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Celebrating the Law School Centennial

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The wonderfully happy occasion of the Law School’s 100th birthday will have the sad footnote of coinciding with the tragic times of the September 11 events. It is a strange juxtaposition. On the one hand, a milestone of a great law school that has launched the professional lives of so many outstanding attorneys whose careers are a testament to the rule of law. On the other hand, a barbaric act of monstrous ferocity that struck at the very soul of civilized, lawful society.

There is comfort and solace to find in the joy of our 100 years that can help us in our present grief. Our Law School grew and thrived through what was a century of enormous progress, but which was also a time of great conflict, wanton destruction, and unparalleled cruelty. Our school and our country prevailed through all of this. More important, the essential human spirit of goodness, respect, and love prevailed as well. We will get through this as well. One hundred years from now, our successors, celebrating another centennial, will mark this time as another watershed period for our school and for our world.

On an upbeat note, construction has now begun on the exciting, $20 million renovation of the Law School. The auditoriums, as well as the classrooms on the third floor, have been gutted (see photos on page 13). By fall of next year, just in time for the beginning of classes, we will open an entirely redone, state-of-the-art teaching facility. The classrooms, lecture halls, and seminar rooms will be the most up-to-date, technologically equipped, comfortable law school facilities in the country. We will follow up this work with a complete renovation of the Law Library, which will be expanded from its existing place in the plaza and basement upward to include the first floor.

Exciting times for Golden Gate University School of Law! And all of it due to the great generosity of every one of you. Many thanks!

Best regards,

Peter G. Keane

Dean Peter G. Keane
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Leon Blum was born in Romania in 1887. He immigrated to San Francisco on April 8, 1906, along with his parents and five siblings. His adventurous life in the new country got off to a rip-roaring start ten days later when the Great Earthquake of 1906 blasted the city.

Leon went to work for a San Francisco wholesale hardware firm. He was a talented, ambitious young man. One of his many qualities that people remarked on was his exceptional skill as a debater. It was a friend's comment about this skill that motivated Leon to become a lawyer. Leon had not completed high school, much less the two years of college necessary to enter law school. But Leon was a persuasive guy. He went to see the dean of San Francisco Law School and so impressed him that he agreed to let Leon take the law school entrance exam. The deal was that if Leon passed, he would be enrolled in the law school on probation for his first six months.

Classes were held from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday. The students had to study textbooks, read judicial opinions, and write extensive case summaries, which they had to present in class. Leon had been used to working full-time for a number of years, so, even with the law school schedule, he found himself with a fair amount of extra time on his hands and his bank account dwindling.

He started a collection business, as he had some experience in this work while...
Leon set out to improve the image of collection agencies, and he did so by forming an association of agencies that adopted rules of conduct and a code of ethics. His business thrived.

Yet, even with all of these commitments, Leon still found that he had idle time to fill. He decided to double up on his law studies. In addition to attending San Francisco Law School at night, he talked his way into enrolling at Hastings as a “special student.” He took daytime classes at Hastings that would not have been available to him at San Francisco Law School until his fourth year. As a result, after only about two years of the standard four-year evening curriculum and a handful of day classes, Leon decided to tackle the bar exam. At the time, anyone over 21 who felt he or she had sufficient knowledge of the law could take the exam.

To Leon, it was not whether you were a genius or a budding Holmes or Brandeis that counted. If you were a “worthy” student, he wanted to make sure you had a hand if you needed it. To this day, he provides that hand.

Leon didn’t expect to pass the bar, but he figured that the experience would be helpful to him when he finally took the exam in earnest after four years of classes. It was then, as now, a tough exam, and only half of the 50 students taking the exam passed. Leon was one of them. He took the oath and received his license to practice law. But Leon didn’t like to leave gaps in his life. He convinced the dean of San Francisco Law School to let him take the exams for the fourth-year courses. He passed and received his law degree a year early.

Leon established his law practice in 1915. It developed into a thriving, lucrative commercial law practice in a firm that he kept small. (He had no interest in large law firms, and throughout his life he always identified with small and solo practitioners.) Leon was an early venture capitalist, and he funded projects like chemical laboratories and garment factories. He became very wealthy through his investments, and he had substantial holdings in commercial real estate and hotels.

Leon Blum was noted for integrity in all of his dealings. He was a wise, kind, and philanthropic man who, throughout his life, gave away large portions of his fortune to good causes. He believed deeply in his family and his marriage to his wife Esther as the most important aspects of his life. He remained active in business and law practice right up to his death at age 88. His philosophy was: “I’d rather wear out than rust out.”

Leon Blum left his entire estate to a trust that created scholarships for law students. He placed only one condition—if we can call it a condition—that the money be used to help “worthy” students. His friend, law associate, and protégé Bruce Lubarsky told me that Leon always remembered his own struggles as a young immigrant, with very little money, trying to get through law school. “If I needed any help, it simply wasn’t there for me, even though I was a worthy student,” Leon used to say.

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Editor's note: Scholarships play a significant role here at GGU School of Law. More than 80% of our students receive financial aid. You can help others achieve their dreams of practicing law by contributing to our scholarship programs. Named scholarships can be established with a minimum contribution of $50,000. You may also contribute to the Law School's general scholarship fund. For more information contact Pamela DeMartini, director of development at (415) 442-7829, or pdemartini@ggu.edu.

“I'm an older student putting myself through law school. The Blum Foundation scholarship gave me confidence to take on the challenge. When my grandfather tried to work his way through medical school, he flunked out the first time. The second time he tried, he received a merit scholarship, which meant the difference between failure and success. I feel sincerely grateful to the Blum Foundation.”

—Elizabeth Winchell, class of 2004
1981 CLASS REUNION

The class of 1981 reunion/party on October 4 at the elegant Le Colonial in San Francisco was a lot of fun. It was a time for catching up with old friends and getting to know those we missed the first time around. What a group of smart, funny, and down-to-earth people, whose generosity, life's work, and unflagging spirit are a tribute to the professors and climate of the very special GGU Law School!

For those of you who were at the party, saw the photos later, or are just plain kicking yourself for not having been there, I want to set the record straight with a few observations from the evening.

Rich Hechler is NOT bald. He had his head shaved the week before for charity. Way to go, Rich! Tommy Gill is as tall and statesmanlike as ever; he knows everyone and remembers everything (including some things people want to forget). Dick Grosboll has also stayed in contact with many of you. Thank goodness he was there—he made sure there were plenty of hors d'oeuvres, and he brought the camera.

Best buds Kirk Mitchel, political and public relations consultant in Berkeley, and Bob Shipway, tireless and unjaded Alameda public defender for 20 years, enjoyed themselves immensely, as did everyone who came into contact with them. Moss Jacobs, successful promoter with the Nederlander Organization, flew in from LA just for the party, looking as hip as ever. Gail Dekreon was there—did you know that she will soon run for San Francisco Superior Court judge? Charming Georgetta Beck and her equally charming husband Eric have not changed one iota. The ever-personable Mark Budak, a must-invite guest for every successful party, roamed continuously, spreading good cheer. Jeff "C." does not keep changing his name to elude creditors and the hundreds of people who want to attend his world famous parties. (I shall withhold his name to protect his identity.)

The athletes in the group—Bob Shipway, Mike Terrizzi, Ricardo Martinez, Dick Grosboll, and Tommy Gill—reminisced about their basketball-playing days. They started playing every Sunday during the first year of law school, and 20 years later, some of them still meet to play. Tom Anderson, who started the first public defender's office in Susanville, now heads the public defender department in Nevada City. He drove all the way here to see his best friends: the very funny Jeff Cereghino (a.k.a. Clark) and Mike Peltit, Monterey public defender.

If I did not mention your name, please don't be offended (you're probably thankful). Keep in mind that there was no fact checker, and anyone who knows me, knows that there should have been!

For those of you who missed a truly wonderful evening, we hope to see you at the next one.

-Leslie Kaye (81)

(Don't Miss Out!)

Don't miss events like this, or free MCLE classes, world class lectures, special events, etc. Stay informed by checking out the News and Events section of our website (www.ggu.edu/law) and be sure the alumni office has your email for the monthly e-newsletter, which lists announcements and invitations.)

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On September 29, Dean Peter Keane hosted a breakfast for alumni attending the State Bar Annual Meeting in Anaheim. Those attending (not all shown here) included Meli Cook (82) and guest Jim McCullough, Richard “Terry” Koch (78), David D. Nolan (68), Tom Norton (82), Cindy Ossias (83), Phil Smith (78), and our wonderful hostess (and photographer) Judge Marilyn Teeter (77).

Friends, family members, classmates, faculty, and other well-wishers joined the February 2001 bar passers for the GGU in-house swearing-in ceremony. Judge Cynthia Lee (74) swore in each person individually. The occasion was followed by a reception. For the date of our next swearing-in ceremony, check our website: www.ggu.edu/law.

Eric Young (96), Susan Romer (91), and Monique Rutter (96) hosted the spring 2001 North Bay Regional Alumni Reception in Santa Rosa.

A NOTE FROM KEVIN ALLEN (97)

Several months ago I introduced myself in the Law School’s centennial magazine. At the time, I was the president of the Law School’s Alumni Association. Just prior to the homecoming weekend in September, I was appointed president of the University’s Alumni Association. This is not to say that I have forgotten my Law School roots. I am still, and intend to stay, very active in the affairs of the Law School.

My ascension helps the Law School a great deal. As the president of the entire University Alumni Board, I sit for the next two years on the Board of Trustees. I will have direct input into decisions that affect the Law School. I am excited by my new responsibility, and I understand that it will be both challenging and enjoyable.

Recently, the University Board of Alumni members were challenged to achieve 100 percent participation in financial giving. They were asked only to give what they could, but we wanted to see if we could get all 30 to contribute. In a period of three months, we not only had 100 percent participation but also a total contribution in September of $10,775.

Since graduating in 1997, I have tried to stay connected with the Law School. From judging mock trials to speaking at graduations, I have always had fun working with the GGU law staff and faculty. I encourage more of you to get involved. I truly believe that you will find that it is as rewarding as it is fun to give something back.

It has been a pleasure serving as your president, and it will be an honor to serve as president of the University Alumni Association. I only hope to be able at some point to open up Class Action magazine and read your story, just as you have been able to read mine. 😊
Last spring, Professor Lani Bader was appointed to the Executive Committee and Board of Directors of the College of Commercial Arbitrators. He was also appointed to the Board of Governors of the International Association for Mediation and Arbitration. In October, he traveled to Vancouver, B.C., to give a two-day advanced arbitration training, sponsored by the American Arbitration Association, to arbitrators from throughout the United States.

Last April, Professor Roger Bernhardt moderated a panel on recent developments at the State Bar of California’s Real Property, Probate, and Trust Section at the ABA meeting in Chicago. In October, he spoke to the American College of Real Estate Lawyers meeting in Chicago on recent developments in mortgage law; then he gave a similar talk in Pittsburgh to the Real Property, Probate, and Trust Section at the ABA meeting in Chicago. In July, West published Professor Bernhardt’s 2001 Supplement to Bernhardt, Cases and Statutes on Property. CEB has published the 2001 edition of Bernhardt’s California Real Estate Cases, which he coauthored with Adjunct Professor Christine Tour-Sarkissian.

Professor Leslie Burton recently published two articles: “Kosovo: To Bomb or Not to Bomb?” in 7 Annual Survey of Intl. & Comp. Law 49 (2001) and “Saving the African Elephant,” in 1 Indian Journal of Environmental Law 61 (2000). Professor Burton spent the summer in Istanbul, Turkey, teaching a course about the United Nations to an international group of American and Turkish students, in a program cosponsored by GGU, University of Kansas, and the South Texas College of Law.

In April 2001, I had the exciting opportunity to teach at Universitatea Tibiscus, a private university in Timisoara, Romania, that has an ongoing visiting scholars program. Except for that program, the faculty and students have few opportunities to meet outsiders.

Until the fall of Ceausescu in 1989, there were no private universities in Romania. Universitatea Tibiscus was founded by Augusta Anca, who is now the university’s president.

I taught a course which began as one on Indian Law, but soon turned into a discussion of affirmative action. I used it as a device to raise questions about two minority groups in Romania: the Roma (gypsies), who are economically oppressed, and the four million Hungarians who want more autonomy in their regions.

The real work in the classroom revolved around the process of learning. The Romanian system of teaching consists of a professor lecturing for three hours with no questions during or after class. I wanted to teach in the American law school style of give and take. I told the students they had permission to tell me when I was wrong. I told them, “How else can I learn?” At first, I had to call on students, but when we began to talk about the two minority groups in Romania, the classroom became lively. Students later said to me, “This is more fun than just listening to lectures.”

This past August, Professor Tom Goetzl chaired a CLE conference on Visual Arts and the Law in Taos, New Mexico. He also presented two of the talks at the conference: “The Growing Trend to Commodify Everything” and “The Impact of the California Resale Royalty Act on Artists and Collectors Outside California.” Professor Goetzl continues to be on a leave of absence from GGU to teach two classes in the management department at Western Washington University. “I am trying to do my bit to make sure that students who choose to attend law school might be better prepared for that undertaking,” he says.

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Professor Helen Hartnell divided her summer between the International Institute at the University of Wisconsin-Madison, where she was an honorary fellow, and the Central European University in Hungary, where she was a visiting fellow. While in Budapest, Professor Hartnell attended the International Conference of the Law and Society Association, where she presented a paper on recent developments in European private international law, and chaired a panel on "Legal Transplants and Legal Development: Free Market or Forced Harmonization?" In June, she became a member of the EU Law Steering Committee of the European Union Studies Association (EUSA), and was nominated to the planning committee for EUSA's 2003 Annual Meeting.

In summer 2001, Adjunct Professor Arthur Haubenstock was named Superfund Legal Enforcer of the Year by the EPA for his work in crafting the largest and most complex brownfields agreement in EPA history.


Dean Peter Keane hosts the weekly radio program "Legalincite." The program is broadcast every Saturday from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. on CNET Radio (910 AM) in San Francisco. Each broadcast is simultaneously audio-streamed on the Internet and re-broadcast on XM Satellite Radio the following Sunday. In this legal talk show, Dean Keane interviews attorneys who are experts in different areas of the law. It is the first and the only program in the country that gives State Bar-recognized Continuing Legal Education credit through radio broadcasts. This is Dean Keane's second radio program. From 1994 through 1997, he was host of the award-winning weekly program "Keane on the Law."

Professor Alan Ramo moderated the discussion of "Energy and Environmental Management: Facility Siting in an Energy Crisis" at the 2001 Environmental Law Conference at Yosemite, sponsored by the Environmental Law Section of the State Bar of California, October 25-28.


Last May, Professor Marc Stickgold appeared on a panel at the American Association of Law Schools Clinical Conference in Montreal, Canada, where he discussed developments in externship programs. During the fall, he visited Santa Cecilia University Law School in Santos, Brazil, where he worked on setting up a sister-school relationship with GGU that may include faculty and student exchanges, joint conferences, and other cooperative activities.

Earlier this year, Professor Sompong Sucharitkul was appointed by the president of the International Court of Justice to serve as one of three members on the First ASEAN Arbitral Tribunal. Ambassador Sucharitkul was subsequently elected president of the Tribunal with Professor James Crawford from Cambridge and Conseiller d'Etat Francis Delon from France (judge of the Supreme Administrative Court of France) as members of the Tribunal. Christopher Jones, assistant director of GGU's Center for Advanced International Legal Studies, has been appointed Secretary of the Tribunal.
In May 2001, Professor Myron Moskovitz gave lectures on "The Problem Method of Teaching Law" at universities and bar associations in four Japanese cities (Tokyo, Kyoto, Okayama, and Fukuoka). Japan will soon change its method of legal education, adopting three-year law schools for college graduates, and law professors and lawyers are examining new "interactive" methods of teaching. "While Japan looks like a modern society," Moskovitz explains, "in fact, its political and legal systems are not far beyond what they had in feudal times. The Japanese are now trying to change this, by bringing real democracy and individual rights to their people. To reach that goal, they need lawyers willing to fight for the rights of ordinary people. To get that, they need law schools and modern legal education. I hope I contributed something to that effort."

In July, Professor Moskovitz taught Comparative Criminal Procedure at Magdalen College, Oxford University, England.

Anthony Paul Farley is teaching Constitutional Law and Psychoanalysis and the Law. He gave a lecture on the latter topic last spring at GGU. He earned his J.D. from Harvard Law School and is a tenured professor of law at Boston College.

Both professors are very impressed with the people at GGU. "Golden Gate has lived up to the buildup it was given when we were invited here," says Maria. "We are both impressed by the quality of the students and the faculty."

While here, the Farleys plan to help support various law student groups, including the Women's Law Association, the Asian Pacific American Law Students Association, and the Black Law Students Association.

Maria and Anthony are often asked to present papers at major conferences and look forward to lecturing and publishing this year as "visiting professors at Golden Gate University." Both have been invited to present papers at a major conference at the University of Miami on the work of Pierre Schlag and at another conference at the University of Iowa on the consequences of the U.S. drug policy.

Maria and Anthony met at a law conference in Lancaster, England. They were married on July 14, 2000.
Those of us who met last December to plan the Law School-sponsored film program, “A Century in the City: A Film Retrospective of the Legal Issues That Shaped San Francisco,” hoped to produce something remarkable: a series of evenings that would allow audiences to enter—and to examine—the legal environment that surrounded the Law School, decade by decade, throughout its history. The result was eight programs that combined case law, cultural commentary, eyewitness recollections, and feature films to ask, “What can we learn from the legal errors of the past? How can we build a better law for the new millennium?”

Immodestly, we believe that the film series has been the first great triumph of the Law School’s second century. We reached people and organizations—among them, the San Francisco Film Society, the Labor Council, the Japanese American Citizens League, law student groups from around the Bay Area—that had never before interacted with the Law School in any substantive way. Among our regular audience members were an immigration law judge, the head of a non-profit specializing in children’s issues, a director of information in the Attorney General’s office, the programs coordinator for one of the city’s most prestigious Financial District firms, and representatives from various labor unions and councils. Each of them told us again and again that the film series offered something that hadn’t been available in any other venue: a chance to examine how law and culture intersect, directly—and sometimes disastrously—affecting our daily lives.
Certainly, the series had some remarkable moments. I can't imagine that anyone who heard them speak will forget David Selvin, an eyewitness to the General Strike of 1934; or Fred Korematsu and Sox Kiteshima, internees who became activists; or Harry Low, who became an appellate court justice in the same country that had once barred his parents from citizenship; or David Smith, a doctor who turned his back on big income to change health care system in America; or our own Visiting Professor Anthony Farley reflecting on black culture in the United States in the 1970s.

In the end, I think the series provided what our community has always needed most—and what Americans demand now more than ever. We offered San Franciscans a chance to look critically at ideas and images, seeing where they come from and what they do. In addressing post-Pearl Harbor security measures, we gave folks a basis for judging the legal policies that have emerged in response to the September 11 tragedy. In our 1950s and 1970s programs, we asked ourselves how group labels are used to incite fear. And in our last two programs, we stepped away from the CNN coverage to ask who is included—and excluded—from the decision-making processes that give rise to the news and public opinion.

I think we did hard and important work. And in truth—quick, someone call my psychiatrist!—I'm genuinely sorry it's over.

More than 100 people were in the audience at most of the films at the Delancey Street Screening Room in San Francisco.
THE INNOCENCE PROJECT COMES TO GGU

In a new course taught by Criminal Litigation Clinic Director Susan Rutberg, Golden Gate students now have the opportunity to become a part of the national Innocence Network. Originating with the Innocence Project at Cardozo Law School in New York, started by Barry Scheck and Peter Neufeld, the Network consists of 35 law schools and public defender agencies across the country. The goal is to enable wrongfully convicted defendants to find help in any state or jurisdiction.

In January 2001, Santa Clara Law School's Northern California Innocence Project (NCIP), directed by Professor Kathleen Ridolfi, opened its doors. Almost immediately, NCIP was barraged with letters from Northern California prisoners asking for help in proving their innocence. NCIP lawyers and students send out questionnaires to the letter writers and conduct an initial investigation into the viability of the claim. Once a case is deemed viable, students and lawyers work together to bring the defendant's claim to court. At Golden Gate, Professor Rutberg's students will learn the law of wrongful convictions and work in collaboration with NCIP on some of these cases.

LL.M. TAX PROGRAM IN LOS ANGELES

GGU's respected LL.M. in Taxation Program is offered both in San Francisco and Los Angeles. The L.A. program is modeled on the S.F. program, except for the following distinctions:

- The full curriculum is available in L.A., but the frequency of course offerings is more limited.
- All L.A. classes are held in the evening.
- The L.A. faculty is drawn from the rich pool of tax practitioners and educators in the L.A. area and supplemented by occasional visitors from other locations.

Earlier this year, the southern California branch of the LL.M. in Taxation Program moved to a new location. Located at the University of West Los Angeles, the campus has two main buildings, which include classrooms, a student lounge, computer lab, and the law library. Plenty of parking is available. Classes are held on the second floor at UWLA located at 1155 W. Arbor Vitae Street in Inglewood. For information on the program, email taxllm@ggu.edu or call (310) 342-5232 or (800) 4-TAX-LLM.

MARK THE DATE!

The annual Public Interest Law Foundation (PILF) Auction is scheduled for Thursday, February 7, 2002, in the early evening. The money raised at the auction provides summer stipends for students working at public interest/public sector jobs during the summer. In the past, auction items have included a week at a house in Hawaii, Oakland Raiders' tickets, dinner at Chez Panisse, golf or sailing lessons with one of your former professors, and much more. At this event, PILF also recognizes and honors the achievements of a local public interest attorney. Plan now to attend! Further details regarding time, location, and auction items will be available at a later date. For more information, contact PILF Auction Organizer Shannon Connor at sconnor@guol.ggu.edu or Public Interest Advisor Denise Glagau at dglagau@ggu.edu.
CONSTRUCTION BEGINS AT GOLDEN GATE

The $20 million renovation project to improve the facilities at 536 Mission Street has begun with the gutting of the auditoriums and third floor, west wing classrooms. By fall 2002, the building will boast a state-of-the-art, fully wired teaching facility.

CLINIC TRANSFORMS A LEGAL VICTORY INTO LEGISLATION

In 1996, the Women’s Employment Rights Clinic (WERC) represented a large group of Spanish-speaking telemarketers who worked for La Conexión Familiar, a Spanish language division of Sprint. The workers were laid off just prior to a union election, and Sprint failed to give them the 60 days’ notice of facility closure required by federal law under the Worker Adjustment and Retraining Notification Act (WARN Act).

The workers were denied unemployment benefits because the employer had paid them monies in violation of the WARN Act notice requirements. The California Employment Development Department (EDD) said that the workers had received “in lieu of notice pay,” which the agency considered to be “wages.” Under California law, workers cannot receive unemployment benefits for any week in which they received wages. WERC faculty and students won a superior court ruling that the workers of La Conexión Familiar were entitled to receive unemployment benefits at the same that they received employer payments related to violation of the WARN Act.

The favorable superior court ruling was not appealed, and it therefore had no precedential effect for other workers in a similar situation. To ensure that workers in the future would not be denied unemployment benefits under similar circumstances, WERC drafted a legislative amendment to the Unemployment Insurance Code. That provision was signed into law by Governor Davis in October 2001, as part of an Unemployment Insurance reform bill (SB 40) that also increased benefits levels in California for the first time since 1989.

Unemployment Code Section 1265.1 now provides that unemployment benefits cannot be reduced or denied because a worker receives payments from an employer related in any way to the employer’s failure to provide the notice of facility closure required by the WARN Act.

The Clinic worked with the California Labor Federation, AFL-CIO in getting the amendment through the state legislature.
A TEMPERAMENTAL TENOR DOESN’T STAND A CHANCE HERE

by Ross Hanig

Peter Keane sauntered into court with all the confidence in the world, as he readied himself to defend San Francisco in a case brought by famed opera tenor Enrico Caruso.

Decked out in a vintage light charcoal suit, Keane strutted his way into the courtroom, pumping his clenched hands overhead in victory before a single witness had even testified. Keane represented the city against Caruso’s claims that he deserved some cash for the pain and suffering he endured after being awakened during the 1906 earthquake.

Aside from facing what barely qualified as a flimsy lawsuit, Keane had something else on his side—judicial corruption.

“This trial is fixed,” he said. “We’ve paid off the judge; the jury was paid off.”

That and the trial were scripted. Golden Gate University School of Law Dean Keane and his nine-member cast of attorneys, academics, judges, and more acted out the fictional case as part of a weekend-long celebration of the school’s 100-year anniversary.

Before an audience of approximately 150, Keane and company put on a gaudy mock trial filled with tales of corruption, history, and a temperamental opera singer.

Caruso, played by former Mayor Frank Jordan’s press secretary Noah Griffin, claimed that the 1906 earthquake left him so shattered that his once-famous tenor voice had deteriorated into what amounted to only a pretty good baritone.

While the earthquake didn’t have any effect on the real Caruso’s voice and he never did bring an actual suit, at least a few parts of the mock trial were rooted in reality. Caruso actually was sleeping at the Palace Hotel when the earthquake hit. And the earthquake did jerk him out of his slumber at 5 a.m.

Just as Keane finished making his entrance, the mock trial kicked into gear with a healthy dose of bribery. Sitting in a witness chair beside the judge, Gregor Guy-Smith—who played ex-San Francisco Mayor Eugene Schmitz—got up and dropped a cigar on the desk of retired Judge George Choppellas.

“You, as a public official, should know that giving the judge a cigar—and a Havana cigar at that—gives the perspective that you’re trying to influence the court in this matter,” Choppelas said. “I’m going to ask that you take this cigar back and that you remember that when you appear before me, a bottle of good Scotch is more appropriate.”

Making a fashionably late entrance, Griffin, playing Caruso, glided onto the stage in a long, black, draping coat, black velvet tie, and big purple hat with green feather. During his testimony, a waiter repeatedly interrupted Keane’s cross-examination to serve the star a vegetable platter, offer a glass of red wine, and give the singer a little relaxing massage.

Slightly shaken, Keane pressed on. The law school dean tried to paint the opera singer as a haughty star too self-important to
get his own hands dirty trying to save San Franciscans injured in the quake. When Keane questioned his own witness, Mayor Schmitz, he built his defense on the foundation of a corrupt mayor. Caruso claimed that he came to sing in San Francisco based on the mayor’s assurance in a letter that there would be no quakes during his visit. Keane pointed out that the mayor only provided favors for money, and that if no money changed hands, neither could a favor be promised.

In the end, the city won its case per a hand vote of the audience/jury.

After losing his case, Griffin graciously led the cast and audience in renditions of “Volare” and “San Francisco.”

Asked later if he was a lawyer, Griffin said he did, in fact, have a law degree—but, he added, “I’m a gentleman; I don’t use it.”

Ross Hanig is a staff writer for The Recorder newspaper in San Francisco. This article appeared in the October 8, 2001 edition and is reprinted with permission from The Recorder ©The Recorder 2001.
1970s
Linda M. Betzer (75) is not only an assistant U.S. attorney but also is now an adjunct professor of law at Case Western Reserve Law School in Cleveland, where she teaches Trial Advocacy. In 2000, she was sent to Bucharest, Romania, by the Office of Professional Development and Training of the U.S. Justice Department. She taught investigatory techniques and prosecutorial methods to Romanian and Moldovan prosecutors and police officers. In October 2000, Attorney General Janet Reno presented Linda with a Director's Award for traveling the farthest to reach Trial Advocacy. In 2000, she was honored faculty member.

Maureen Bishop (75) wins the award for traveling the farthest to the Alumni Weekend in late September— all the way to Hawaii. She assures us that it was worth it to visit with old friends and former faculty members.

Freya Horne (76) was honored by The Women Defenders last May at the group's annual Spring Event. Horne was with the San Francisco public defender's office, handling both misdemeanors and felony work.

M. Henry Heines (78), partner at Townsend and Townsend and Crew in San Francisco, received the American Institute of Chemical Engineers Award for Professional Excellence and Achievement for 2000 and 2001. Heines has obtained hundreds of patents for universities, individual inventors, and domestic and foreign corporations.

Stephen S. Siegel (79) was appointed court commissioner for the Santa Cruz County Superior Court on January 2, 2001.

1980s
Hon. Anne Boulliane (80) was an honored guest and speaker at the recent Law Alumni Weekend Gala Dinner on September 29. The dinner program honored alumni and faculty on the bench, and Judge Boulliane gave a warm speech about what her GGU experience meant to her and how she valued the lifelong friends she made while in school. For a wonderful bio of Judge Boulliane, check out the recent article about her in The Recorder ("S.F. Judge Anne Boulliane is 'Pleasantly Persistent,'" August 14, 2001). We couldn't have said it better.

Michael Osborne (80) has joined the San Francisco Office of Shook, Hardy & Bacon as a partner. He was formerly a partner at Dryden, Margoles, Schimanek, Kelly & Wertz. Michael has tried more than 75 jury trials in federal and state courts throughout California and handled a variety of litigation matters ranging from complex business cases involving intellectual property issues to personal injury and wrongful death claims.

Kathy Teller (80) passed the 2001 bar examination for the State of Nevada.

Robert Edwards (81) had to miss his class reunion this year (see page 5), but he wrote the following to his classmates: "Please give my regards to my classmates and former instructors. I am unable to attend as I am serving as a judicial reform office, Tusla, for the Independent Judicial Commission in Bosnia and will be here until at least December 2002. I am on leave from the State University of New York Canton College, where I serve as an associate professor of criminal investigation."

Maria Pracher (81) was profiled, along with Loretta "Lori" Wider (JD 81), in an article in The Recorder ("Complex, Lucrative Projects Were Landed with the Help of Top-Flight Laterals and Longstanding, Satisfied Clients," September 10, 2001). The article covered the development of Sheppard, Mullin, Richter & Hampton, "one of the three go-to firms in the Bay Area for major developers looking to build on San Francisco's waterfront."

Kathleen Crandall (82) has been busy as the founder and vice president of marketing for ENTICE Software Corp. and a director on the board of directors for All Our Families Coalition in San Francisco.

The Law School welcomes Penelope A. Chronis (86) to the GGU adjunct faculty. She will co-teach Business Immigration Law with Joel Marsh next spring.

Marianne Lanuti (89) passed the 2001 bar examination for the State of Nevada.

1990s
Cynthia Cox (93) has joined Gordon & Rees as an associate and to be part of an insolvency and creditors' rights group. Formerly, she was with Kornfield, Paul, Bupp & Nyberg in Oakland.

William Kezer (93) was named a partner in Townsend and Townsend and Crew's Walnut Creek Office. William focuses on chemical and biotech patent prosecution.
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Robyn Andrea Zieper (93) writes: "Specializing in real estate finance, I have been counsel for the Ameriquest Mortgage Company for seven years. I live in Newport Beach, CA, with my husband and a two-year-old son."

Dolores Chong (94) was profiled in a recent article in the Los Angeles Daily Journal ("Flying Solo," July 23, 2001). The article follows Chong's story from being a legal secretary at Morrison & Foerster to a successful solo practitioner in the Bay Area and an active member of the Barristers Club. It even mentions her two dogs and her love of fishing, Harleys, and cigars. If you know Dolores, it's worth a peek; if not, but you are thinking of becoming a solo practitioner, it's a must read. Copies are available via the Law Alumni Relations Office.

Josh Clarke (94) tells us that he has moved from Australia to Singapore with his wife, Kym, and daughter, Caitlin, to join White & Case's Singapore office as an associate, practicing mergers and acquisitions and corporate finance.

Francis S. Ryu (95) was recently named president of the Beverly Hills Bar Association-Barristers. He also sits on the boards of the Beverly Hills Foundation, Beverly Hills Bar Association, and the Los Angeles Athletic Club. He continues to practice corporate and intellectual property law at Gelfand Rappaport & Glaser, LLP in Los Angeles.

Ali Pasha Hamidi (96) joined the firm of Squire Sanders & Dempsey in the San Francisco office as an associate in the field of labor and employment litigation and counseling.

Uyen Nguyen (96) joined the firm of Haas & Najarian in San Francisco. She was formerly vice president/associate counsel with Old Republic Title Company.

It's been an active fall term for our new Intellectual Property Law Program, as we moved closer to the launch of our LL.M. Program in IP Law and introduced the first of many new courses in our J.D. curriculum. This September, we also presented the first Fall IP Law Conference, focusing on new developments in many areas of IP Law.

The LL.M. program in IP Law is closer to becoming a reality. The faculty has approved it, and in early November we expect to receive ABA acquiescence—the last step. Applicants will be accepted beginning in the spring 2002 semester. In addition to being able to choose from 18 substantive IP courses in the J.D. program, LL.M. students will participate in graduate-level seminars and supervised research in IP Law. As the program grows, new courses will be added that will focus on the needs of advanced-level IP practitioners.

This fall, we also welcomed back Adjunct Professor Virginia Meyer to teach Patent Law. Other new fall courses included IP Litigation, taught by William Gallagher, and Trademark Law, taught by Alexander Floum.

The J.D. curriculum will continue to grow next spring. Professor Meyer will teach Biotechnology Law, the first time this subject has been offered. Other spring offerings include two new classes: Negotiating Contracts in the Entertainment Industries, and Film and Television Law. Continuing courses include Internet and Software Law, Sports Law, Copyright Law, Content Licensing, and the core course, IP Law Survey.

On September 28, the IP Law Program presented its first Fall IP Law Conference. More than 70 participants heard patent experts Robert Morrill (an adjunct professor at GGU), Alan McPherson, and Martin Fleisher discuss the status of patent law after the landmark Festo decision. Professor Mark Lemley, director of Boalt Hall's IP Law Program, spoke about antitrust law and the Microsoft trial. The Microsoft trial was also the subject of remarks by keynote speaker Ken Auletta, author of the best selling book, World War 3.0: Microsoft and its Enemies.

Planning for next fall's conference and other additions to the IP program are already underway. With the continued support of alumni, the dean and the faculty, we are making GGU a destination school for IP education! Probability is always on our side.

—Professor Marc Greenberg
Director of the GGU Law Intellectual Property Program

For more information about the IP program, contact Marc Greenberg at: mgreenberg@ggu.edu
The Law School's Centennial Celebration moved into the home stretch with the Gala Reception and Banquet at the stylish Sir Francis Drake Hotel on September 28. The event caps off a year's worth of special programs, informative guest speakers, a hugely successful film series, a well attended Hate Crimes Symposium, the first annual Intellectual Property Conference, scores of free MCLE classes, and a Mock Trial that people are still talking about.

The Gala was attended by well over 150 members of the Golden Gate community including distinguished alumni, faculty, administrators, students, and guests. Many of the students were able to participate in the program because of donations made by alumni members, Dean Peter Keane, and former Dean Judith Mckelvey.

Our theme for the evening was to honor all our graduates, but in particular, to recognize those members of the faculty and alumni community who serve on the bench. We were privileged to have California Supreme Court Chief Justice Ronald George open the program by greeting those assembled and wishing us well in our second century. His poignant opening remarks also reminded us of the importance of the rule of law and a shared sense of
community, especially in light of the recent attacks on our nation.

Following the opening remarks, Dean Peter Keane took the podium and guided the audience through a PowerPoint tour (assembled by current law student Denee Diluigi) of Golden Gate’s first 100 years. Among the highlights were rare pictures of the Law School before, during, and after the 1906 earthquake (when classes were taught in tents). One particularly memorable photo showed some personal effects of Howard Morehouse, who was a prisoner-of-war in Germany during WWII, and who returned to the United States to become a student at GGU School of Law. Peter explained that Morehouse graduated in 1951 and cherished his Golden Gate education in a manner few of us can appreciate. However, his “wartime log” with sketches drawn while in the camp, his G.I photo, and a photo of his “gal back home” made us realize how he must have appreciated his “normal” life back home and an education that allowed him to practice a distinguished profession.

Though a dramatic example, the Morehouse story is not atypical for many GGU law students who have taken on a challenge, overcome the odds, and succeeded. Many were in the audience with us. We thank them for their continued support and loyalty and were very happy they could join us in the centennial celebration.

Looking to the present and future, Dean Keane then introduced the Honorable Anne Bouliane (80), judge of the San Francisco Superior Court. Judge Bouliane spoke fondly of Golden Gate and its positive role in helping break down barriers preventing women from entering the profession and of the support she received (and continues to receive) from classmates and
others in the GGU community. Judge Bouliane also reported on the substantial inroads GGU alumni have made getting on the bench—from virtual non-existence to substantial representation. Judges Ruth Astle (74), Lee Baxter (74), Gary Meyer (74), and Marilyn Teeter (77) were also present and ample reminders of GGU and its alumni successes.

Dean Keane next introduced the Honorable Maria-Elena James, a federal magistrate judge in San Francisco. Although an alumna of "another" San Francisco law school, Judge James announced that she had never attended any of that school's alumni dinners. Judging by her presentation, Judge James will bring considerable talent and enthusiasm to the Golden Gate community. She had gracious words of praise for our students—their tenacity, irreverence, and skill in her classroom. She even claimed to have become a better judge because of her teaching experience.

The program concluded with remarks by Law School Alumni Committee Chairman, Kevin Allen (a.k.a. "Skinny Kev") (97) who announced that he had just been promoted to president of the larger Golden Gate Alumni Association (see page 6).

Dean Keane made a final toast to all of us and to the school. We all went off into the night with warm memories and a renewed enthusiasm for the school, its students, and its future. Judging by the significant achievements made by the Law School in the past 100 years, and the strong leadership currently in place, Golden Gate School of Law is well positioned to enjoy another 100 years of continued, if not greater, success. I hope you will be a part of those plans; I know I will be.

—Mark Figueiredo (95)
Law Alumni Committee Co-Chair
Jeffrey A. White (96) writes: “I have been practicing environmental law at the Law Offices of Masry & Vititoe in Westlake Village, California, since May 1999. I work primarily on groundwater contamination cases with another GGU grad, Joseph Gonzalez (96), who is head of the environmental law department at the firm. Masry & Vititoe is the law firm featured in the film Erin Brockovich.

Robert Katz (97) passed the 2001 bar examination for the State of Nevada.

Phillip Scott Campbell (L.L.M. Tax 98) is a solo practitioner in Oakland specializing in estate planning and probate. He was recently honored by the California Young Lawyers Association with the Jack Berman Individual Award of Achievement. The award was presented by California Supreme Court Chief Justice Ron George at a ceremony held during the State Bar Annual Meeting. A single parent, Phillip donates several hours per month to an Alameda County Bar Association Volunteer Legal Services Corporation program that assists people seeking guardianship of disadvantaged children.

Julie Coldicott (98) joined Oakland’s Fitzgerald, Abbott & Beardsley as a litigation associate in the firm’s environmental, natural resources and energy practice group. Julie will advise clients on the California Energy Commission’s power plant licensing process and on water rights, land use and other matters in environmental law. Julie was formerly the staff attorney with the Environmental Law and Justice Clinic at GGU.

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Yvonne Cowley (00) writes: “I am an associate at Greene, Chauvel, Descalo & Tully in San Mateo. It is a general practice law firm. I have also bee trained and sworn as a judge pro tem for the Alameda County Superior Court. My email is yjc@greenechauvel.com.”

Kristina Hillman (00) passed the 2001 bar examination for the State of Nevada.

Michelle Jew (00) writes: “I got a new job in June and now feel comfortable letting people know (didn’t want to jinx it). I am working the commercial litigation firm of Kaufman & Logan in San Francisco. I joined the firm after working at the San Francisco District Attorney’s Office as a volunteer attorney.” Classmates can email her at mjew@klaw.com.

Last August, Tammy Haygood (95) was appointed director of the Department of Elections for the City and County of San Francisco. “I believe this is the most important job I’ve ever had,” says Tammy. “In this role, I can make sure that everyone has equal access to the system.”

George Yaron (00) passed the 2001 bar examination for the State of Nevada.

Mahsa Hakimi (01): Professor Marc Greenberg writes: “Mahsa just began working with the Law Offices of Eric Farber (93), here in San Francisco.”

Lubna Jahangiri (01) was recently hired by Yaron & Associates, a San Francisco-based firm specializing in insurance defense, construction defects, and asbestos-related litigation. She joins George Yaron (01).

Holly Larsen (01) writes: “I have a new job at Hirsch & Rifkind, LLP in Marin County, beginning November 5, 2001. Thanks to the Career Services Office for all their help.”

Julia Neudecker (L.L.M. U.S. Legal Studies 01) passed the Arizona bar exam in July.

Albane Morice Pineda (L.L.M. U.S. Legal Studies 01) passed the Arizona bar exam in July.