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Creativity Goes Global

Also: An Update on the Honors Lawyering Program (IPAC)
Golden Gate University School of law will be 100 years old in 2001. The celebration has already begun and it will last throughout the year. We might even stretch it into the year 2002, as we proudly look back on a great tradition and a history that has been a rich and profound part of San Francisco and of the legal profession in California.

In 1901, we began modestly, established by the YMCA as the first evening law school in northern California. The purpose was to provide a means of entry into the legal profession for working people. Throughout our history, we have remained true to that original mission. In 1921, we were incorporated as a part of Golden Gate College.

We remained a small evening law school until the great education boom of the post World War II era. The GI Bill rapidly developed us into one of the mainstream, ABA-accredited law schools and one of the most dynamic law schools in the United States.

Our centennial celebrations will include an impressive array of events, including a speaker series with nationally known people on compelling topics, a great homecoming weekend for alumni next October, and other terrific activities. The celebration will do our school and ourselves proud.

Some additional good news is that we have hired Professor Marc Greenberg to be the director of our newly established Intellectual Property Program. With Marc and the many superb IP faculty members he is attracting, we are positioning ourselves to enable our graduates to enjoy a big part of the burgeoning practice of intellectual property law. Take a look at Marc's article on page 2.

Practical legal education has always been our hallmark, and our honors IPAC program has taken us to an entirely new and exciting level. Now in its third successful year, IPAC is unique among law schools nationwide. The article on page 18 helps explain what makes IPAC different.

I saved the biggest news for last. Next year, we will start renovations that will entirely redo the law school facility here at 536 Mission Street. We will make the place over into a state-of-the-art, showplace legal center. In a couple of years you won’t recognize the school. It will be a law school facility that will stand as a national model, befitting this great school and its great tradition.

Sincerely,

Peter G. Keane

Dean Peter G. Keane
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Intellectual Property Law at GGU
Creativity Goes Global

By Marc Greenberg

In June of this year, Dean Peter Keane appointed Marc Greenberg visiting professor and director of the Law School’s new Intellectual Property Law Program. Marc shares with us his vision for IP at Golden Gate University School of Law.

I am often asked whether this “Internet stuff” is just a fad, the legal flavor of the month. While it is probably true that the white-hot current interest in Internet law may lessen in four or five years, the increased interest in Intellectual Property (IP) law, and the importance of training lawyers in this field, is no fad.
Why a Separate IP Program?

The need for well-trained lawyers in intellectual property has never been greater. The lead-off quote in the law section of the U.S. News & World Report best graduate schools issue for 2001, was “The practice of Internet law is hot, and so are new courses on it.”

The article further notes that “(a)s rapidly as the Internet transforms modern life, it is creating enormous demand for Net-savvy lawyers who can figure out how a body of law written for another age applies . . . New lawyers with a background in the issues have an edge with the many law firms now establishing separate areas of practice in Internet law . . . . Besides educating students in the legal issues of cyberspace, the most innovative law schools aim to instill a true understanding of its technology.”

In the leading nations of the world, the last half of the twentieth century was marked by the transition from an industrial economic base to an information and services economy. Law schools recognized this transition more than 25 years ago and began adding intellectual property law courses in their elective curriculum.

The addition of graphics and sound to the text-only Internet, which led to the creation of the World Wide Web, was the catalyst for the recent exponential growth in intellectual property law. The Web and the Internet have ushered in a new means of communication, with qualities and abilities that will profoundly change many of the ways people interact, both socially and in business, throughout the world. These changes are here to stay and will continue to grow. While less than a tenth of the world’s population is now able to go online, their numbers are growing at a phenomenal rate.

For more than a decade, San Francisco has been in the center of this technology explosion. Although the giant hardware and software companies are based in Silicon Valley, many of the ideas and products of those companies start in the swirling hotbed of ideas along Multimedia Gulch, the Third Street Corridor, and in South Park—all here in San Francisco. For independent software development companies, game companies, and computer animation companies, the center of activity on the West Coast is in our backyard.

Changes to the J.D. Curriculum

At present, Golden Gate does not offer an independent specialization certificate in intellectual property. Students are allowed to earn a certificate in business law with an IP concentration. By the end of this school year, we plan to establish the criteria for an certificate in intellectual property law.

The core courses for the specialization certificate will be Intellectual Property Law Survey, Patent Law, Trademark Law, and Copyright Law. We plan to add advanced courses in these areas to focus on international law as well. Survey courses, such as Entertainment Law and Internet and Online Law, will round out the requirements for the specialization certificate.

Beyond these basic courses, I plan to bring to Golden Gate a host of talented new adjunct professors, all of whom are practicing IP law. New courses we are discussing include:

- Licensing content for Web-based businesses
- Patent drafting
- Patent litigation
- Advanced entertainment law, specializing in international aspects of the field
- The music business and the motion picture business
- Negotiating and drafting licensing and technology transfer agreements

The LL.M. in IP Law

In addition to expanding our J.D. Program, I have been asked to develop the curriculum for an LL.M. program. Future course offerings for an LL.M. may include biotechnology law, IP pre-trial practice, advanced unfair competition and trade secrets law, international telecommunications law, negotiating and drafting licensing agreements, patent and trademark search tools and strategies, and IP under the commercial and bankruptcy codes.

The LL.M. in IP law will offer an opportunity for attorneys to sharpen and deepen their understanding of this fast-changing area of law.

LL.M. students will be able to take advanced courses that will aid them in their practice and expand their opportunities for advancement.
Does the Study of IP Law Exclude Other Areas of Law?

A concentration in IP law does not preclude a student from specializing in other areas of the law as well. IP issues permeate the law and arise in most other areas of legal study. For example, IP law dovetails well with public interest law. IP lawyers are frequently called upon to deal with issues relating to free speech, privacy, and numerous employment law issues, ranging from e-mail policies to employment covenants not to compete.

The study of comparative and international law is perhaps the area in which the greatest overlap occurs with IP law—particularly with respect to cyberlaw. The absence of geographic boundaries in the online and Internet environment mandates that IP students have an understanding of the numerous treaties and international efforts to adapt to this new medium of communication. Golden Gate is fortunate to have acclaimed J.D. and LL.M. programs in comparative and international legal studies founded by Professor Sucharitkul. I plan to work closely with his program to bring an understanding of these international legal principles to the IP program.

Similarly, the business law program directed by Professor Bernhardt, the litigation program directed by Professor Segal, and the tax program directed by Associate Dean Kelly are all integrally intertwined with the study of IP law. Students concentrating in these areas should also be able to take IP courses to enhance their understanding of the interaction of these disciplines.

In short, few areas of the law are not touched by intellectual property law. The challenge is how best to include these areas of law in our new IP program. We have the good fortune to have GGU’s highly qualified faculty to work with in this effort, and the integration of courses has already begun.

The IPLC – Website, Journal, Conferences, and Clinical Experiences

A successful IP program cannot exist in an academic vacuum, without links to the community. To meet the need to integrate our students into this community and build a mutual support network with our neighbors, I have proposed that we implement several additional aspects to our IP program.

Central to this outreach is the creation and maintenance of an Intellectual Property Law Center (the “IPLC”) at Golden Gate. This center will serve as a resource to the IP business and legal community and as a means of introducing the tremendous talents and skills of our students, alumni, and faculty to that community.

The present outline (which I’m sure will change as we move along) for the IPLC is made up of four components: The Website, the Online Journal, the Conferences, and the Clinic.
The IPLC - The Website

As a service to the IP business community, students, alumni, and local law firms, the IPLC will create and launch an interactive website focused on IP law. The site will have a URL allowing for one-click linkage. The site will include a full description of the IP program at the Law School, describing current and future class offerings. It will have hotlinks directly to the main Law School and University websites. A link to the Law School Library will allow site visitors to review the Library’s IP collection and to find out about new acquisitions. It will also serve as a resource site, with links to national and international government offices, major IP law firms, and IP information sites.

The site will also provide information to practitioners via articles, columns, and book reviews, which will be written and edited by our students, alumni, and faculty members. Most importantly, the site will be a way to further the growth of a community of students, alumni, faculty, and other practitioners interested in IP and related fields.

The Online Journal

The Golden Gate University Law Review has recently announced plans to publish an annual Business and Technology issue. To complement this effort, we plan to add an online law journal, to be published twice yearly and distributed through the IPLC website. This journal will feature shorter articles than a traditional journal, as well as case notes on recent cases.

GGU law students will edit the journal and contribute the case notes. We will solicit articles from local practitioners and professors, with an emphasis on new issues, legislation, and practitioners’ experiences representing IP clients. As I envision it, the journal will be supported by donations and advertising and will be distributed free online to a registered subscriber base. If a hardcopy version is produced as well, it will be done in magazine format.

The Conferences

The IPLC will also sponsor, or cosponsor with local law firms or other IP organizations, periodic conferences each year to address issues of interest and concern to the IP legal and business community. Topics we are considering include protecting privacy and personal freedoms online, international e-commerce and the encryption standards debate, ethical problems for attorneys representing dot.com startup companies and venture capital companies, and related issues.

The Clinic

In thinking of ways to reach out and better serve our neighbors, many of whom are newly formed dot.com and related IP-oriented businesses, I remembered my years of volunteer work with Bay Area Lawyers for the Arts (now California Lawyers for the Arts). A few times each year, I spent a morning in the Fort Mason office of BALA, offering free one-half-hour consultations on copyright issues to anyone who dropped by. The program was always well attended, and the student interns who assisted me learned a great deal about dealing with client problems and counseling clients.

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These companies are concerned with issues that often involve basic copyright and trademark law or basic business law. (Employment and landlord/tenant issues are also common.) The clinic would feature free or low-cost legal advice provided by adjuncts, volunteer alumni, and students. Participants would meet with an attorney and a student intern to discuss their IP concerns and obtain advice. When the problems are of a more complex nature, the participant could be referred to a panel of local firms for further representation. Here again, the idea is for the Law School to contribute to the growth of the IP legal and business community. As we help this community grow and prosper, we will also help the reputation of the Law School and its graduates grow in the perception of the community.

Too Ambitious?

If you’ve managed to read through to this point, you may be shaking your head and saying “This is too ambitious. There’s no way all of these plans will ever happen.” They can happen and, with the help and support of GGU students, faculty, and alumni, they will happen. I can’t do all of this alone, but with your help, we can develop this outstanding program and together serve the needs of our community.

Best of all, creating this program will be great fun. That’s why I sought this position, and that’s what I’m looking forward to doing in the next few years.

Marc Greenberg, visiting professor and director of the IP Program at Golden Gate University School of Law, is a veteran IP and business attorney. A founding partner of Nelson, Greenberg & Cohen, his 20 years in private practice were focused on advising new technology companies, as well as transactional work and litigation in website development, e-commerce, licensing, copyright, trademark, and entertainment law. He was an adjunct professor at Golden Gate for eight years.
Transforming Europe
What's Law Got To Do with It?

In June 2000, Professor Helen Hartnell traveled to Bonn, Dresden, Prague, and Berlin at the invitation of the German government. Along with 21 other U.S. and Canadian experts in German foreign affairs and European integration, she visited universities, research institutes, governmental offices, and private companies to discuss the process and problems of integrating the post-communist countries of Central and Eastern Europe into multilateral treaty-based structures, such as the European Union (EU), NATO, and the Western European Union (WEU).

I was honored to be invited to participate in the Germany Today program. For only the second time in more than 20 years, the German government opened this program to experts from outside diplomatic circles. It provided an ideal opportunity for me to hear about the latest European developments.

I have been studying the evolving relations among post-communist countries and the EU for more than ten years. The pace of developments today has reached breakneck speed. My main interest is in the role of law in regional integration and post-communist transformation. Each country that has applied to join the EU—including Bulgaria, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Romania, Slovakia, and Slovenia—must first adopt and implement European law, known as the *acquis communautaire*. In addition, the EU insists that these countries modernize their legal systems and bring them to the level of the West.

**FIRST STOP: BONN**

Our program started in Bonn, where we were hosted by the Rheinische Friedrich-Wilhelms University, whose Office of International Affairs organized the trip. Despite having "retired" as the federal German capital, Bonn remains an important center for education and industry. In partial compensation for the loss of the federal government to Berlin, two major research institutes devoted to the study of European integration and international development have been established at the University of Bonn. At one of them—the Center for European Integration Studies—we discussed the EU accession process with a representative of the European Commission.

Along with the new research institutions, Deutsche Telekom, the recently spun-off telecommunications arm of the former postal monopoly, has also established itself in Bonn, lending credence to the oft-heard claim that Bonn is becoming a high-tech center in Germany.

Our stay in the Rheinland coincided with the 75th anniversary of the German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD), an agency of the German government. Like the U.S. Fulbright program, DAAD sponsors educational exchanges, including Germany Today and the Young Lawyers Exchange programs. Kari Kelly (99) recently completed the latter program.

**THE SILICON VALLEY OF CENTRAL EUROPE**

Our second stop was Dresden, the capital of Sachsen (Saxony), which (according to the Minister of Trade and Commerce) is the Silicon Valley of Central Europe. We saw proof of his
assertion, both in the settlement of new high-technology industry in the region and in the rapidly expanding University of Dresden, which has been admired for centuries for its state-of-the-art technical research and training. We visited the brand new AMD (American Microchip Design) factory in Dresden, as well as the traditional (and still worker-owned) Meissen porcelain factory, the mayor’s office, the Ministry of Justice, and the Semper Opera. I was delighted to be in Dresden again, and to see how much progress has been made since my last visit in 1993. The baroque city center is well on its way to restored glory.

On this trip, I was able to meet with scholars from the new law school at the University of Dresden, which was established a mere decade ago. Many law professors have been brought in from the West to build this new faculty. There is some tension between the students from the so-called “new states” (Neue Bundesländer) and their “carpetbagger” professors, who are nicknamed “Di-Mi-Do” professors, since many of them keep their homes in the western part of Germany and commute to their eastern universities on Tuesday (Dienstag), Wednesday (Mittwoch), and Thursday (Donnerstag).

THE CZECH PERSPECTIVE
From Dresden, the group traveled to Prague, where we visited Charles University and met with professors from the Institute for International Law and the Institute for European Studies. We also met with representatives of the Czech Foreign Office at the Institute of International Relations. The Czech perspective on the negotiations to set the terms and conditions for eventual Czech membership in the EU was fascinating. In reality, these “negotiations” involve assessing and monitoring Czech progress in 31 different areas, including, but by no means limited to, company and competition law; social and employment policy; agriculture, fisheries, energy, and environmental policies; justice and home affairs (including immigration); and foreign relations. As this list suggests, the Czech Republic, like other post-communist countries, is still in the midst of profound legal and institutional change, which is happening under the watchful guidance of the EU.

SAVING THE BEST FOR LAST: BERLIN
The final stop on our study trip was Berlin, which has recently become (again) the capital of united Germany. During this week, we met with representatives from all branches of the German government. We also spent a day at the Foreign Ministry (Auswärtiges Amt) with the head of the team that represents Germany in the EU’s negotiations with prospective member countries from Central and Eastern Europe.

Even more interesting (from my perspective) were meetings with two former East German law professors, both of whom lost their prestigious jobs after German Unification in 1991. These two elderly men, who were leading international law experts in their heyday, have both become practicing lawyers. They offer a startling contrast to law professors in other post-communist countries (such as the Czech Republic), who have not only kept their jobs and the attendant social status, but also have become well-paid experts for the EU and other Western aid agencies and NGOs (non-government organizations).

CONCLUDING THOUGHTS
The Germany Today study trip opened a window into the heart of the enormous challenges facing Europe today. I realized that, for better or worse, the EU is the main locomotive for overcoming the many divisions in post-communist Europe. If it is to succeed in this Herculean task, the EU must transform its own supranational constitutional structure, while also supporting the profound transformations underway in each post-communist nation.

Law is the vehicle of change in both arenas. However, it is not just the public and private laws themselves that are changing. Transforming Europe also means reforming the courts, legislatures, and bureaucracies that make and apply law, and training new generations of lawyers and judges. Studying the systemic changes underway in Europe is “essential reading” for all who care about economic justice and the evolving relationship of national, regional, and global trading systems.
Each spring, the Law School recognizes the accomplishments of one of its graduates at the annual commencement ceremony. This year, we were pleased to present Kathryn E. Ringgold with the Judith G. McKelvey Award for outstanding accomplishments as an alumna.

Kathryn is the epitome of a Golden Gate University School of Law “non-traditional” graduate. By her own description, she was a “late-age return” student who wanted to fulfill a lifelong dream to become a lawyer. She attended law school at night after a long career as a medical technologist.

Receiving her Doctor of Jurisprudence in 1970, Kathryn eventually set up her own law practice specializing in worker’s compensation cases. Her clients were largely African Americans. When she retired from a very busy practice in 1996, she endowed a scholarship at the Law School with preference for women and African American students.

Since her retirement, Kathryn has given countless hours as a volunteer to the Family Law Clinic, Legal Services for Children, and CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates). She is motivated by her love of the law and volunteering, as well as her desire to help children. One of her volunteer jobs has been to serve as a coordinator for foster children, to ensure that the connection between foster parents, attorneys, social workers, schools, therapists, and nurses remains intact. Sometimes she becomes the only constant in a child’s life.

In recognition for her volunteerism, Kathryn received the “Volunteer of the Month” award from the San Francisco Bar Association in September 1997. She also received the California Board of Governor’s 1999 Northern California Retired Attorney’s Pro Bono Service Award for her outstanding commitment to providing legal services to low-income Californians. Kathryn’s commitment to pro bono work and her loyalty and generosity to her Alma Mater are excellent examples of the achievements of a truly outstanding alumna.
What Is the Judith G. McKelvey Outstanding Alumni Award?

Judith G. McKelvey joined the Golden Gate law faculty in 1968. She served as dean of the Law School from 1974 to 1981. Judy was one of the first female law school deans in the country, and she is an outstanding teacher, lawyer, and person.

Each year, the Law School presents the Judith G. McKelvey Award to an alumnus or alumna for outstanding achievement. Nominees are considered based on the following criteria:

a. Professional accomplishments and contributions to the community, and
b. Exemplary leadership qualities and a commitment to the Law School and its students.

You Can Nominate an Alumna/Alumnus
To submit an individual for consideration, please send or fax a letter of nomination and any supporting materials to

McKelvey Award Nomination
Golden Gate University School of Law
536 Mission Street
San Francisco, CA 94105
fax: (415) 442-6609

Deadline for submissions: January 31, 2001

Previous recipients of the Judith G. McKelvey Award

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In Memoriam

Frederick A. Ferguson (55), retired presiding judge of the Sacramento Office of the Workers’ Compensation Appeals Board, died on April 29, 2000.

William Breck MacLaren (72) passed away and is survived by his wife Beverly and daughter Julia.

Lorraine E. Voss (78) passed away on October 20, 1999, following a valiant fight against breast cancer.

Doris Caldwell (82) was a teacher and school psychologist before she pursued her long-term dream of going to law school. She is survived by her three children, two granddaughters, two siblings and several nieces and nephews.

Glenn Rutledge McLeod (84) died on June 3, 2000.

1970s

Kathryn Ringgold (70) received the Judith G. McKelvey Award for outstanding contributions by an alumna at the Law School’s annual commencement ceremony on May 20. (See article on page 8.)

Dale A. Castle (72) is Orange County Bar Association family law section president for the year 2000.

Cathy Christian (78) became a partner in the Sacramento office of Nielson, Merksamer, Parrinello, Mueller & Naylor. She has practiced governmental law for more than 20 years, including serving as a deputy attorney general from 1995 to 1998.

Ian Macrae (78) practices real estate and business litigation in Fall City, WA, as a sole proprietor. He writes, “In January, I spent four weeks riding my Harley FLHTC from San Diego to Cabo San Lucas and back with two friends. We covered 2400 miles of Baja highways and byways. Had a great ride and everybody, including the cops and military, was friendly. Hi to all my friends from the Class of 78.”

J. Brian McTigue (78) is a solo practitioner in Washington, DC, specializing in plaintiff’s ERISA (pension) class actions.

1980s

Barbara S. Bryant (80) transitioned to a full-time provider of services in dispute resolution and prevention. In addition to her private mediation practice, she has taught sexual harassment law at Boalt Hall since 1989 and serves on state and federal court dispute resolution panels.

Kristin S. Hackler (80) was hired by the Nevada City District Attorney’s Office in April 1999. She prosecutes misdemeanors (all kinds) and felony welfare fraud. She writes, “It’s a real change from civil law—lots of jury trials.”

Thomas Anderson (81) was appointed public defender for Nevada County, CA, in April 2000. Previously, he served as the public defender for Lassen County.

James B. Boyd (82) was appointed chief financial officer of ESS Technology, a supplier of digital video and PC audio accelerator chips. He was most recently CFO of GateField Corporation, a Fremont-based manufacturer of electronic circuits used in PCs and consumer electronics.

James Hager (82 LLM) joined the Silicon Valley accounting firm of Mohler, Nixon & Williams as a partner. Utilizing a strategic planning and wealth management format, he will head the firm’s Integrated Strategic Solutions Department. He is a tax attorney and has practiced law in Silicon Valley for 20 years.

Robert E. Kroll (83) writes, “I have set up a sole practice in downtown Berkeley handling family problems, child custody mediation preparation, privacy and media intrusion matters, probate, criminal, and other personal legal issues.”

Cynthia Ossias (83), a Department of Insurance attorney, became an essential part of the Quackenbush investigation. Cindy testified before the Assembly committee that she had been asked to shred documents related to the case and said that the amounts of certain proposed fines to insurance companies had been obfuscated. California Lawyer magazine recently named Cindy as one of its Lawyers of the Year. In addition, she was awarded the Golden Gate University Alumna of the Year Award on October 18. (See Golden Gate Briefs, page 16.)

Leslie Tick (83) is currently working as senior staff counsel with the California Department of Insurance to pursue Holocaust-era insurers.

Gemnie Jones (84) has been appointed executive director of the Volunteer Center of San Francisco.

Ronald U. Carter (85) received his Master of Divinity (Class of 2000) from Pacific Lutheran Theological Seminary in Berkeley.

Robert L. (Buzz) Hines (85) recently became a partner at Farella Braun & Martel’s Environmental Practice.

Sheila G. O’Gara (85) joined the firm of Becherer, Kannett & Schweitzer as an associate.

Randy B. Singer (85) recently published The Macintosh Software Guide for the Law Office through the American Bar Association. His new book is available online at www.abanet.org/lpm/catalog/511-0431.html. He also heads the MacAttorney computer user group, a group for attorneys who use the Macintosh computer in their legal practice, and authors the group’s newsletter, The MacAttorney Newsletter (www.macattorney.com). The group has close to 2,500 members.
Joshua Weinstein (85) is a staff attorney with the Judicial Council of California in the San Francisco office. He reviews legislation on court administration and criminal law. Formerly he worked in the Seattle Public Defender’s Office. He litigated for 12 years at both the trial and appellate levels.

Robert Henenlotter (86) moved to Northern Virginia to join Xybernaut Corporation as an Alliance Program Manager. The company produces wearable computers. He would like to hear from his classmates and friends and can be reached at rhenenlotter@xybernaut.com.

William (Bill) Hirsh (86), a well-known disability-rights lawyer, was named executive director of San Francisco's AIDS Legal Referral Panel. He recently was the executive director of the Mental Health Association of San Francisco. He has also served as directing attorney for the Mental Health Advocacy Project of the Santa Clara Bar Association Law Foundation and was a welfare rights attorney.

Sylvia (Kaplan) Talbert-Lazo (86) writes, “In May I moved to Guatemala City. My husband and I are involved in the growing and exporting of coffee, which we distribute in the Bay Area, from Salinas to Calistoga. I maintain a small client base in intellectual property, which I handle by Internet. Otherwise, I keep busy with coffee, bananas and reforestation. If anyone needs assistance with government agencies here or referral to attorneys in Guatemala, I would be happy to help. My e-mail is chipacay@aol.com. My phone/fax is (502) 337-0035.”

Alisa J. Kim (88) is a deputy public defender for the City and County of San Francisco where she works in the research unit. Her daughter Lucy, 4½ years old, adopted in Changsha, Hunan Province, China, in 1996, received her United States citizenship on June 15.

Peter A. Mastromonaco (88) joined the San Francisco firm of Stein & Lubin LLP as of counsel.

Suhei J. Tota (88) joined the San Francisco and Sacramento offices of Morrison & Foerster LLP as a partner.

John Lemmon (89) worked as a law clerk and as Sonoma County deputy district attorney in 1988 and 1990. He later worked as prosecuting deputy for Sonoma’s City Attorney. He has been in private practice since 1993 and has served as a temporary judge on the Superior Court.

1990s

Drew Bohan (90) joined the Santa Barbara ChannelKeeper, sister organization of San Francisco BayKeeper. He writes, “We work to preserve and protect the watershed in and around Santa Barbara. The phone number is (805) 563-3399, in case anyone is interested in contacting us, volunteering, donating, or whatever.”

Val Dolcini (90) is the state executive director for the USDA Farm Service Agency in Davis, CA.

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WELCOME THE NEW MEMBERS OF THE LAW SCHOOL FACULTY

Prior to becoming a member of the Golden Gate faculty, Michele Anglade completed fellowships at U.C. Hastings College of Law and Harvard Law School. Before pursuing her teaching and academic interests, she practiced litigation with the San Francisco law firms of Orrick, Herrington and Sutcliffe; and Shartsis, Friese and Ginsburg. Professor Anglade earned her B.A. from Wellesley College and J.D. from Harvard Law School.

M. Michele Anglade
Visiting Professor and Director, Academic Support Program

After teaching IP courses at GGU as an adjunct professor for eight years, Marc Greenberg was hired recently to develop and manage the Law School’s new intellectual property (IP) program. (See his article on page 2.) A founding partner of Nelsen, Greenberg & Cohen, his 20 years in private practice were focused on advising new technology companies, as well as transactional work and litigation in website development, e-commerce, licensing, copyright, trademark, and entertainment law. He earned his B.A. from University of California, Berkeley, and J.D. from Hastings College of the Law.

Marc Greenberg
Visiting Professor and Director, IP Program

Helen Kang oversees the Environmental Law and Justice Clinic’s Clean Air Accountability Project, designed to ensure Bay Area compliance with federal and state clean air laws. Until recently, Ms. Kang was a partner in the San Francisco law firm GoodmanKang. She represented businesses, citizen groups, and individuals in environmental litigation and in negotiations with regulatory agencies. Previously, she was a trial attorney with the U.S. Department of Justice, Environmental Enforcement Section. She earned her B.A. (cum laude) from Yale and J.D. from Boalt Hall School of Law.

Helen Kang
Supervising Attorney

Maryanne Wolcott joins Golden Gate University this year after operating a probate and family law practice in Toledo, Ohio, for five years. Previously, she served as hearing officer for an Ohio school district for five years. For 11 years, she was in-house writer/editor for Matthew Bender Publishing and is currently a contract writer for California Civil Practice, published by West Publications. Professor Wolcott is an advisor for the Golden Gate University Law Review. She earned her B.A. from Marygrove College and J.D. from the University of Toledo.

Maryanne Wolcott
Lecturer, Writing and Research
Professor Roger Bernhardt moderated a program at the ABA meeting in New York last July on Nonrecourse Real Estate Loans. In October, he spoke on the new Article Nine and Real Estate Lending to the American College of Mortgage Attorneys in Scottsdale, AZ. In August, West published the 2000 Supplement to his Casebook on Property.


Professor Helen Hartnell's article, "European Integration through the Kaleidoscope: the View from the Central and East European Margins," was published in Margins in European Integration (London: Macmillan, 2000). In June, she spent three weeks traveling in Germany as an invited guest of the "Germany Today" program. (See her article on page 6.)


During and following GGU's Bangkok Summer Law Study Program (May 29–July 10), Professor Sompong Sucharitkul addressed a nationwide seminar on June 23, as an expert consultant of the United Nations on the "Role of International Arbitration for Investment and Commercial Disputes," on the occasion of the inauguration of the Supreme Administrative Tribunal of Thailand. The event was hosted by the Minister of Justice of Thailand and chaired by H.E. Sopon, former president of the Supreme Dika Court. On July 27 and 28, Dr. Sucharitkul was invited by the National Judiciary Committee to participate in the training sessions for some 50 members of the Arbitration and Mediation Association of Thailand, consisting of retired judges and senior law practitioners. In September, Professor Sucharitkul's paper, "Experience of the International Centre for the Settlement of Investment Disputes in the Last Two Decades," was presented before the National Research Council of Thailand, Law Section's Committee on Alternative Dispute Resolution.

GGU PROFESSORS PARTICIPATE IN DIVERSITY IN LEGAL EDUCATION CONFERENCE

On October 4–6, Dean Peter Keane, Associate Dean David Oppenheimer, and Academic Support Director Michele Anglade participated in an ABA/AALS/LSAC conference on diversity in legal education held in Denver, Colorado. Among the highlights of the conference were a keynote speech by Attorney General Janet Reno in support of affirmative action in legal education and a proposal by Keane, Oppenheimer, and Anglade that the ABA encourage law schools to begin reporting combined first-time and second-time bar pass rates in addition to first-time bar pass rates. As the proposal explained, minority group members tend to improve their bar pass rates dramatically on the second try. As a result, schools that have large numbers of minority students (like Golden Gate) are at a disadvantage in reporting their bar pass rates. Much of that disadvantage disappears if combined first/second bar pass rates are also reported. The proposal was well received and is under consideration.

After four years, we were sad to say goodbye to Debra Holcomb, our stellar alumni relations director. Debra is now the alumni relations director at Hastings School of Law. She did a wonderful job starting and building up a truly first-class alumni relations program.

We are pleased to welcome our new alumni relations director, Kevi Brannelly. Kevi comes to us from New York City, where she was the co-executive director of the National Lawyers Guild, a non-profit membership association serving the progressive legal community. Kevi was primarily responsible for membership recruitment and development, skills that will undoubtedly come in handy in this new position. She has alumni relations and special event experience at Boalt Hall School of Law, where she was the assistant director of alumni relations, and earlier work at UCLA and with the ABA Visiting Lawyers Program.

Kevi is a graduate of the University of Oregon School of Law and is a member of the New York State Bar. Join us in welcoming Kevi to the school by sending her e-mail and asking to be added to Law-Enews, the Law School’s online newsletter. You can reach her at kbrannelly@ggu.edu or lawalumni@ggu.edu.

Kevi will be sending out regular news flashes, including updates on classmates, upcoming events, CLE offerings, regional events and the 2001 Centennial Celebrations.

Cynthia Ossias (83) was recently named the Golden Gate University Alumna of the Year. Cindy has been an attorney in the State of California Department of Insurance (DOI) legal division for the past 10 years. Earlier this year, risking the potential for disciplinary action by the State Bar Association and the possible loss of her job, Cindy gave the California Legislature several DOI examination reports that described insurance companies’ mishandling of claims related to the 1994 Northridge earthquake. Inquiries resulting from the information in these reports led directly to the resignation of the state insurance commissioner, Chuck Quackenbush, and several of his staff.

Introducing Cindy at a GGU luncheon, law classmate and Adjunct Professor Leslie Rose (83) said, “Cindy has always been someone who acts on her conscience and believes in social responsibility. . . . She is a true hero.”

ENVIRONMENTAL LAW PROGRAM RECOGNIZED

- Golden Gate University School of Law was one of four California law schools ranked in the top 20 in environmental law (out of more than 170 law schools nationwide) by U.S. News & World Report. Golden Gate is the only law school among the four with an LL.M. program in environmental law.

- Golden Gate ranked third in a survey that examined every law school in the country with an environmental law program. Unlike other program rankings, which usually consider only one factor, this survey evaluated a number of factors including breadth of environmental law course offerings and faculty/student ratio. The study can be found in the spring 2000 issue of Wildlife Society Bulletin.

CELEBRATE THE LAW SCHOOL’S FIRST 100 YEARS

Throughout 2001, the Law School will sponsor events to celebrate its centennial. Check your mailbox and read E-News to find out about the planned events.

Also: Reserve the weekend of October 19–20 for alumni homecoming events.

Professor Bernard Segal presents Jessica Salvini (00) with the Most Outstanding Student Litigator Award of the International Academy of Trial Lawyers. Jessica also received a check for $250 in recognition of her achievements.
RECEPTION FOR ALUMNI AT PRESIDENT FRIEDMAN'S HOME
A group of alumni from the East Bay met for a reception on June 4 at the home of GGU President Friedman in Walnut Creek.

Reed Scott (99), Dean Peter Keane, and Bernard Gutow (97, LLM 98).

In October, alumni in the Fresno area gathered at a GGU luncheon with Dean Peter Keane (center) and Professor Lani Bader (to the left of the dean).

Jenny Marone (00) with Employer of the Year co-recipient from Idel, Berman, & Seitel on June 18.

FUN IN SAN DIEGO AT THE STATE BAR MEETING IN SEPTEMBER
The Honorable Marilyn Teeter (77) (#495) came in a respectable third in the Women's Power Walk, part of the State Bar Fun Run.

Left to right: Tom Tagliarini (82), guest Jim McCullough, Meli Cook (82), and Rita Howard (73) at the GGU law alumni reception.
Tammy M. Albertsen-Murray (91) joined the San Francisco office of Carroll, Burdick & McDonough’s insurance coverage group.

Tim Harvey (91) is the associate general counsel at ProBusiness Services Inc. in Pleasanton, CA.

Nathan H. Bernstein (92) is a candidate for City Council of Los Angeles’s Fifth District.

Michael Herald (92), a Sacramento lobbyist for non-profit housing groups, has lobbied a record $570 million in state funds for low-income housing through the Legislature.

Scott Kline (92) joined Morrison & Foerster LLP as an associate in the firm’s business department. Previously, he was an associate with Landels, Ripley & Diamond.

B. Scott Levine (92 LLM) is a partner with the Oakland law firm of Goodman & Levine, where he specializes in real estate, business matters, and alternative dispute resolution. He is president of the Golden Gate Business Association, which is the oldest gay and lesbian chamber of commerce, founded in San Francisco in 1974.

James Treppa (92) has been appointed managing partner at San Francisco’s Bledsoe, Cathcart, Diestel, Livingston & Pedersen. He joined the firm in January 1993 and made partner in 1998.

Stephanie B. Bradshaw (93) accepted a position as an associate with Gordon & Rees LLP, where she will continue to practice labor and employment litigation and counseling for employers. E-mail: sbradshaw@gordonrees.com.

Simona A. Farrise (93) became a partner at Kazan, McCain, Edises, Simon & Abrams in January. The firm represents plaintiffs in litigation involving asbestos disease, severe latex allergy, and other personal injuries.

Stephen Forester (93) is working as an associate with HOPE Worldwide, Ltd., a non-profit organization that serves the poor worldwide. He lives in Wynnewood, PA, with his wife Theresa and children: Marin, 5, and Michael, 4.

Althea T. Kippes (93) was appointed to the Association of Trial Lawyers of America Communications, Computers, and Law Office Technology Committee by ATLA’s president, Fred Baron, and continues to serve as chair of the ATLA Law Students Committee. Her article “The Internet Investigator” was published in the August issue of Trial magazine. The California Court of Appeal published its opinion regarding the employment law case Gelini v. Tishgari (2000) 77 Cal. App. 4th 219, on which she served as attorney for the defendant and appellant.

Alan Korn (93) is an attorney at the National Lawyers Guild and part of the Guild’s committee on democratic communications. He has been a proponent of opening up the airwaves to low-power radio stations.
Carl Money (93) is general counsel for Texas state senator Roy West.

Judith Rosen (93) assumed the post of general counsel and director of human resources for Ted Stevens Automotive Network in Los Gatos. She is also a law professor at Oakland College of Law.

Scott Sabey (93) was named partner at Fabian & Clendenin in Salt Lake City in February.

Diana M. Shera Taylor (93) writes, "In March, I was appointed Clatskanie municipal court judge, pro tem. This appointment was made permanent in May, so I am now a municipal court judge in both Clatskanie and Columbia City. I also still practice law in the circuit courts and am transitioning into a practice focusing on ADR."

Paul E. Vallone (93) has been elevated to partner at Hinshaw & Culbertson in San Francisco. His practice emphasizes insurance coverage, bad faith, professional liability, banking, and appellate law.

Annette Wilson (93) writes, "I am licensed in both Alaska (currently inactive) and Maine. Although maintaining an active licensure in Maine, I am not actively practicing law but have practiced both in general litigation and as guardian ad litem. I am an adoptive and foster parent educator with the Child Welfare Training Institute, part of the Muskie School of Public Policy of the University of Maine System. In the past four years, I have adopted three children, now aged 10, 13, and 15."

Justine Juson (94) joined the San Francisco firm Curiale, Dellaverson, Hirschfeld, Kelly & Kraemer as an associate.

Cem Kaner (94), a professor of computer sciences at Florida Institute of Technology, has been elected to the American Law Institute in recognition of his work on computer-related law. He has been active in the drafting of the Uniform Electronic Transactions Act and the drafting and opposition to the Uniform Computer Information Transactions Act. In 1998, he published Bad Software, a book on software consumer protection. He writes, "I can be reached at kaner@kaner.com."

Thea (formerly Mary) Beatie (95) married Barrett Troll on September 16 in Tiburon. She is a partner in a San Francisco financial planning firm.

Susan Kawala (95) writes, "For the past three years, I was working at the State Department of Justice as a deputy attorney general. On June 1, I became an associate at Pillsbury, Madison & Sutro, LLP in Los Angeles. I am currently working in the litigation section."

Michael Kerner (95 LLM) joined San Francisco’s Janin, Morgan & Brenner as a lateral partner, bringing more than 16 years of experience in the areas of business and tax counseling and estate planning.

Francis S. Ryu (95) is president-elect of the Barristers/Beverly Hills Bar Association. He continues to practice corporate and intellectual property law in Century City.

Daniel H. Chang (96) left Freedman & Taitelman, LLP to open his own Los Angeles law offices specializing in business litigation and estate planning.

Benjamin Domagas (96) was appointed primary security advisor to de facto U.S. Ambassador to Taiwan (ROC). He was transferred to Taipei in September 2000.

Peter Kearns (96) was named an administrative law judge for the San Francisco Rent Board in January.

Nancy (Mathis) McCoy (96) married Michael McCoy on May 20. She is a litigation associate focusing on products liability, construction defect, and general business litigation at Reed, Elliott, Creech & Roth in San Jose.

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From IRAC to IPAC

An Update on the Golden Gate Honors Lawyering Program

By Denise Glagau

By the time the first set of finals hits in December of the first year of law school, most students are very familiar with the IRAC outline: Issue, Rule, Analysis, Conclusion. By the time the last set of finals hits in May of the third year of law school, most students can read and outline a case easily, and if all goes well, they have even learned how to glean a rule from one case, apply it to a new fact situation, and come up with a good grade on an exam. What many law students do not know is how this applies to the real life, day-to-day practice of law. Fortunately, the focus on practical legal education at Golden Gate University School of Law helps students avoid this pitfall.

In keeping with this tradition, an Honors Lawyering Program called the Integrated Professional Apprenticeship Curriculum (IPAC) was created to better prepare students for the practice of law. The goal of IPAC is to help students translate what they learn at school into what they do at work. As part of their education, they participate in simulated law firms over two summers and work in two full-time, semester-long apprenticeships. For employers of law students, IPAC makes all the difference in the world because Honors IPAC students know what to do when they go out into the legal workplace.

So what happens in the IPAC Honors Lawyering Program? In addition to following a regular first-year curriculum, students in the Honors IPAC Program attend monthly workshops where they learn about various fields of law. Local practitioners give presentations about their career paths and areas of expertise, thus providing Honors IPAC students with an inside look at the practice of law.

A Different Summer Program

After the first year, Honors IPAC students launch into a different sort of educational experience, as they participate in intensive, interactive summer sessions. They learn substantive law—Evidence and Constitutional Law in the first summer; Corporations, Wills and Trusts, and Remedies in the second summer—in the context of a simulated law firm, where their professors are the senior partners. Instead of being students doing homework, they are junior associates preparing memos and briefs; drafting complaints, wills, and trust documents; organizing small businesses; and examining corporate governance structures.

In the first IPAC summer session, students also take Appellate Advocacy, where they write about and argue a case that their law firm has been working on, as well as a Lawyering Skills course, where they learn how to counsel clients and interview witnesses by actually doing so. IPAC summer students have varying deadlines for the projects they are working on—from being required to complete a memo in two hours to having three weeks to research a particular area of law. Students have access to an office, furnished with phone lines and computers, where they complete their work. They attend firm meetings and even, perhaps, an annual firm barbecue where they learn the politics of playing soccer with the senior partner’s seven-year-old son.

Full-Time Fall Apprenticeships

In the fall semester of their second and third years of law school, IPAC Honors students work in full-time apprenticeships, putting into practice what they have learned during the summer. The students do not get academic credit for their apprenticeships; they are more employees than students, although this part often turns out to be
the biggest learning experience of all. Unlike a clinical placement in which students work a maximum average of 12 hours per week, IPAC students work a minimum of 30 hours per week. In addition, they can become fully integrated into the office and take on a good deal of responsibility.

Because of the summer sessions, the transition to the workplace is not abrupt. Many students are writing, filing, and even arguing their own motions within weeks. For example, after just over a month at her apprenticeship, Monika Wolter, a 2L IPAC student working at the Alameda County Public Defender’s office, was ready to argue a 995 motion to have an information set aside.

Other success stories include Colleen Mulgrew, who is carrying the caseload of a first-year associate at the Law Offices of William Veen; and Peter Schurig, who works at Reuben and Alter where he represents dot.com companies seeking approval for project developments. Peter prepares and submits the relevant applications for review by city planning and land use commissions.

**Employer Enthusiasm**

This is the second fall that Golden Gate Honors IPAC students have participated in apprenticeships ranging from federal district courts to public interest agencies to private law firms. The response from the attorneys who work with these students has been enthusiastic. Jordan Kahn, Assistant Counsel for the Tahoe Regional Planning Agency, thinks that having IPAC student Amy Henderson for the whole semester is great: “Four months allows a student to get acclimated to the agency, which is important given the vast number and complexity of the Tahoe Region regulations.”

Commissioner Josanna Berkow of the Contra Costa Superior Court, Family Law Division, appreciates the quality of work that 3L IPAC student Meghan Crowell produces: “I’d like for you to keep sending me Honors IPAC students.” Commissioner Berkow’s sentiment is echoed by many of the attorneys who work with Honors IPAC students.

Because of the intensity of the summer sessions, and because we want to be confident that the apprenticeship placements also benefit from the experience, the IPAC Honors Lawyering Program is, as its name indicates, an honors program. Admission to the program is competitive, and we strive to ensure that the highest quality of work is produced both at the law school and in the workplace. From IRAC to IPAC, Golden Gate University School of Law is the place where theory meets practice, and the result is excellence.

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Denise Glagau is the Honors Lawyering Program (IPAC) administrative director.

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**How can you get involved with the Honors Lawyering Program?**

- Be a panelist in the first-year workshops.
- Be a judge in Appellate Advocacy during the summer session.
- Hire an Honors IPAC student to be a part of your firm/organization in the fall semester.

For more information, contact Denise Glagau, Administrative Director, Honors Lawyering Program at (415) 442-6624 or dglagau@ggu.edu.
Karen Milligan (96) accepted a one-year clerkship with U.S. Court of Appeals Ninth Circuit Judge Mary M. Schroeder.

Candice H. Nguyen (96) is working as an attorney for the San Francisco office of Jeffrey J. Chang & Associates.

Debbie Premo-Gann (96) writes, “My husband and I are thrilled to announce the birth of our son Kevin Kellogg Gann, born Sept. 29, 1999. In addition to being a mom, I work as general counsel at Pilot Network Services Inc., an Internet security company in Alameda, CA.”

Gary P. Van Housen (96) became an associate with Farella Braun & Martel’s environmental practice.

Traci (Fujita) Villarosa (96) writes, “I had a baby girl (Caitlin) on January 29. I am still working for the County of Maui as deputy corporation counsel. I serve as Secretary for the Maui County Bar Association. I am the attorney coach for a high school mock trial team that recently won first place in the Maui County Mock Trial competition. Please print my e-mail address (villaros@mauigateway.com) as I would love to hear from old law school friends!”

Eric G. Young (96) is pleased to announce that Monique L. Rutter (96) has joined the Law Offices of Eric G. Young as a partner. The new firm of Young & Rutter, Attorneys at Law, is located in Santa Rosa, CA. Monique will focus primarily on family law matters. Eric will continue to practice family law as well as general civil litigation.

J. Kevin Allen (97) received the Golden Gate University School of Law Alumni Volunteer of the Year award on May 18.

Rosemary "Romy" Celli (97) joined Townsend and Townsend and Crew LLP in Palo Alto. Her practice focuses on U.S. and foreign patent prosecution, trademark prosecution and policing, as well as copyright issues in the areas of visual arts and text and software.

Elizabeth Doyle (97) joined the Oakland firm of Burnham Brown as an associate in July and is working in the firm’s insurance group.

Philip Falese (LLM 97) joined Meridian Holdings Inc. as vice president, chief financial officer, and corporate secretary for the acquisition-oriented holding company and its family of companies. E-mail: pfalese@meho.com.

Jeff Greene (97) joined Gray, Cary, Ware & Freidenrich in its Seattle office.

Suzanne (Cohen) Wilson (97) writes, "I took the Arizona Bar (my husband lives in AZ) and am now a deputy county attorney for Maricopa County.”

Laura D. Ziegler (97) writes, “In March, I started a new job at the Law Offices of Robert Bezemek in Oakland. We practice labor law, representing unions in arbitration, grievance proceedings, contract negotiations, and the occasional civil writ of mandate. We also do some appeals work, which I especially enjoy. We specialize in representing government employees, mostly teachers, but we also do some cases involving private employees, under the NLRB. It’s a very interesting and rewarding practice.”

Erin C. McFadden-Planagan (97) was admitted to the Massachusetts Bar in February. She was married on April 20. She accepted her current position overseas and writes, "It's been a busy year, but we are enjoying the sun here in the South Pacific.”

John Shields (97) has been named senior vice president of e-business for Patelco Credit Union. During his 11 years at Patelco, he has served as early contact manager, branch manager, regional manager, director of automation, and most recently as vice president of information technology.

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Jessica Chylick (98) was named volunteer of the month in September by the Bar Association of San Francisco for her work with VLSP’s Legal Advice and Referral Clinic.

Dorota Ryzy (98) accepted a position as a Rule of Law Expert with the Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe’s (OSCE) Office of Democratic Institutions and Human Rights in August.

Mary Shapiro (98) joined San Francisco's Townsend and Townsend, where she concentrates on trademark and copyright prosecution, licensing and litigation.

Eva F. (Monsey) Stein (98) announced the opening of her new practice in Raleigh, NC, serving clients with estate planning, taxation, and employee benefits counsel.

Jeffrey Townsend (98) joined the Oakland firm of Burnham Brown as an associate in July.

Laurel R. Vreeland (98) joined Bledsoe, Cathcart, Diestel, Livingston & Pedersen as an associate.

Carol W. Wu (98) left the start-up life of meVC to become an associate at the law firm of Kirkpatrick & Lockhart LLP in San Francisco. She specializes in securities and investment management.

Michelle M. Yoshida (98) joined Bledsoe, Cathcart, Diestel, Livingston & Pedersen as an associate.

R. David Bolls III (99 LLM) joined The Schinner Law Group in San Francisco and practices tax and estate planning. He had previously been a tax and real estate planning attorney with Curtis & Arata.


Ralph Kokka (99 LLM) joined Bay Venture Counsel in Oakland. His practice focuses on corporate and tax law.

Andrea Leisy (99) accepted a position with Remy, Thomas & Moore in Sacramento.

Manny Madriaga (99) passed the U.S. Patent Bar in November 1999 and is currently employed as a patent attorney with Fernandez & Associates in Merlo Park, CA, where he specializes in Internet software and business method patents. He writes that he married the former Oksana Zubova from Tver, Russia, and has a child on the way.

Marion Peleo (99) joined the California Public Utilities Commission in July.

Peter K. Seperack (99) joined Skjerven Morrill MacPherson in San Francisco in July. The firm specializes in patent prosecution, licensing, transactional work, and litigation.

Garth Ward (99) accepted a position in April as an associate attorney at Neil, Dymott, Perkins, Brown and Frank in San Diego.

Margaret Zywicz (99 LLM) writes, “I was recently named partner at the Oakland firm of Robbins Palmer & Allen LLP where I practice estate planning, probate, trust administration, and taxation. Between my work and my two girls (ages 2 and 5), I am very busy.”
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