the students and school to reach our mutual goals—it is very satisfying!”

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IN MEMORIAM

Recently, Adjunct Professor Seymour Farber died of cancer. He taught antitrust and trade regulation courses here for many years.

Seymour came to us as a young lawyer starting on his own after working with the U.S. Department of Justice. Antitrust was a big topic in the 1960s, and his classes were always crowded. Even after the field lost its popularity, Seymour always remained a popular instructor.

Many times we tried to lure Seymour to join us on the full-time faculty. He was perhaps the most thoughtful and caring teacher we ever had. This wise and gentle man would have made a wonderful addition to GGU. Now it is too late.

—Professor Roger Bernhardt

Professor Lani Bader has been appointed general counsel of Golden Gate University.

This year West Publishing came out with Professor Roger Bernhardt’s new casebook on property. It is West’s first single-author property casebook in years and is accompanied by new editions of Bernhardt’s Nutshell on Property and Black Letter Law of Real Property. Earlier this year, new editions were produced of his California Real Estate Codes and Federal Real Estate Codes.

Professor Bernhardt continues to serve as editor of CEB’s California Real Property Law Reporter. He has started writing a regular column (“Mid Course Correcting”) and also special commentaries on important cases (“The Editor’s Take”).

Professor Bernhardt chairs the Legal Education Committee of the ABA’s Real Property, Probate and Trust Section and, in California, he has created a new subsection, the Law Teaching Roundtable, of the Real Property Section of the State Bar.

Professor Allan Brotsky was a panelist at the 1999 annual conference of the Southwest Labor Studies Association held at the Ramada Hotel in San Francisco April 30–31. The subject of his presentation was “The Cold War on Labor: Its Impact on Labor Lawyers.”

Professor Bob Calhoun is still celebrating his first-ever hole-in-one, an accomplishment he made at the GGU Golf Tournament held on September 12 at Harding Park Golf Course in San Francisco. He is also still glowing from the student recognition he received last spring: for the 11th time he was named Instructor of the Year in a poll of graduating students. Although disappointed at the cancellation of the summer abroad program in Turkey this year due to threats to Americans in the region, he happily participated in the International Workshop on Criminal Reform held at the Goethe Institut in Istanbul, October 20–24. He spoke on “Confessions and the Right to Counsel.”

Nine years ago, Professor Mort Cohen filed a civil rights lawsuit, Jones v. City and County of San Francisco, on behalf of a class of inmates in the city’s jail. Two years ago, U.S. District Judge William H. Orrick Jr. ruled that the San Bruno facility, the oldest operating jail in California, was unsafe and violated prisoners’ civil rights. A protracted negotiation resulted in an agreement approved by the court this past September. The agreement includes building a new jail by 2002 and in the meantime reducing the jail’s population, improving lighting, increasing staff, making numerous repairs, building attorney-visiting facilities, and more. Cohen says, “It isn’t over yet, since the city has a long history of violating its agreements in these jail cases.”

In September, Professor Helen Hartnell chaired the panel on Central and Eastern Europe’s Accession to the European Union at the annual meeting of the American Political Science Association in Atlanta. In October, she attended a conference entitled “Postcommunist Transitions a Decade Later: How Far East Can Western Europe Go?” by invitation from the Minda de Gunzburg Center for European Studies at Harvard University.

At the invitation of GGU graduate Barry Zimmerman (86), Professor Les Minkus made a presentation on “Lawyer Advertising” to the Placer County Bar Association at the association’s April annual retreat in Lake Tahoe.

Professor Myron Moskovitz’s new book, Cases and Problems in California Criminal Law, was published recently by Anderson Publishing Co.

In May, he moderated a series of programs on California Landlord-Tenant Practice, sponsored by The Rutter Group, held in San Diego, Orange County, Los Angeles, and San Francisco.

Professor Maria Ontiveros is serving as chair of the Labor and Employment Law Section of the American Association of Law Schools. She recently published two essays: “Adoptive Admissions and the Meaning of Silence: Continuing the Inquiry into Evidence Law and Issues of Race, Class, Gender, and Ethnicity” and “A Vision of Global Capitalism That Puts Women and People of Color at the Center.” Both were solicited as parts of symposia—the first on issues of race, class, and gender in evidence law and the second on worldwide labor markets and employment law in the 21st century.
In May, she spoke at the fourth annual Lat-Crit Conference on “Forging Our Identities as Latino Workers.” She continues her work on the National Advisory Committee for the North American Agreement on Labor Cooperation, the labor-side agreement to NAFTA. 

Professor David Oppenheimer recently published “Carceri’s Self-Described ‘Progressive’ Critique of the ACLU on Proposition 209: A ‘Conservative’ Response” in the Santa Clara Law Review and “Gender and Race Bias in Medical Treatment,” coauthored with Boalt Hall Professor Marjorie Shultz, which appeared in the Journal of Gender-Specific Medicine, published by Columbia University’s College of Physicians and Surgeons.


Professor Marc Stickgold participated in the 1999 Annual Meeting of the American Society of Comparative Law Conference in Washington, DC on “Comparative Constitutional Law: Defining the Field.” This fall, he traveled to London to explore the possibility of an ongoing program in international and comparative law with the Inns of Court and the University of London. Professor Stickgold also served on the planning committee for the Northern California Clinicians Conference, held October 2 at Hastings College of the Law.


A TRIP TO ASIA

By Professor Marci Kelly

Over the past several years, officials of the State Administration of Tax (SAT) in Beijing have come to Golden Gate University to study tax law. This past May, Professor Sarah Hooke Lee and I traveled to China to meet some of the students who would attend GGU in the fall, as well as reunite with former students and the supervisor with whom I have had contact for several years.

I was planning to give several lectures outlining the basics of the U.S. tax system and then provide books so that the students could meet in study groups during the summer and arrive at Golden Gate in August somewhat familiar with the technical language and concepts of tax.

We first went to Hong Kong for sightseeing (and compulsive shopping) and then to Beijing. While we were in Beijing, the U.S. bombed the Chinese embassy in Yugoslavia, and the situation became politically tense. Our hosts were extremely polite and assured us that we should continue with the journey, but we could hear marches and demonstrations from the hotel and knew that some roads had been closed. I wasn't really concerned when the U.S. embassy closed, but when all the McDonald's were closed for 30 days, I knew that people were very angry at this incident! We had no direct bad experience, but we felt we should leave.

We went to Hong Kong and then to Kyoto, Japan, for a few weeks. When we returned to China, we met with one of our former students and other officials from his regional office. We were treated exquisitely. We also went to the regional SAT office at the Great Wall. They greeted us warmly with luncheon and tea.

We were sorry that our Beijing visit was cut short, but we hope to try the program again next year.
ON THE ROAD AGAIN

New York
Eva Pappadopoulos (96), Wendy Gindick (99), Bruce Stephen (91), Joan Stephan (91), and Leigh Duff (83) visited with Dean Peter Keane on his trip to New York City for the annual New York Law School Forum in September.

MANAGING CAREER TRANSITION
On August 7, Law Career & Alumni Services cosponsored a daylong event to assist alumni in preparing their careers for the new millennium. Sessions included "Career Transitions for Lawyers," "Internet and the Law," and "Salary Negotiations for Law and Business." Videotapes from this and other law career programs are available for alumni to view through the Law Career & Alumni Services Office.

Atlanta
Dean Peter Keane met up with Atlanta alumnae Karen Beyke (96), Carolyn Rowland (97), and Kristin Nelson (95) on a trip to their city in September.

E-NEWS
To stay current with Law School happenings, subscribe to E-News, our new electronic newsletter, published monthly during the academic year. E-News contains information about upcoming alumni events along with notable law school news. E-News supplements GateWays and Class Action, which you will continue to receive by mail. If you are not yet receiving E-News and would like to, please e-mail your full name, class year, and e-mail address to Law Alumni Relations Director Debra Holcomb at dholcomb@ggu.edu or subscribe directly by sending an e-mail to: subscribe_law@jaba.ggu.edu.

LAW SCHOOL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION
The newly formed Law School Alumni Association will focus on increasing alumni involvement and the visibility of the Law School in the community. Kevin Allen (97), Scott Bloom (96), Elizabeth Cohee (99), Mark Figueiredo (95), and Christiana Khostovam (98) were selected to lead the association, which meets the first Wednesday of the month. The next meeting is December 1 at 6 p.m. If you are interested in participating, contact Debra Holcomb at dholcomb@ggu.edu for more details. All alumni are invited to attend.
CONTINUING LEGAL EDUCATION SERIES

Alexander Moore (93) has his book signed by author Richard Zitrin after an MCLE program (see below).

Stories You Will Not Believe
Richard Zitrin of THE ETHICS GROUP and coauthor of The Moral Compass of the American Lawyer spoke to a full room of alumni in May.

What If He Had Been Convicted?
More than 40 alumni were entertained and educated about the impact of the OJ Simpson verdict during Dean Peter Keane’s elimination-of-bias presentation in October.

Upcoming MCLE Programs
- Holiday Cheer
  December 7, 12–1:30 p.m.
- Dr. King’s Legal Legacy: How Direct Action in Birmingham Led to the Introduction of the 1964 Civil Rights Act
  January 13, 12–1:30 p.m.
- Real Estate Law
  January 18, 12–1:30 p.m.

For more information, contact Debra Holcomb at (415) 442-6602 or dholcomb@ggu.edu.

AWARDS TO ALUMNI
Each spring the Law School recognizes the outstanding achievements of its alumni in three categories: the Judith G. McKelvey Award for Outstanding Achievement, the Outstanding Alumnus/a Volunteer Award, and the Outstanding Employer Award. Please refer to the back cover to nominate an alumnus or alumna for the Judith G. McKelvey Award for Outstanding Achievement.

The Honorable Robert Oliver (73) of the Fresno County Superior Court received the 1999 Judith G. McKelvey Award during the Law School’s annual commencement ceremony on May 22.

Conrad Breece (72), a partner at Jordan, Keeler & Seligman, received the 1999 Outstanding Volunteer Award at the annual graduation awards dinner held on May 20. Shown here with Debra Holcomb.

Esther Lerner (80) (left), a certified family law specialist and proprietor of Lerner Law Offices, received the 1999 Outstanding Employer Award. She was nominated by Stacey Staab (99) (right). Center: LCAS Director Susanne Aronowitz.
NEWS FROM THE WOMEN’S EMPLOYMENT RIGHTS CLINIC

- The Women’s Employment Rights Clinic (WERC) has once again received a $5,000 grant from the Bernard E. and Alba Witkin Charitable Trust. This is the third consecutive year of support from the Witkin Trust, and the funds will be used to support the clinic’s Graduate Law Fellowship. Susana Pilate (99) is the 1999-2000 fellow.

- WERC student Kristina Hillman was awarded the 1999 San Francisco La Raza Lawyers Association Public Interest Law Fellowship to work with the clinic during Summer 1999. This is the second time that a clinic student has received this fellowship. Edna Garcia (98), WERC’s Graduate Law Fellow for 1998-99, received the fellowship in 1997.

FUN FUNDS RAISED FOR CLINIC

On Saturday, October 9, the Environmental Law & Justice Clinic (ELJC) held a fifth-anniversary celebration and Trivial Pursuit fundraiser. The event was a smashing, sold-out success, with more than 200 students, faculty, Golden Gate graduates, lawyers, environmental activists, and others (including U.S. District Court Judges Thelton Henderson and Martin Jenkins) in attendance. The event was hosted by San Francisco Board of Supervisors President Tom Ammiano and Professor Michael Zamperini. The event raised almost $15,000 for ELJC.

OTHER EVENTS AT THE LAW SCHOOL

Many thanks to Leo Helzel and the Helzel Family Foundation for supporting the following special events this fall at the Law School:

- **September 2:** Joseph Grodin, former California Supreme Court justice and current professor at Hastings College of the Law, spoke on “The Common Law.”

- **September 13:** A debate, “Should the Law Permit Mandatory Arbitration of Employment Claims?” featured Gregory A. Bonfiglio, partner, Morrison & Foerster; and Cliff Palefsky, partner, McGuinn, Hillsman & Palefsky.

- **October 8:** District attorney debate (see facing page).

- **October 14:** Dr. Ruben Remigio Ferro, president of the Cuban Supreme Court and adjunct professor of law at the University of Havana, spoke on “The Cuban Criminal Justice System.”
The three major candidates for San Francisco mayor pose for photographs after the televised debate at Golden Gate University on October 14 (see back cover).

DA CANDIDATES DEBATE AT LAW SCHOOL
On October 8, the five candidates for San Francisco district attorney met at Golden Gate University for a 90-minute debate sponsored by the Law School. Introduced by Dean Peter Keane, the event was moderated by retired California Court of Appeals Judge Harry Low, who posed questions provided by radio journalist Scott Shafer of KQED-FM and the audience. The debate was televised live on BAY-TV, a Bay Area cable station. Shown left to right: Matt Gonzalez, Steve Castleman, Terence Hallinan, Bill Fazio, and Mike Schaefer.

TRIAL ADVOCACY ANNIVERSARY
1999 marks the 20th anniversary of the participation of San Francisco’s Superior Court judges in Professor Allan Brotsky’s Trial Advocacy course.

The culminating event of Trial Advocacy each semester is a full-fledged trial before a Superior Court judge in San Francisco’s courthouse. Teams of two students represent each side in a civil or criminal case. Time considerations do not allow for normal jury selection, so the students must furnish their own jurors. Professor Brotsky tells each team to bring up to six jurors. "It’s the only time in your career you will be able to pick your jurors in advance, so don’t miff the opportunity," he tells the students.

With the jurors seated, the trial begins. The students present opening statements, engage in direct examination of their witnesses, cross-examine opponents’ witnesses, and conclude their presentations with closing arguments. While the jurors deliberate, the judges critique the students, making helpful suggestions that some students have said stick with them long beyond the classroom.

After the jurors return with a verdict, they suggest ways that the students’ presentations could have been more effective. The approximately four-hour-long courtroom experience is an exciting and confidence-boosting event for the students. Having a real-life Superior Court judge presiding adds an immeasurable value.

For 20 years, S.F. Superior Court judges have made this invaluable contribution to the education of GGU students. They receive no compensation for their efforts, which begin at 6:00 p.m., after they have presided over a full day’s calendar in their regular courtrooms.
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Caroline T. Lubbe (92) joined the Sacramento Swanson firm of Goldsberry Freeman & Swanson, LLP, as an associate attorney. Her practice will focus on tort and business litigation, bankruptcy, and commercial matters.


Linda Sullivan (92) continues to enjoy a client advice and litigation practice with the Office of Attorney General for the State of Washington. She was recently assigned as lead counsel to the Juvenile Rehabilitation Administration. Linda resides in Olympia, Washington, with her husband, Howard, and two-year-old son, Aaron.

Rosanne Calbo-Jackson (93) and her husband, Nathan Jackson, welcomed their second child, Antonio Calbo-Jackson, into the world on May 18.

Cem Kaner (93) was elected to the American Law Institute in May.

Tod Manning (93) joined the firm of Warnick, Chaber, Harowitz, Smith & Tigerman. The firm represents victims of asbestos and tobacco-related lung diseases and cancers.

R. Christopher McGrath (93) joined the municipal litigation section of Huffer & Weathers, PC, as an associate.

Judith Rosen (93) was elected secretary of the BASF Barristers Club for the July–December 1999 term. In 1998, she chaired the labor and employment committee. She works at ABM Industries as the assistant employment counsel and is an instructor at the Oakland College of Law.

Robert G. Teffeteller (93) returned to his previous career of financial consulting and joined Mutual Securities, Inc., in Santa Rosa, a full-service brokerage firm offering stocks, securities, CDs, mutual funds, and more.

George B. Parizk (94) writes, "After graduation, I immediately went to work for the U.S. Securities & Exchange Commission, Division of Enforcement—first in the Commission’s San Francisco district office and then at headquarters in Washington, DC. I started out as a staff attorney and was subsequently promoted to senior counsel during 1997. I was offered a promotion to branch chief, which I declined. After almost five years of government service I accepted an offer to join Fried, Frank, Harris, Shriver & Jacobson as an associate. I will join the Washington, DC, office within the corporate law department. My practice will include SEC enforcement, auditor independence, and corporate governance issues."

Gloria Chong (95) relocated from Vancouver to San Francisco and returned to the Law School as a career counselor in the Law Career & Alumni Services Office.

Tammy B. Haygood (95) was appointed by San Francisco Mayor Willie L. Brown, Jr. to the Concours Authority. One of her first duties will be to oversee the development of an underground parking garage at Golden Gate Park.

Jason W. Kuhns (95) joined the San Francisco office of Crosby Heafey Roach & May and continues to specialize in corporate, securities, real estate, finance, and business litigation.

Sharon A. Anolik (96) joined Global Reservation Systems, Inc., an Internet-based, business-to-business travel reservations company, as their general counsel and corporate officer in August.

Caren Jenkins (96) pedaled her way from San Francisco to Los Angeles in the sixth annual California AIDS Ride in June.

Sunday Gozie Ogbozo (96 LLM), founder and publisher of African Watch Publishing Corp., launched the maiden issue of the American-based international news magazine "African Watch: The Authentic Voice". "African Watch aims to bridge the economical, political, social, and cultural gaps between modern Africa and the world. Published bimonthly, the magazine reports on news, business, politics, technology, sports, and entertainment.

Mark Seka (96) accepted a position as associate attorney at Arnold White & Durkee in April. His focus will be IP litigation, specifically patent litigation.

Eric G. Young (96) relocated his practice from Sebastopol to Santa Rosa.

Manuela Frachon (97 LLM) has been working as a tax lawyer since January at PriceWaterhouseCoopers in Paris.

Ursula M. Germann (97 LLM) is an associate expert at the Centre for International Crime Prevention, Office of the Director of the United Nations Office for Drug Control and Crime Prevention in Vienna, Austria.

Joseph R. Olin (97) accepted an attorney position with the Law Offices of John L. Fallat in June. The office practices civil litigation encompassing numerous areas of law.

Anne Roche (97) writes, "I did four guest lectures in constitutional law at the University of San Francisco, but my main focus right now is to be a stay-at-home mother to my 14-month-old son, Oliver. It's a harder job, but lots of fun."

David V. Roth (97) joined the San Francisco firm of Wuerfel & Cholakian as an associate.
Cynthia S. Sandoval (97) joined the firm of Walsworth, Franklin, Bevins & McCall, LLP, as an associate in the firm's San Francisco office.

Jeffrey Schwarzchild (97), an associate at San Francisco's Goldstein, Gellman, Melbostad, Gibson & Harris, has been appointed to the board of directors of the newly formed Jacob Internet Fund.

Margalo A. (Moreland) Weissman (97) joined the San Francisco firm of Lynch, Gilardi & Grummer as an associate.

Karine I. Faure (98) joined the San Diego law firm of Nancy Fuller-Jacobs & Associates.

Stephen Pearcy (98) joined the corporate and securities group of Gray Cary Ware & Freidenrich, LLP, in Palo Alto.

Mandip S. Purewal (98) joined the San Francisco firm of Wuerfel & Cholakian as an associate.

Cristina Romano (98 LLM) has been appointed as a special prosecutor to the United Nations Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia. She is investigating alleged war crimes committed in the former Yugoslavia and prosecuting the perpetrators of the atrocities.

Thomas Boyack (99 LLM) continues to be employed with Ernst & Young, LLP, in the firm's investment management practice.

Bobby Chung (99) writes, "My first job out of law school is working as a judicial law clerk to immigration judges within the U.S. Department of Justice."

Erik Heger (99 LLM) spent the summer as a law clerk in the Law Offices of Marsh & Perna, then returned to Germany to work as an attorney.

Robert Impallomeni (99) writes, "Immediately upon completing the bar exam I headed off to vacation in Maui. Once I found out I passed the bar exam, I left for a vacation in Alaska. Once the celebrating and euphoria wears off, I will look for an IP position in San Francisco. But for now, I will return to my relaxing job as an air traffic controller. It’s stress-free compared to law school and the bar exam!!!"

Alex Lin (99 LLM) flies to Hong Kong three times per month. When he is not flying, he practices estate planning and real estate law.

Susana A. Pilate (99) writes, "After the bar I did a small but requisite amount of partying and doing nothing. But I soon became restless and eager to begin my new position as graduate fellow at GGU’s Women’s Employment Rights Clinic. It’s exactly what I wanted to do and I’m very happy."

Steve Rosenberg (99) joined the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals, Office of Staff Attorneys, at the end of September.

Chadd C. Weisert (99) started work as a tax consultant with Deloitte & Touche, LLP, in San Francisco.

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We’d like to know if you have made a career move, changed your address, added to your family, or received an award.

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The Law School helped organize a televised debate with three S.F. mayoral candidates on October 14. The event was cosponsored by Golden Gate University, KRON-TV, The Commonwealth Club, and the San Francisco Chronicle.

Outstanding Alumni Award Nominations

Each year, the Law School presents the Judith G. McKelvey Award to an alumnus or alumna for outstanding achievement. Nominees are considered based on professional accomplishments, contributions to the community, exemplary leadership qualities, and a commitment to the Law School and its students.

To submit an individual for consideration, please mail, fax, or e-mail a letter of nomination and any supporting materials to:

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Don't miss the article inside on Judy McKelvey!