Profound Changes in Con Law, Says Mosk

The Honorable Stanley Mosk, associate justice of the California Supreme Court and one of the nation's leading Constitutional law experts, offered the School of Law's 1987 Commencement Address. While noting that the Class of '87 enters the legal profession in a period of "complex times and national ambiguity," Mosk nevertheless voiced encouragement that this is a good time to enter the legal marketplace. On the downside, he cited the proliferation of White House and Wall Street scandals, the growing national debt, the monthly trade deficit and general political malaise; on the upside he focused on the bicentennial of the U.S. Constitution.

Despite the proliferation of schlock and trivia surrounding this bicentennial, Mosk proffered the hope that this inflated interest in the Constitution would rebound to the nation's good. "The Bill of Rights," he exclaimed, "might come to have some meaning in Forsythe County, Georgia, or Howard Beach, New York. Students in Greenville, Tennessee, may finally be able to read The Diary of Anne Frank or The Wizard of Oz." Citing the reflections of former Chief Justice Warren Burger, Mosk described the Constitution as a remarkable document, formulated by people scattered up and down the New England and Atlantic coasts. Fifty-five men, with only 40 in regular attendance, a number of them less than 30 years old, formulated a "document without precedent or parallel in human history." While the Magna Carta granted rights to the privileged few, the Constitution granted rights to all the people. A nation of 13 original states with a combined population of 2.5 million produced a Washington, a Madison, a Franklin, a Jefferson, and many other statesman and scholars. In our country today with a population one hundred times larger, Mosk remarked, "one must search in vain for the same caliber of leadership."

As new lawyers, Mosk continued, Golden Gate graduates must be prepared to adapt to profound changes in Constitutional law. There will be times, he noted, when dependence on the U.S. Constitution will not suffice to treat all the convolutions of a particular problem. "In such cases, one must look up to international law or down to state law." Citing the right to privacy as an example, Mosk noted that both the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and the California State Constitution afford more privacy to the individual than does the U.S. Constitution itself, and that there is, in fact, no specific guarantee of privacy in the Bill of Rights. In practice, Mosk explained that U.S. law holds there is no violation of privacy should a police officer choose to examine a citizen's bank records without warrant or subpoena. California law, however, holds that the bank transactions of any individual are intended for internal bank purposes only and not subject to freedom of inspection. Citing another example, Mosk noted that in Swain vs. Alabama the Supreme Court held that there were no limits on the number of peremptory challenges to prospective jurors. In the Wheeler case, however, the California Supreme Court found that such challenges could indeed be limited if used for racially discriminatory purposes. Eventually the U.S. Supreme Court acknowledged that the Swain decision was unworkable and chose to side with California law. "State courts are then," Mosk continued, "a developing ground for federal law." In his experience on the bench, Mosk has found that state constitutional law can grant rights more expansive than those guaranteed by the U.S. Constitution. States rights today provide "more, not less" guarantees. It appears at this point as well that the Rehnquist Court will defer to state law in settling cases where fundamental rights are at stake. Mosk was quick to add that state constitutions are not merely carbon...
Law Placement Symposium

Nearly a dozen alumni returned to the University last March to meet with currently enrolled law students and provide information about job opportunities with their employers. Of the 33 firms, agencies, and corporations that participated in the First Annual Law Placement Symposium, 33 percent were represented by law school graduates. A Career Options Day was the culmination of the three-day Symposium that was organized by a twelve-member law student committee and Law Placement Director Tony Bastone. Over 120 students, many of them first year law, circulated through the fifth floor auditorium speaking with prospective employers and obtaining literature from the wide variety of groups present. Following the formal Symposium students, faculty, and employer representatives enjoyed a relaxing reception in the Faculty Lounge, where students had an opportunity to visit with the reps one-on-one and have questions of a more individual nature answered.


Special thanks are due to the twelve students who helped coordinate the event. In particular, recognition is due Lyn Bufton, Committee Chairperson, and Susan Romer, refreshments coordinator. Other student members of the “dirty dozen” committee included representatives from Caveat, SBA, Jewish Students, BALSA, NLG/La Raza, ABA/LSD, and the Asian & Pacific Law Caucus. Alumni interested in representing their organizations at 1988’s Second Annual Law Placement Symposium may contact Law Placement Director Tony Bastone, (415) 442-7257.

Legal Career Options Day

In another first for Golden Gate’s School of Law, Placement Director Tony Bastone has entered into an agreement with the Queen’s Bench to sponsor the first annual Legal Career Options Day at the University in November 1987. Fifty legal employers are expected to attend and offer information on career opportunities in their respective law firms, agencies and corporations. This marks the first time the Queen’s Bench has entered into co-sponsorships for such an event, and the first time that it will be co-hosted by one of the Bay Area’s law schools.
McKelvey Award Winners Honored

The 1987 Judith McKelvey Awards, honoring outstanding achievement by Golden Gate Law School alumni, were presented at graduation ceremonies to Catherine Sherburne-Thompson, Class of 1956, an attorney in the East Bay specializing in trusts, estate planning, real estate, and commercial law, and Robert Douglas, Class of 1984, a San Francisco attorney specializing in civil and criminal litigation. Judith McKelvey is a professor of law and former dean of the Law School.

Catherine Sherburne-Thompson graduated first in her class, nosing out nine male colleagues in a graduating class of ten students, while also serving as president of the Law School student body. In 1957 she commenced a 14-year teaching career at Golden Gate, offering courses in Civil Procedure, Wills, Equity, Community Property, and Family Law. Catherine was the first GGU Law School graduate to return to teach, and holds the distinction of being the first woman member of the law faculty. She has also served as an adjunct professor at JFK University’s Law School from 1978 to 1986, teaching Wills and Trusts.

Sherburne-Thompson has also found time from her busy practice in Oakland and San Francisco to serve on the Board of Directors of the San Francisco Women’s City Club, as an Officer of the Queen’s Bench; she speaks frequently to various community groups on estate planning and related subjects. In her practice, she has worked with business entities conducting underwater filming for TV documentaries, the “Oceanquest” miniseries, and films such as “The Deep” and “For Your Eyes Only.” In 1986 she was appointed as an attorney for the General Motors Acceptance Corporation.

Robert Douglas brought a broad background in organizational work with physically disabled persons to his law school studies. From 1981 to 1982 he was executive director of the Marin Center for Independent Living in San Rafael, where he coordinated fund raising, budgeting, personnel and service functions. Prior to that he was chief administrative officer of the Disability Law Resource Center at the Berkeley-based Center for Independent Living. He also had responsibility at the Berkeley Center for coordinating a 13-state program training disabled persons to become advocates for disabled recipients of financial assistance from the Departments of Education and Health and Human Services.

Douglas also has extensive work experience in other areas of public interest law. He has served as an arbitrator with the San Francisco Rent Board, and as a patient advocate at Camarillo State Hospital, in the San Mateo County Health Department, and in the Mental Health Advocacy Project in San Jose. He has also been a family counselor for Catholic Charities in Brooklyn, New York.

In accepting the 1987 McKelvey Award, Douglas offered hope to the graduating class for their future performance on the California State Bar exam: “If I can pass it,” he joked, “so can all of you!”

Queen’s Bench Loan Available

Applications will be accepted until August 15, 1987, for the Queen’s Bench Ann Glover Verney Memorial Loan. Women graduates establishing their own practice are eligible to apply, and Class of ’86 graduates who may be entering sole practice are particularly encouraged. The Fund currently totals $3,600, and one or two loans will be made at seven percent simple interest.

Women graduates interested in being considered for a loan may submit a written application explaining (1) where their practice is being established; (2) the immediate financial obligations and implications involved in beginning the practice; (3) a general statement of their need for funds; (4) the amount requested ($3,600 maximum); (5) an indication of how the loan will be repaid by August 15, 1988.

The deadline for applications is August 15, 1987. Applicants will be reviewed by Assistant Law School Dean Robert Coleman and representatives of the Queen’s Bench. All applicants will be notified by mail within 30 days of the application deadline. Applications may be addressed to Robert Coleman, School of Law, Golden Gate University, 536 Mission Street, San Francisco, CA 94105.
Women's Association and Alumnae Host Successful Reception

For the second straight year the Law School Women's Association and the Alumni Association hosted a cocktail reception for currently enrolled women students and law school alumnae. Close to one hundred participants attended the May 14 event at the Brasserie Chambord Restaurant in San Francisco's financial district. Carol King, '84, an immigration specialist and a member of the National Lawyers' Guild Central American Task Force, was the keynote speaker. Carol was featured in the March 1987 issue of San Francisco Magazine as one of the Bay Area's "All-Dean's REPORT"

Many of our 1987 graduates will soon be taking the California Bar examination. A recent study at the School indicates a high percentage will ultimately pass and receive their licenses to practice.

Nevertheless, we are still very dissatisfied with the pass rate of those who take the examination for the first time. And we are not alone. Many other law schools are protesting the low bar pass rate in California. According to a study prepared by the deans of UCLA and USC, if California imposed the same standards as, for example, New York or the District of Columbia, the passing scores for similarly situated graduates was approximately 90 percent.

Our graduates, when they take the bar in these jurisdictions, appear to pass with greater ease than they do in California. Yet members of the bar in these jurisdictions are not inferior in talent or training to practitioners in California. The people of these states, to the best of my knowledge, are not complaining about the quality of legal service.

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The Women's Association also recognized Pat McGinnis, '77, co-founder of Bay Area Advocates for Nursing Home Reform; Ann Menasche, '75, active in litigation against fake abortion clinics and a participant in Congressional hearings on the same subject; Alice Philipson, '81, one of the few attorneys handling AIDS insurance discrimination cases; and Susan Rutberg, '75, co-counsel for the defense in the Stephen Bingham trial.

GGU women lawyers named to the Fall 1986 "Best Lawyers in America" list were also honored; Ruth Miller, '70; Diana Richmond, '73; and Pamela Pierson, '75. Sarita Waite, '69, also named to the "Best Lawyers" list, was inadvertently overlooked. It had been assumed that she had left for Rome to study classical sculpture.

Special recognition was also given Barbara Rhine for her ten years of teaching service and support of the Women's Association's goals and programs.

A number of members of the Women's Association Steering Committee were active in assisting the Alumni Office with the event. They included Cevyn Godre, Laura Pyles, Susan Romer and Kate Neale. The Women's Association inaugurated a plaque to commemorate their 1986 and 1987 honorees, and presented it to the School of Law for display in the administrative offices.

Tami Gallerani, Women's Association Steering Committee member, presents commemorative plaque held by Kate Neale, to GGU School of Law. Looking on are Women in the News honorees (left to right) Carol King, Tami Gallerani, Kate Neale, Ann Menasche, Alice Philipson, Pamela Pierson, Sarita Waite and Pat McGinnis.

Pro Barristers" for her success in utilizing the habeas corpus defense to stay deportation of political refugees.
Alumni NOTES

Class of 1985

Barry Gorelick has been elected to the board of directors of the East Bay Activity Center, a non-profit corporation providing mental health and educational services for emotionally disturbed children.

Kai Wessels has joined the firm of Pillsbury, Madison & Sutro as an associate in its San Jose office. He is engaged to be married to Elise Zeldow July 5 in Seattle, WA.

Barbara H. Bard, formerly with the law firm of Kenny and Barbosse in Santa Barbara, has become the judicial law clerk of the Honorable Alan G. Jaroslovsky (class of ’77) bankruptcy judge for the United States Bankruptcy Court, Northern District of California.

Arthur Barbour, formerly in-house counsel for Industrial Indemnity in San Francisco, has accepted a position with the firm Lillick, McHose & Charles, San Francisco, in the real estate transaction section.

Ellen Bastier, formerly project attorney for Industrial Indemnity, has also joined Lillick, McHose & Charles. She will be working in the corporate finance section.

Antoinette M. Lisoni has formed a law partnership with John Hannon called Hannon & Lisoni, in Castro Valley.

Melodie H. Bankers is working for the Office of the Insurance Commissioner in Consumer Affairs in Washington state.

Class of 1984

Rose Mikovsky has joined the San Francisco City Attorney’s Office as a deputy city attorney.

Gale J. Farlow is now an associate attorney with Morris, Downing & Sherred, in Newton, NJ. She specializes in litigation, family law and real estate law.

Scott L. Meierding and Robin Rudderow have become associated with the firm of Lilienthal & Jacobson. They join ’84 fellow alumnus Peter N. Fowler.

Phyllis M. Cantor has become an associate with Bishop, Barry, Howe & Reid in San Francisco. She is specializing in large toxic tort coverage litigation, but will also be involved in general civil law.

Cheryl Rouse, formerly with the law firm of Fillipelli & Eisenberg in San Francisco, has accepted a position with First Nationwide Bank in San Francisco as associate counsel in the litigation department.

Erik Grady has joined the business affairs department of Embassy Home Entertainment at its Century City office.

Susan Shors has opened an office on Clay Street in San Francisco, where she has an appellate practice.

Joanna R. Reichel has joined Kern & Wooley in Los Angeles, where she will work in aviation and casualty insurance law.

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Job Fair in September

Associate level attorneys curious about other firms or actively seeking a new position or fresh start in cities like San Diego, San Francisco, Palo Alto, Fresno, Ontario or Los Angeles are urged to sign up for the California Young Lawyers Association (CYLA) Job Fair, to be held on Saturday, September 19, 1987, at the State Bar Annual Meeting.

The CYLA Job Fair offers associates a time efficient, discreet and economical opportunity to conduct multiple interviews with legal employers from around the state, inconspicuously and without sacrificing billable time.

Thirty legal employers have already pre-registered to conduct 20 minute interviews with hand-matched candidates in the employer’s hotel room at the Ramada Hotel, in Beverly Hills, a convenient shuttle ride away from Annual Meeting headquarters, located this year at the Century Plaza Hotel in Los Angeles. In filling out the CYLA Job Fair Application, candidates will be asked to name any firms to whom their resume should not be released, thus helping to assure confidentiality.

To register for the CYLA Job Fair, candidates must use those forms located in the June issue of California Lawyer; fill out the Annual Meeting Registration Ticket Fee form, the Job Fair Application, and must submit ten copies of their resume. The CYLA Job Fair ticket price is $20.

To qualify for the CYLA Job Fair, candidates must also register for at least one day (Saturday, September 19, 1987) of the Annual Meeting (day pass pre-reg price for CYLA members is $30, full four-day pass, $65). CYLA Job Fair registration therefore automatically entitles registrants to attend most Annual Meeting events, including free CEB seminars, CEB video viewing, a judges panel on law and motion, and update of the law seminars specifically designed for young attorneys.

The registration deadline is August 14, but due to limited space, Job Fair candidates are urged to register by mid-July. For more information on the CYLA Job Fair, call CYLA Job Fair Chair, Ellen Klugman at (213) 939-7117 or Carol Zlongst, at the State Bar of California, (415) 561-8219.

Allumni Directory Released:
Alumni Director Gary Wishnieswky and Dean John P. Wilson review the first alumni directory to be published since 1979. With nearly 3,400 alumni listed, it is the most comprehensive Law School directory ever printed. Alumni interested in obtaining a copy may contact: Customer Service, Harris Publishing Company, Three Barker Avenue, White Plains, NY 10601, (914) 946-7500.
Jeffrey W. Hook is now an associate with the San Francisco law firm of Bishop, Barry, Howe & Reid, specializing in insurance coverage litigation.

Susan Griffin, formerly with the Contra Costa County District Attorney's Office, has taken a position with the San Mateo County District Attorney's Office.

Class of 1983

Jonathan H. Steinman, who received his master's degree in taxation from GGU, has formed a partnership with George Mac Vogelei (class of '77) and Barbara Snethen, Vogelei, Steinman & Snethen. It is based in Marin county.

Brian Connors has opened an office on Clay Street in San Francisco, where he practices general civil and business litigation.

Class of 1982

Deborah Anderson is now with Plotkin and Rapaport. They are located at 16633 Ventura Blvd., Suite 200, Encino, CA.

Julia E. Abers has been a patent attorney for Beckman Instruments, Inc., Fullerton. She specializes in the area of clinical biochemistry and biotechnology patents.

Paul Loveseth shares a criminal law practice with his brother, Ian Loveseth. Paul serves the San Mateo County area, and also handles court-appointed cases as a member of the Private Defender Program.

Class of 1981

After three years of practicing worker's compensation in Solano County, Pamela A. Pecort is now with the San Francisco District Attorney's Office.

Richard A. Sines was recently hired as operations manager for Tidewater Medical Sales and Service, Inc., of Newport News, VA.

Nancy A. Gibbons has relocated her office to 2033 N. Main Street, Walnut Creek 94596. The firm continues to specialize in taxation, corporations, partnerships and estate planning.

Melody Schallon, a prosecutor with the San Francisco District Attorney's Office, is writing chapters of the new California Continuing Education publication, California Criminal Law Procedure and Practice, with her husband and fellow DA prosecutor, George Butterworth.

Mimi Johnson Jacobs is now associated with Hanna, Brophy, MacLean, McAleer & Jensen, a firm specializing in workers' compensation defense. Mimi works in the Oakland office, and is also involved in third party litigation.

Class of 1980

Tom Manning was recently promoted to senior trial attorney in the San Francisco District Attorney's Office.

John M. Kelly has become an associate attorney with Corbett & Kane. The firm, with offices in Oakland and San Francisco, specializes in representing management in labor and employment law.

Robert Lee Edwards is now the assistant chief of police for the New Milford, Connecticut, Police Department. He is also an adjunct in Justice at the Justice & Administration, Western Connecticut State University.

Carol Boes became a partner with the Lakin-Spears law firm in Palo Alto. Her practice is limited to real estate and business transactions.

Barbara Bryant, member of the Oakland firm of Farnsworth, Saperstein & Seligman, spoke on "Bringing the Action" as part of a March CEB program on Wrongful Employment Termination Practice. Brad Seligman, partner in the firm and an adjunct faculty member at the Law School, also participated.

Class of 1979

Michael A. Rosas is currently counsel in the Governor's Office, state of New York.

Linda Scoccia has left the Attorney General's office in Juneau, Alaska, and has moved to Seattle.

Karen Hawkins' law firm has changed its name from Berger & Taggart to Taggart & Hawkins. The address is 100 Bush St., 20th Floor, San Francisco 94104.

Larry Bittner, formerly a partner in his own law firm, is now general manager and general counsel of Castagnola's at Fisherman's Wharf, San Francisco.

Class of 1978

Mary Louise Wheeler was voted legislative counsel for the Nineteenth Guam Legislature, a position she also held in the Eighteenth Guam Legislature.
Phillip M. Smith, Jr. recently was hired as tax manager for Agopian & Williams & Co. CPA’s in Long Beach, CA.

Class of 1977

Roni Schwartz Andresen is now an associate with Basiszta & Daniels of Oakland, which specializes in insurance defense.

Randall K. Berning was selected by the American Dental Association, Council on Dental Practice, to co-present the 1987-88 national seminar series on “Do’s and Don’ts of Associateships and Practice Valuation.” Berning is an attorney maintaining offices in both Chicago and Washington, DC.

Pat McGinnis is the executive director of the San Francisco-based Bay Area Advocates for Nursing Home Reform, a watchdog group that encourages citizens to report on substandard care.

Marjorie M. Holmes has been appointed director of legal services at Mervyn’s corporate headquarters in Oakland. Prior to joining Mervyn’s she was in private practice and served as associate dean of GGU.

Class of 1976

Bill Rowen has been appointed chairperson of the Continuing Education Committee, Alameda County Bar Association.

Terry J. Helbush, partner in the San Francisco firm of Simmons & Ungar, and a member of GGU’s adjunct law faculty, moderated a May Continuing Education of the Bar panel on “Immigration and Nationality.”

Class of 1975

Randall W. Harper and his company, Blackman, Garlock, Flynn & Co., recently purchased, renovated, syndicated and opened the Villa Florence Hotel and Kuleto’s Restaurant at 225 Powell Street, San Francisco, and the Grand Champions Hotel and Resort in Indian Wells, Palm Springs, CA.

Class of 1974

Duane Ruth-Heffelbower is co-author of the recently published book After We're Gone: Estate and Life Planning for a Disabled Person's Family. It is available

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Brian Stern has become a deputy city attorney for the city and county of San Francisco.

Class of 1973

David Brennan was recently accepted as a member by the American Board of Trial Advocates. Membership is by nomination and candidates must have a minimum of 20 civil jury trials prior to consideration. He is the senior partner in the firm of Brennan & Hollins, a 14-member firm specializing in personal injury and products liability in Southern California.

Class of 1972

Edward Moffat was elected to the Madera County Superior Court in November and Governor George Deukmejian appointed him to that position two weeks later. Prior to his election, he was the deputy chief of the criminal division of the United States Attorney's Office in Fresno. Edward lives in Madera with his wife, Veronica, and their four children.

Class of 1958

Daryl J. McKinstry, formerly Placerville's city attorney, now runs his own private practice in Placerville.

In Memorium

David Dean (class of '73) passed away in September 1986 after a battle with cancer. A resident of Sparks, NV, Dean had a private practice in Reno serving Nevada and California. Previously he served in the Nevada State Attorney General’s Office.

Faculty News

Greg Egertson, administrative assistant to the dean for the past four and a half years, will leave the School of Law at the end of June to pursue fulltime studies at the Graduate Theological Union in Berkeley.

Paula Dykstra has joined the Law School staff as administrative analyst. She was previously manager of the Membership Records Department at the State Bar of California’s San Francisco office. Paula holds degrees in clinical psychology from Michigan State (BS) and Purdue (MS), and is an MBA candidate at Golden Gate.

Director of Admissions Edward Tom chaired the program committee for the Law School Admission Council’s annual conference in Denver. He is also an elected member of the Law School Admission Council’s Board of Trustees and has been appointed to the Board’s subcommittee on council structure.

On May 16, Professor Janice Kosel had a baby girl, Alison Eliza.

Bill Weiner and Barbara Rhine will leave GGU at the end of the Spring ’87 semester. Weiner joined GGU in 1977 and taught civil procedure, criminal procedure, legal ethics and remedies. Since 1977 Rhine has taught labor law, torts, workers’ compensation, criminal law and agricultural labor relations.

Professor Thomas Goetzl debated against Professor Douglas Baird of the University of Chicago Law School on the proposition: “Artists Should be Entitled to Special Legislation” at the second annual National Volunteer Lawyers for the Arts Conference which was held at the Northwestern School of Law in early June.

Robert Coleman has been hired as assistant dean to replace Vivian Walker. He comes from JFK University where he was a professor and associate dean.

Peter Honigsberg, director of the Writing and Research Department, is leaving GGU for the University of San Francisco.

Acting Director of the Law Library Stuart Sutton will be leaving the Law School to pursue a doctorate in Library and Information Science at UC Berkeley. He plans to remain at the library until a replacement has been chosen.