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Alumni FORUM

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Alumnus Leads Bar Fight

Everyone who has devoted a chunk of his or her time to laboring through law school has at some time or another harbored the thought that the state bar examiners are guilty of malice towards aspiring attorneys. One person who has had that thought recently is Stan Naparst ('83) who, together with six other people who failed the July 1983 exam, has asked the bar to reconsider his score,

first step towards filing a breach of contract suit in the state Supreme Court. The controversy is over the grading procedure for the July 1983 exam and it has managed to capture the attention of state legislators who will soon consider whether the bar examiners acted fairly in their grading procedures.

Naparst became entangled with the bar examiners after the results of the July 1983 exam had been announced and it appeared to him that they had their mathematics all wrong. The pass rate for the California bar exam has always been 70 percent. Beginning with last July's exam, the new performance section was added and theoretically the total number of points that an applicant could receive was 1800. Therefore 1260 would be a passing score. However, after the results of the July 1983 exam were known, the bar examiners announced that they had reduced the total possible points to 1773 which calculates into a 70 percent passing score of 1241.

Naparst had scored 1246 and according to his calculator, he had passed. The examiners figured



Stan Naparst ('83)

differently and told Naparst he had failed because he "did not achieve a passing grade of 70 percent."

Subsequently, the director of examinations for the state bar, Jane Smith, told Naparst that the July exam had been "scaled" to equalize the difficulty of that exam to all other bar exams and that although he had indeed received more than 70 percent of the total possible points, he had not gotten the 1260 points that were still required to pass. In effect, the examiners had raised the pass rate to 71.05 percent.

The examiners maintain that the adjustments are statistically valid measures of insuring the exam is of the same difficulty time after time. Naparst, who is interested in civil liberties and civil rights, sees it differently and has been an advocate for the 70 percent solution, vainly trying to reason to the bar examiners that truth in advertising requires that the bar issue passing scores to all those applicants who scored 70 percent or better.

While preparing for the February exam, Naparst considered appealing the issue to the state Supreme Court, but upon advice of others, decided instead to try once more to get the bar examiners to review his case. While to date, Naparst's struggle has been personally fruitless, it has not been without effect. For the February 1984 bar, examiners added two new sentences in the notice sent to applicants, telling them that the highest possible score "may be lower than 1800" though the passing score of 1260 "will remain constant" from exam to exam and the performance test will be "scaled."

In response, Naparst said, "I don't think people will understand it. It doesn't tell them that points will be cut out."

More potentially troublesome to the state bar examiners are the hearings called for May 21 by Elihu Harris, assemblyman from Oakland and chair of the Assembly Judiciary Committee. In a recent statement, Harris said that if the reports about the grading are true, the bar "changed the rules in the middle of the game. I think the allegations are very disturbing."

According to bar statistics, the grading change may have accounted for as many as 1300 applicants failing the July 1983 exam, a sizable lump out of the 8000 who took the test. It seems likely that the eyes of many potential attorneys will be on the Judiciary Committee meetings this month.

GGU Hosts Law Placement Conference

On February 9 and 10, Golden Gate played host to 95 representatives of 38 law firms and 23 law schools attending the 1984 Western Regional Conference of the National Association for Law Placement (NALP). Placement Director Maggie Taylor had been elected one of two regional coordinators at the previous spring's conference at Pepperdine Law School in Malibu. Together with Lynne H. MacLeod, Recruiting Administrator for San Francisco's Thelen, Marrin, Johnson and Bridges, Taylor worked all year with employer and law school colleagues to plan the program, design and produce public relations materials, and make sure everything went smoothly. The quality and professionalism of the conference were universally praised by participants.

NALP's purpose is to facilitate dialogue and cooperation among law schools and legal employers nationwide. Taylor reports that in planning the '84 conference, she and MacLeod set as their goals to get out in the open difficult topics and problems rarely discussed publicly. The Thursday session was specifically designed to attract not only all registered attendees, but as many members of law firm hiring committees and law deans' staffs as possible. Back-to-back panel discussions took up problems encountered by minorities and women in the lawyer hiring process. Panelists included hiring committee members, associates and women and minority law students. Dialogue was initiated with the audience, and by the afternoon's end, Auditorium B was literally overflowing with attorneys, recruiters, and placement directors. Professor Drucilla Ramey moderated the panel on women's employment issues. The panel on minority recruitment and retention was moderated by Eva Jefferson Paterson of the San Francisco Lawyers' Committee on Urban Affairs. Following the panels, a consortium of some 20 Bay Area legal employers hosted the membership,

panelists and guests at a sumptuous wine buffet in the Staff-Faculty Lounge.

On Friday, NALPers congregated in their hotel, the Hyatt on Union Square, to hear nationally prominent author, lecturer and consultant Dr. Adele Scheele speak on strategies for career development. NALP's national president and president-elect, Carroll Stevens of the University of Kentucky School of Law and Steve Yandle of Northwestern University Law School, had flown in from the A.B.A. Deans' Conference in Las Vegas to speak at the business meeting.

After a catered lunch at Golden Gate, conferees settled down to panel discussions on associate selection and retention and career development possibilities for placement and recruitment professionals.

At the conclusion of Friday's agenda, Jane Cooperman, statewide recruiting director for Morrison & Foerster, commented from the floor that in her eight years with the organization, she had never seen a

Phil Burton Scholarship

Plans are on the drawing board to establish an endowed scholarship in memory of the late congressman and distinguished alumnus, Philip Burton ('52). Law School Development Director Jack Carter says meetings are in progress with Congresswoman Sala Burton and her staff. Also involved in the organizational efforts are former San Francisco postmaster and Burton classmate Lim P. Lee, prominent San Francisco attorney Howard Nemerovski, and Morris Bornstein, a member of the local Airport Commission.

No decision has been made concerning the type of scholarship, but Mrs. Burton says she would like to continue her husband's environmental legacy, and support environmental law pursuits. A

better conference. Taylor remarked that her role in NALP and in the conference had permitted her to develop close relationships with a number of recruiting administrators statewide, and to appreciate their priorities and concerns. She also feels that firm representatives have developed a much clearer concept of Golden Gate and its unique characteristics, both through physically visiting the campus and through interaction with Taylor. Taylor also attends monthly meetings of the Bay Area Legal Recruiting and Placement Group, a kind of local NALP counterpart where ideas are shared and problems cooperatively solved.

Firms attending the February conference were among the first to receive the informational placement packet Taylor mails every spring to employers. So far this year, over 500 invitations to interview and descriptive brochures have been mailed to legal employers of all kinds statewide.

While the NALP Conference was of necessity in-house, and could not be thrown open to the school or the public, Taylor reiterates that it has gone a long way toward raising Golden Gate Law School's profile in the legal marketplace.



Philip Burton ('52)

preliminary fundraising target of \$50,000 is under discussion. Alumni from the classes of '51, '52, and '53 are being asked to join with other friends and associates of Phillip Burton in government, politics and private industry to help set up the scholarship. Alumni interested in assisting in the fundraising effort in offering suggestions are urged to contact Jack Carter at (415) 442-7000, ext. 7554.

Spotlight on John Coker

Lawyers acting as politicians is hardly unusual; in fact it is one of the longest running traditions of our political system. But a lawyer involved in politics and refusing to play the politician is another story, one recently played out by John Coker ('67) in a heated political battle in the Contra Costa community of Pittsburg.

The story began with a veritable flood of bad publicity concerning incumbent Pittsburg politicians and administrators. Allegations ranged from conflict of interest by councilmembers to incompetence by the police chief. A group of local citizens, led by Coker, was determined to give the community the opportunity to clean things up but wanted to do it without the possibility of personal politicking. So last fall, Citizens United for Pittsburg staged a successful recall election of four of the five incumbent councilmembers, but first publicly announced that none of the leaders of Citizens United would subsequently run for office. If any member did decide to run, he or she would have to leave the organization. The group also promised to keep out of the endorsement game during the election for the four seats held this past April.

To the disbelief of many, Coker kept his word and restricted the activities of Citizens United to an aggressive educational role. The result was a hotly contested election among a field of 34 and, for Coker, the culmination of work that had started with preparation for the recall back in December 1982.

Coker, who lived in Mexico until age six, arrived in Pittsburg a decade and a half ago, fresh from night school at Golden Gate, to work in President Johnson's war on poverty. He remembers the attitude of attorneys in the position to hire then as quite snobbish toward night students. But for a man who had to work as a claims adjuster on weekdays and a shoe salesman on weekends to support his family (a



John Coker ('67)

wife, three sons and two brothers) as well as put himself through law school, the chance to go to Golden Gate at night "really changed my life."

Tax Director Retires

The founding father of GGU's LL.M.-Tax program will be turning over the administrative reins to a new full-time director, whose selection should be announced any day now. Dean William Taggart who, together with former GGU Tax School Dean John Williams, gave birth to the idea of establishing a Tax LL.M. program at Golden Gate, says it's time to turn it over to someone "young, energetic and enthusiastic, to guide the program onward and upward." The transition becomes effective July 1st.

Under Taggart's leadership, the graduate Tax Law program rapidly developed into a first-rate program of national reputation. The first class was admitted in 1978, following some hard-fought battles for A.B.A. accreditation. The program was the first of its kind on the West Coast and, although other LL.M.-Tax programs have sprouted in the West since GGU's went into operation, the Golden Gate program is recognized as the best this side of the Mississippi. As a consequence, Taggart's colleagues have high praise for his management as well as his legal abilities. GGU law professor Judy McKelvey, who as dean in 1978 helped win A.B.A. approval for the struggling new program, says "Bill did a tremendous job. He had very high standards for the program, and he never wavered."

Taggart says his tenure was very rewarding. "I got the program

Coker paid back some of the dues he felt he owed by serving another local night school program—that of Lincoln Law School in San Francisco—first as a professor and then for five years as dean.

Today, after nearly two years of hectic political involvement in Pittsburg affairs, the 45-year-old Coker is trying to focus on rebuilding his own general practice, Coker and Tays. Tays, his partner for two years and his law clerk the four years before that, handles most of the family law and personal injury matters while Coker concentrates on political law, civil rights, business litigation and criminal defense work.

through the approval stage, got the foundation built. Now a full-time director is needed to continue the growth of the program." And though Taggart is looking forward to spending more time with his private law practice and outside business pursuits, he adds, "I have no intention of severing my relationship with Golden Gate. I plan to continue to teach and support GGU."

Letter to Editor

Dear Editor,

I would like to call your attention to an error in your Winter 1984 issue. In your lead article you name committee members and refer to "former Dean Levy" and "Professor Bader". Neil Levy was never the Dean of Golden Gate Law School. He was simply called "acting dean" until someone suitable could be found to replace Judy McKelvey. Lani Bader was the dean of the Law School from 1968-1974 and it would be appropriate and fitting to refer to him as a dean. He was instrumental in creating the Golden Gate University you know today.

Very truly yours,
Lorraine Rorke
Golden Gate University Law School
J.D. 1974

Editor's note: We stand corrected.

Issues FORUM

Issues Forum is a venue for alumni and faculty to give their opinions on recent legal issues. We welcome contributions to this forum. This issue's contribution is from Barbara Bryant ('80) who is presently legal coordinator for California NOW, Inc. Since graduating magna cum laude, she has worked as a federal law clerk to the Hon. Marilyn Hall Patel in the Northern District of California and as a Legal Services attorney in Solano County specializing in welfare rights and domestic violence. She presently practices in Oakland with Farnsworth, Saperstein and Brand, a firm specializing in employment discrimination and wrongful discharge.

California NOW, Inc., with over 30,000 members and 51 chapters throughout the state, seeks to promote feminist advocacy and bring women into full participation in the mainstream of American society. The lead spokesperson for the organization is the state coordinator. Beginning in July 1981, that position was held by Ginny Foat.

Ginny Foat was an effective leader and organizer, stumping the state for the Equal Rights Amendment and



Barbara Bryant ('80)

watching CA. NOW's membership almost double within one year. In January 1983, Ginny was arrested for the 1965 murder and robbery of an Argentine businessman visiting New Orleans. The only evidence against her was the testimony of her alcoholic ex-husband, himself incarcerated twice in the past for murder and manslaughter, who had threatened to get back at Ginny when she left him. Ginny was imprisoned in California for three months before extradition to Louisiana. She was eventually tried by a jury and acquitted after only one hour of deliberation. After her acquittal in November 1983, Ginny Foat

returned to California to recover from her ordeal and think about how to best use her organizational talents for women's rights. The result of this process was a decision to form L.A.W.—Legal Advocates for Women—a non-profit organization dedicated to legal advocacy on behalf of all women and especially on behalf of women survivors of sexist violence who fought back to defend themselves, women with whose plight she became all too familiar during her months of imprisonment.

Ginny's political commitment, her energy and her new organization will be a welcome contribution to the cause of women's rights in the state.

California NOW, under the supervision of its legal coordinator, sponsors amicus briefs in precedential lawsuits and provides limited legal advice or referral to members throughout the state. However, it does not have the resources to provide meaningful financial assistance or representation to individual women. There is a great need to provide direct legal assistance to women subjected to sexism and sex discrimination in its many forms beyond what is currently being done.

As Legal Advocates for Women begins to grow, it seems an appropriate time to address the meaning of Ginny's arrest, which sent shockwaves through state and national NOW.

Ginny Foat never should have been arrested. Her acquittal demonstrates that the only evidence against her was the word of a disturbed and admittedly violent man with an obvious ax to grind. The sexism of the charge was indicated from the start and was strongly corroborated by the time all the evidence was in. That Ginny could be arrested, held in jail for three months, and made to face possible *life* imprisonment on the word of one such man is an insult to all women.

A woman's word is given little credibility in this society. The woman survivor of rape and other sexual abuse still hears from prosecutors and police that no prosecution is possible because it is only "her word" against his.

Ginny was put on trial for being assertive, powerful woman. "She was already strong, eighteen years ago," the prosecutor pleads to the jury. A

Special Women's Law Forum Issue Now Available

"Women in the Judiciary" is the theme of the 1984 edition of the Women's Law Forum. Golden Gate publishes one of the few law reviews in the country entirely devoted to women's legal issues, and this year's special symposium issue of WLF is one you won't want to miss. The latest edition features highlights of the National Association of Women Judges (NAWJ) annual meeting, held in San Francisco in October 1983.

Included in this issue are: 1) an examination of the judicial selection process, by Professor Beverly Blair Cook of the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee and Professor Elliot Slotnick of The Ohio State University; 2) a review of the book *Framed*, which addresses the

political problems faced by an activist woman judge; 3) an article by Justice Shirley Abrahamson of the Wisconsin Supreme Court addressing the need for, and contributions of, women on the bench; and 4) a survey of the panels presented at the 1983 NAWJ conference. *Survey: Women in California Law*, a regular feature of the Women's Law Forum, will also be included.

Copies of the special 1984 Symposium issue, and other WLF subscription information, are available from: Patti Turnage, Managing Editor, GGU Law Review, 536 Mission Street, San Francisco, CA 94105. Checks for the current issue should be made in the amount of \$10, payable to GGU.

woman's strength apparently makes her more likely to do violence, we are led to believe. But that equation mistakenly assumes that a woman's strength is used for physical domination and abuse of others as a man's strength all too often is. To the contrary, a woman's strength comes from the power to speak the truth, to refuse confining roles, and from daring to confront the misuse of male power in a patriarchal system.

Women have always been kept

divided by men, by their definitions and categorization of us as acceptable and unacceptable. We have been controlled by our need for acceptance. Today much of our movement energy is devoted to finding strength through respectability with the power brokers of society.

But we must not let this trend make us forget that to be a woman in a patriarchal society is essentially to be lacking the true respect of

others—the single woman, the unmarried mother, the prostitute, the lesbian, the welfare mother, the rape survivor, the woman who kills her abusing husband—each of these women is devalued and punished through patriarchal institutions either for her strength or for her sexuality. As long as *any* of these women receive less than full respect and dignity, none of us are “free” and none of us are “equal”.

—Barbara Bryant

Dean's REPORT

As I write this, spring examinations are only two weeks away, and student anxiety has shifted from the usual vernal pastime of beating on the Dean to hitting the books. It is a time all of us remember, usually without great affection, and of course no one makes points by suggesting that, like castor oil, the process is really good for you. I am concerned that we continue to strive for that elusive balance between disciplining students' mental processes and respecting them as feeling and aspiring human beings. Law schools have too frequently emphasized the former at the expense of the latter.

Indeed, as gatekeepers to the profession, law schools occupy a crucial role in shaping the values and attitudes of future members of the profession. Too often we subtly teach our students that feelings do not count and that our gut ethical and emotional responses are too “soft” and not sufficiently analytical. Law schools have also been guilty of inculcating an attitude that the adversarial process is the norm and litigation its typical forum. We need to shift gears, teaching our students the arts of reconciliation and peace making, and encouraging them to perceive the fact that much of a lawyer's work is involved in counseling, reasoned persuasion and a mutual search for satisfactory compromises.

Not that I believe that law schools and lawyers are the sole reasons for an apparently growing resort to litigation. Clients frequently force



Dean John P. Wilson

their counsel to be combatants, and we seem to exist increasingly in a society whose members insist on rights and de-emphasize responsibilities. All of us, I think, need some reeducation. I say this, of course, recognizing that there is much good to be said about the role of courts in resolving disputes and that people have turned to judicial forums because of an absence of less formal mechanisms, e.g., family elders, religious counselors, to settle interpersonal frictions in a mobile society.

Turning from theory and aspiration to close-at-hand reality, our applications are below the level they have been during the last three years. We share this unhappy state with over 80% of the law schools in the country. I have commented on this problem previously. Fewer applications presents us with stark choices: either we must admit less qualified people and raise our academic standards to maintain our reputation—thereby making us a

neaner and tougher place and sacrificing some of the values mentioned above—or we must shrink in size. A reduction in size is not necessarily bad, of course, but it is an unhappy prospect if it cannot be done gradually and with the willing participation of all members of the community. We are still struggling to find some appropriate accommodation which does not place us squarely on either horn of this dilemma. One approach is more vigorous recruiting coupled with better advertising of both the strengths of our curriculum (in dispute resolution, family law, real estate, public interest law, corporate law, and labor law) and the accomplishments of our alumni and students. I am pleased that we have placed a number of graduates in high profile law firms in recent years, and that this summer a Golden Gate extern will serve in the chambers of each Associate Justice of the California Supreme Court. One of our students, also, was recently elected Fourteenth Circuit Governor of the American Bar Association Law Student Division. Accomplishments such as these deserve attention and attract applicants.

In addition, we obviously need the support of our alumni body. Your financial help assists us in providing financial aid to incoming students. Your moral support and endeavors—both professionally and in your communities—enhance our reputation. I am planning to hire an Alumni Director, and I hope in this way to ensure that the School keeps in touch with you and you with it. Many alumni have told me that they would like to contribute to our continued growth, and I am searching for ways to tap such an excellent source of assistance.

—Dean John P. Wilson

Faculty NEWS

Bill Hing recently won a case before the Ninth Circuit Court involving the right of an alien narcotics offender to apply for discretionary relief. He also has an article in *La Raza Law Journal* on "Racial Disparity: The Unaddressed Issues of the Simpson-Mazzoli Bill" which will appear this spring. Bill is currently under contract with Wiley to write a book for attorneys on how to practice Immigration Law. And, with his help, the Immigration Clinic is putting together a practice manual on representation of Mexican aliens in suspension of deportation cases.

Edward Tom, Director of Admissions, has recently been appointed to another term as a member of the Minority Enrollment Task Force; the appointment was made by the President of the Law School Admissions Council. The Task Force is a group of ten law school administrators and professors, and is charged with exploring ways to increase interest, applications, and retention among minority students. It is a sub-committee of the national Law School Admissions Council.

Robert Calhoun recently argued as amicus curiae for the A.C.L.A. before the California Supreme Court on the right to privacy in an unlisted phone number. The case was *People v. Chapman and McGee*.

Drucilla Ramey has just been elected Chair of the San Francisco Commission on the Status of Women and was appointed to the Judiciary Committee of the San Francisco Bar Association. She also did a TV show on the legal ramifications of "premenstrual syndrome" in L.A. and has spoken recently to various groups on women's issues. These include the keynote speech at the Western Region of Soroptimists on women and the constitution and a speech to San Francisco N.O.W. on comparable worth.

Roger Bernhardt is the new chair of the San Francisco Relocation Appeals Board and West recently published his *Black Letter Law of Real Property*.

This spring, **Tom Goetzl** was a panelist at the College Art Association meeting in Toronto and also spoke at the Monterey Peninsula Museum of Art in Monterey.

The seventh edition of **Myron Moskovitz's California Tenants Handbook** has just been published. Additionally, Myron was the keynote speaker to the annual convention of

the California Apartment Association and was a guest on KGO and KCBS radio, speaking on landlord/tenant law.

William Weiner is the referee for the Hearing Department of the State Bar Court and secretary of the San Francisco Bar Association Ethics Committee. He recently drafted an opinion for the Ethics Committee concerning the meaning of lawyer's obligation to turn over a client's files to him or her.

This past semester, **Karen Kadushin** and **Chris Emley** team-taught a course in community property at GGU. Chris is the president of Legal Assistance to the Elderly Inc., and chair of the Voluntary Legal Services Program

State Bar Reception

GGU Law School graduates attending the state bar meeting in Monterey are invited to a no-host cocktail reception planned for Saturday, September 22, from 5:30-7:30 pm. The reception will be held at the Doubletree Inn Conference Center, site of the 1984 California State Bar's Annual Meeting. Law School Dean John P. Wilson and Alumni Director Gary Wishniewsky will be present to greet alumni and provide information about the Law School and alumni activities.

There will be no alumni luncheon this year because the state bar has scheduled Tuesday, September 25, the last day of the meeting, for these events. Alumni who missed the 1983 luncheon in Anaheim pointed out that most participants depart before the last day, and requested an earlier event. Several law school alumni offices have registered their unhappiness with the state bar over the scheduling of Alumni Luncheons on the last day of the Annual Meeting. The bar has indicated a willingness to move the luncheons to a more favorable day in 1985.

If you do plan to attend the Monterey meeting, please contact the Alumni Office for more information. Write or phone: Alum. Office, GGU, 536 Mission, SF, CA 94105; 415/442-7203.

Don't Forget Law Reunions

Final details have been set by the Alumni Office and the volunteer Reunion Committee for the June Class Reunions. On Saturday, June 2, the Classes of '59, '64 and '69 will gather in the University's Faculty Lounge from 5:00 to 7:30 pm. All Law School graduates from classes before 1959 will also be invited to the June 2 festivities. Two weeks later on June 16, the Classes of '74 and '79 will meet at the University for their Reunions. Wine and hors d'oeuvres will be provided for a nominal admission charge. The late afternoon time was selected so that alumni could make arrangements for evening dinners with their classmates.

Reunion Committee volunteers will be contacting you in the near future to encourage your

participation. Should you wish to assist, contact the representatives from your class.

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David Loofbourrow	(415) 441-0224
1974:	
Lee Baxter	(415) 558-3841
Bob Brown	(415) 331-1517
1979:	
Karen Hawkins	(415) 986-7500
Jim Molesky	(415) 552-6500

Board of the Bar Association of San Francisco. She has recently written an article entitled "Rise and Fall of a Small Law Association" for the ABA.

aren has moved to her own Jackson Square, San Francisco office with two associates, both Golden Gate alumnae. They are **Paula Jean Francer** ('81) and **Paige Wickland**, ('81).

The Big Apple is beckoning GGU law professor **Pat Williams**. After four years spent teaching commercial law courses at Golden Gate, she is leaving to accept an Associate Professor position with the City University of New York. She will be teaching a three-semester course called "Law and Market Economy", involving the combined disciplines of property, economics and labor law. Pat says she is attracted by the innovative approaches to legal education being practiced at C.U.N.Y., but "I will miss all the good friends I've made at Golden Gate."

Now that **Judy McKelvey** has been installed as the head of the Bar Association of San Francisco, she plans to make funding for legal services programs for the poor and relieving trial and appellate court congestion her top priorities. In addition to soliciting lawyers to do pro bono work, the Association is developing a plan to strengthen financial support for legal services agencies.

Alumni NOTES

Class of 1984

Donna Duer has accepted a two year position as a staff attorney with the Atomic Safety and Licensing Board Panel of the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission in Washington, D.C. Donna was selected through the NRC's highly competitive Honor Law Graduate Program. She currently does research for the *California Tort Reporter*.

Robert Kelleher, Jr. is running for Montana House of Representatives. His platform is to develop the state's resources and economy with a strong emphasis on natural resource preservation. He first ran for the Legislature 12 years ago.

Class of 1983

Cora J. Lancelle recently opened her own law office in San Rafael, CA.

Susan Zimmerman, who externed with the U.S. Ninth Court Circuit Court of Appeals while a student, has been hired as a staff attorney for the Research Attorney's Office of the Ninth Circuit Court.

Thomas S. Anderson has opened a general law practice in Vallejo, CA.

Michael Y. Louie, former deputy district attorney for Alameda County, announces his association with the law firm of Andrews & Olsen in Oakland and his engagement to **Anne C. Carr** ('83).

Class of 1982

Peter M. Sproul is now an associate with the San Francisco firm of McCarthy & Schwartz which specializes in complex business, real estate and partnership litigation. Peter completed an MBA in Tax at GGU in April and is the junior litigation and tax counsel for the firm. He lives in Berkeley.

Steven Rhoads was one of the attorneys on a case heard before the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals entitled: *Brothers v. First Leasing*. The court overturned the trial court on behalf of the appellant; Steven had written the appellant's opening and reply briefs. The case involved sex discrimination and car leases.

Bonita L. Marmor has been named an associate with the San Francisco firm of Wells & Shiffman.

Michael Baddeley recently opened a general law practice in Petaluma, where he graduated from high school. He resides outside of Cotati.

The Law Offices of Randall Crane of San Francisco are pleased to announce the association of **Barbara Barrett** with their firm.

R. Scott Walston is now doing insurance defense with the firm of

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Bruggeman, Smith & Peckham in San Bernardino.

Constance Istratescu was selected from a field of several hundred applicants to serve as Pro Se Clerk to the judges of the U.S. District Court for the Central District of California in Los Angeles. In her new position, she reviews all criminal appeals filed with the Court in pro per, suggests dispositions to the judges, and drafts appropriate memoranda and orders.

Class of 1981

Tracey Edward and **James T. Graeb** graduated with honors from GGU's LL.M. Tax program in the fall of 1983. Jim has been appointed part-time lecturer at GGU's M.S. Tax School for the summer semester and will teach Taxation of Capital Assets.

Charles A. Pernice III has joined the law offices of Landgren and Belz in Tustin, CA as an associate. He will practice in the field of personal injury litigation.

Robert Nichols held his seat in the Albany City Council election in April; he was originally appointed by the council in October 1982. He is a deputy district attorney for Contra Costa County and has lived in Albany for 24 years.

Dr. Robert L. Edwards, coordinator of the Criminal Justice Program at University of Washington at Superior, presented testimony to the U.S. Attorney General's Task Force on Family Violence at a forum in Sacramento in February. The Sacramento forum was the sixth and last in a series held around the country by the task force which was created to seek ways to improve services to victims of family violence.

Class of 1980

Keith Langan is now an assistant counsel in the General Counsel's Office at Fireman's Fund Insurance Companies in Novato.

John Douglas Moore and **Daniel Parr Marshall III** have been associated as partners in the general practice of law in San Francisco since March 1983. Additionally, John has been selected to the panel of arbitrators of the American Arbitration Association in San Francisco while Daniel has been a lecturer in contracts at John F. Kennedy University since September 1983.



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Elliot R. Smith has been re-appointed as a referee in the Hearing Department of the State Bar Court. The State Bar Court, created by the Board of Governors, conducts attorney disciplinary proceedings; its decisions are submitted directly to the California Supreme Court. It conducts hearings and makes finding of fact recommendations in about 300 cases per year. Elliot, a former extern for Justice Richardson, also has a general civil practice in Berkeley.

Class of 1979

Belinda "Bee" Kendall has won a four year term on the Moraga Town Council after serving as vice chair of the Moraga Planning Commission. She is in private practice in Walnut Creek, specializing in estate tax and computer law. She received her MBA in Tax at GGU in 1982 and

shares office space with **Barbara Kennett** ('78).

Karen L. Hawkins has recently opened her own San Francisco law offices for the general practice of law with emphasis on federal and state taxation and general business law.

Class of 1978

Daniel Wright is a staff attorney with the Department of Social and Health Services, State of Washington, dealing primarily with mental health law and probate issues. He also has a private practice. He lives with his wife, Deborah, and one-year-old son, Nathan, in Olympia.

Thomas Cain will start GGU's LL.M. program this summer. Also admitted conditional pending graduation is **James E. Reynolds** ('84).

Christina del Sherpa (nee del Pescio) recently relocated her solo labor practice. She now shares SF offices with Judith Lauter Baer and Mary Dryovage, also labor lawyers. She also works with the Public Interest Clearinghouse.

Class of 1977

Carol Goodman graduated from GGU's LL.M. Tax program this spring.

Class of 1976

Joyce Saltalamachia (nee Harmon) has been appointed Director of the Law Library and Associate Professor at New York Law School. She was formerly the reference librarian at GGU.

Class of 1975

Russell B. Longaway graduated from the GGU LL.M. Tax program this spring.

Class of 1974

Jack Kessler writes that this past September, he bicycled to Alaska from British Columbia. His solo trip up the Alaska Highway covered 1404 miles and lasted 29 days.

Class of 1973

William H. F. Howard is now with the Oakland firm of Warren, Chickering & Grunewald. Previously he was employed by Townsend and Townsend of San Francisco.

Class of 1961

Contra Costa County District Attorney **William O'Malley** is now running for Superior Court Judge in Contra Costa County.

Class of 1952

Rebecca Wessl Smith is suffering from Alzheimer's Disease and is at the North Rockford Convalescent Home at 1920 North Main St., Rockford Il 61103. She would appreciate hearing from her friends.

In Memorium

Ruth Rokeach ('78) died January 7, 1984 in Sacramento of complications resulting from a bone marrow transplant she underwent last year for leukemia. An attorney for the past four years for the California Labor Relations Board, Ruth was a native of Lansing, MI. She is survived by her husband, Ralph Faust, Jr., of Sacramento; her mother, Muriel, of West Lansing, MI; father, Milton, Pullman, WA; a sister, Miriam, Berkeley; and brother, Martin, of Lafayette.

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