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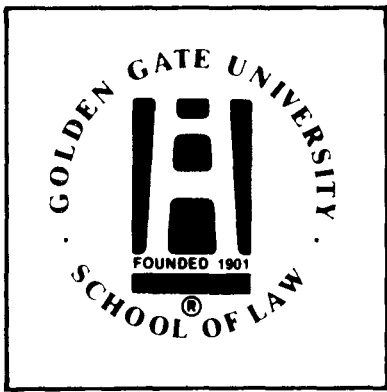


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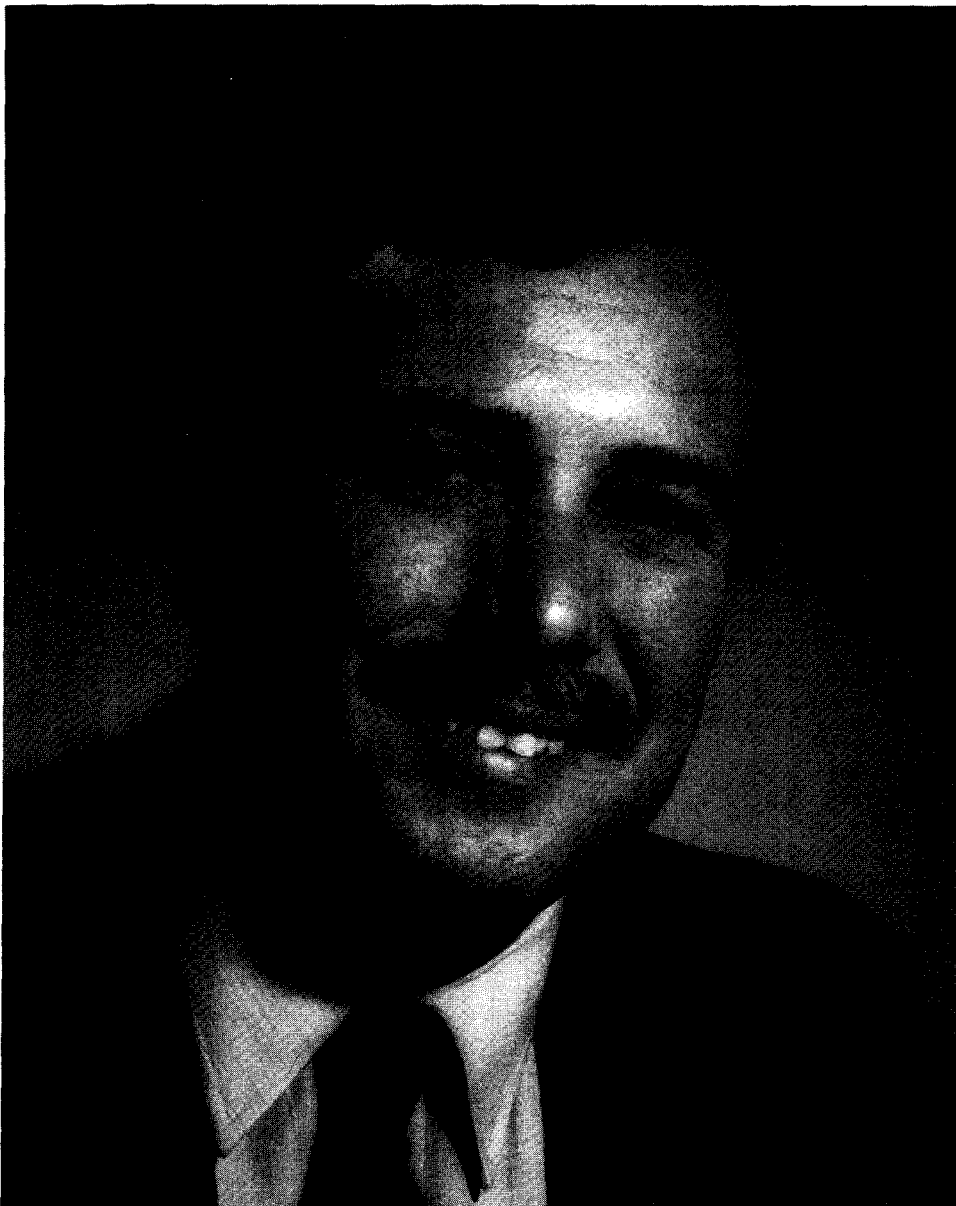
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Alumni FORUM

The Other Side of the Desk



Anthony Pagano: From Professor to Dean

After 18 years on the faculty, Anthony J. Pagano, Fordham '60, Michigan Law School, '63, has been selected as Dean of Golden Gate University's School of Law. From all initial impressions, energy will be the watchword of Dean Pagano's administration. With fall classes underway since late August, and the school flush with 30 more first-year students than anticipated, there's already a feeling of energy and expectation in the air.

Some of the main goals at the top of Pagano's agenda include strengthening the Bar pass rate, enhancing the School's reputation in the community, and making GGU's Law School noted for teaching law and lawyering skills.

To accomplish a higher Bar pass rate, already at 52.6% (July '87) and 51.4% (February '88) for first-takers, Dean Pagano has initiated academic and administrative changes. The voluntary Academic Assistance Program has been strengthened with the addition of practice exams, given to first-year students and critiqued on a weekly basis by fulltime faculty members. Limited enrollment "Special Problems" classes,

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Dean Anthony Pagano

designed to hone students' analytical and writing skills by focusing on narrow areas of the law, will be offered to upper-division students. Judy McKelvey will

teach a Fall '88 course on "Special Problems in Property," while in the Spring '89 semester Myron Moskovitz and ex-Assistant Dean Sally Dickson will offer courses in their areas of

expertise.

A faculty review program has been initiated. Each semester three faculty members will be visited in the classroom, without notice, by members of the Faculty Standards Committee. Student input will be obtained from the current evaluation system. With these two information sources, Pagano hopes to ensure that faculty instruction remains at the highest possible level.

The new dean sees involvement with the Bar Association of S.F. and the American Bar Association as one way to enhance the Law School's reputation. Pagano has made Golden Gate the first local law school to become a sponsoring member of the S.F. Bar Association. All faculty dues to the B.A.S.F. and the A.B.A. will be paid by the School of Law. Faculty involvement with both associations will be encouraged.

To enhance the placement opportunities for Golden Gate graduates, Dean Pagano and Placement Director Tony Bastone will initiate a series of meetings with the hiring partners of the Bay Area's top law firms. These meetings will serve as briefings, pointing out the strong features of GGU's curriculum. The Dean will also stress that Golden Gate students learn not only litigation, but leave law school with skills in negotiating, counseling, and the drafting of documents as well. Pagano feels that while it may be hard to break into some firms, once Golden Gate students are hired the firms are very satisfied with them, and new graduates tend to perform as well as, or better than, new grads from Boalt Hall.

Working with Placement Director Tony Bastone, faculty members, and alumni, Dean Pagano plans to introduce a mentor program for first-year students. Students will benefit from this real-world orientation as they plan their academic curriculum. It will also introduce them to alumni in a position to utilize Golden Gate students as clerks while they are still in school, and as associates upon graduation.

With the strong support of the students, faculty and university administration, Dean Pagano has every confidence that his goals will be realized. He would like to hear from alumni and encourages their participation, not only in the mentor program and their class reunions, but in other ways they believe beneficial to the School.

GGU Law School News in Brief

Median starting salary range for 1987 GGU law graduates was \$34,000-\$41,000 annually. Alumni may obtain copies of "The First Annual Employment Report and Salary Survey" from Placement Director Tony Bastone.

Bar pass rate at 86.2% for first-and second-time takers combined. According to "Bar Wars" statistics released by the Dean's Office in early September, when July 1987 first-time takers who passed are combined with those who failed in July but passed on their second attempt in February 1988, over eight out of ten GGU graduates successfully completed the State Bar examination after two attempts.

First-year Fall '88 enrollment up 38% over Fall 1987. Suzy Golden, Admissions Director, reported in late August that 178 students had enrolled in the first-year class, up from 129 a year ago. Minorities make up 22% of the class, and fully 9% of those enrolled attended one of the many "Careers in the Law" programs offered by the School. Special thank you's are due those Alumni Network members who hosted parties and receptions for the new admittees in the Bay Area,

Southern California, Washington, D.C., New York and Chicago.

Queen's Bench Association inducts first male non-attorney, GGU Placement Director Tony Bastone, as an honorary member.

Second Annual Legal Career Options Day set for November 18. GGU School of Law and Queen's Bench will co-sponsor the event. Fifty legal employers from law firms, corporations, government, and public service organizations will offer information about career opportunities after law school.

Three Alumni Return as Adjunct Faculty. **Susan Rutberg, JD '75**, formerly a Deputy Public Defender at the S.F. Youth Guidance center, and co-counsel for the defense in the Stephen Bingham acquittal, will teach trial advocacy. **Rebecca Walden, JD '78, MS '82** Taxation, past assistant dean of the School of Taxation, now an associate with Corriea, Tierney & Slavitt, will teach taxation and **Terry Helbush, JD '76**, partner with Simmons & Unger, will continue her assignment in the teaching of immigration law.

Law School Seeks IBM Hardware

In order to increase the productivity of the secretarial support staff, the School of Law is seeking donations of three IBM PCs (or compatible equipment) with hard disk drives and monitors. Letter-quality printers are also needed. Any alumni who may be in the process of remodeling their offices and upgrading their computer hardware are encouraged to consider donating their old equipment to GGU. These contributions would be tax-deductible at the appraised value of the used equipment. If you have any equipment available for donation, please contact Paula Dykstra, the Law School's administrative analyst, at (415) 442-7250.

Alumni NOTES

Class of 1987

Chantal B. Decombe has joined the firm of Du Charme & Cohen (**James Du Charme** and **Matthew Cohen**, both class of '74) as an associate. The firm is engaged in the general practice of law with an emphasis on business, business litigation, and personal injury. Chantal is fluent in French and sees a growing need for legal services in the Bay Area French-speaking community.

Class of 1986

William Panzer, as well as **Zadik Shapiro**, JD '85, (associated with well-known defense attorney Michael Stepanian), **Diana Weiss**, JD '85 (associated with former federal prosecutor Henry Wykowski), and **David Nickerson**, JD '83 (associated with another top defense lawyer, Richard Mazer) are all involved in the criminal defense in a case government agents are calling "Hash Family Robinson." The Robinson family was arrested by Customs Service agents in the largest hashish seizure in U.S. history. All of the alumni were active in the litigation programs while at GGU.

Class of 1985

Michael C. Hughes has opened up an office in Phoenix as a sole practitioner with an emphasis on civil litigation. His offices are located at 3624 N. 15th Avenue, Phoenix, AZ, 85015.

Class of 1984

Hrair Balian was awarded Volunteer of the Month by Volunteer Legal Services Program for his work with immigration law with Sri Lankans fleeing civil war and seeking refuge in Canada. Balian was able to secure political asylum for a pro bono Sri Lankan client and has met with the United Nations Human Rights Commission to lay groundwork for future cases of this nature.

Peter Fowler, partner at San Francisco's Lilenthal, Fowler & Rudderow, is the plaintiff attorney in a \$5 million class-action suit in which tenants are charging their landlord and his apartment manager with abusive and discriminatory behavior against them based on age or sexual orientation.

James A. Kaplan is now an investment advisor at Vigers Hong Kong and can be reached there at Bond Centre, 10th Floor, West Tower, Hong Kong. His telephone number is 852-5-810-1100.

Richard L. Meigs, member of both the California and Washington bars, is the only active member of the South Dakota bar practicing in San Francisco.

Joel G. Selik has joined Edward M. Bernstein and Associates, with practice limited to personal injury law, with offices in Reno, Las Vegas, and Laughlin, Nevada. He is now senior attorney-litigation for all offices, managing the Reno office.

Class of 1983

Steven R. Bolen has opened a solo practice after six years as a partner. He plans to emphasize estate planning and trust work as well as individual and business tax planning and looks forward to the new challenge.

Robert E. Kroll is opening a solo practice in Berkeley, specializing in family, criminal and bankruptcy law

and will also offer consulting services on legal public relations for Bay Area law firms.

Class of 1982

John C. Richardson heads up a newly-formed union consulting firm in Oakland called the Labor Research Group whose goal is to help unions win battles. The group combines tactics from traditional trade unionism with the fields of law, public relations, market research, journalism, and private investigation.

Serious about a career in criminal justice, **Leanna Dawydiak** has thoroughly researched her subject matter by working in the S.F. Police Department's Decoy Unit. She feels practical law enforcement knowledge will make her a better prosecutor. Dawydiak's work as a decoy robbery victim took her into crime-ridden areas in San Francisco's Tenderloin district.

Rosemary Corrie has opened a new law office at 3189 Danville Boulevard, Suite 255, Alamo, CA 94507. The firm

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Mentor Program Planned

Anthony J. Pagano, Dean of the Law School, and Placement Director Tony Bastone announced the formation of an Alumni Mentor Program for first-year law students. "We hope," noted Bastone, "to assign each first-year student to a practicing attorney in the immediate Bay Area." Reflecting on the busy nature of Golden Gate attorneys, Pagano expressed sensitivity to the demands of their professions and predicted a "limited time commitment" for alumni mentors.

It is anticipated that mentors would

hold several informal face-to-face meetings with their students, invite the student to a business luncheon to meet their associates, and permit the student participant to visit their office to observe the conduct of daily work. Following this formal program, it is hoped that the alumni mentors would be "generally available" for conversation and advising with their assigned students.

Interested alumni are asked to respond to the Placement Office by completing the coupon below.

Mentor Program

NAME _____ YEAR _____

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FIRM NAME _____ DAY PHONE _____

ADDRESS _____

Return to: Tony Bastone, Placement Director, School of Law, Golden Gate University, 536 Mission Street, San Francisco, CA 94105

Spotlight on Spring Reunions

Dolores Bermak, Law Alumni assistant, shares a light moment with former Dean John P. Wilson, at the Reunion reception for the classes of '78 and '83. Bermak works half the year in the Law School Admissions Office, coordinating the Alumni Network and assisting with new student recruitment, and the other half in the University's Alumni Office, planning and carrying out the Class Reunion Program. Wilson inaugurated the reunion program in 1983, during his second year as dean, with the assistance of Alumni Director Gary Wishniewsky.



Reunion participants from the Class of '78, many of whom are pictured here at their Ten Year Reunion Reception, included: Richard Alexander; Lynne Armstrong; Alphonso Arnold, Jr.; Paul Arons; Rosario Bacon-Billingsley; Thomas Cain; Ted Carter; Gus Diaz; Cindy Duncan; Martha Friedberg; Linda Fullerton; Carol Gamble; Foster George, Jr.; Mary Gerber; Sandra Lee Golvin; Sharon Grace; Anne Grappo; M. Henry Heines; Pamela Jester; Joyce Frederick Larsen; Jann Lecklikner; Allan Lenefsky; Jennifer Loucks; Bonnie Maly; Steven McCarthy; George McLemore; Bob Pickus; Joanne Robbins; Landra Rosenthal; Martin Staubus; Lawrence Szabo; William Taylor; Deborah Tuttleman; Virginia Vogel; Lorraine Voss; Rebecca Walden; Mary Louise Wheeler; and Claire Boots Whitmer.



PHOTO: GARY WISHNIEWSKY

Pictured at the 25 Year Reunion for the Class of '63 are: (l-r) Irving Berg; the Honorable Scipio Porter; and Don Branner. Also celebrating with the Class of '63, but not pictured, were Claude Heavin, '64, and Tom Titmus.



PHOTO: DOLORES BERMAK

The Class of '68 had their 20-year reunion last spring. Class members attending (not pictured) were: William Barrett; Barret Baskin, Michael Edward Coke; the Honorable Daniel Creed; Lawrence Handelman; Richard Katz; Bertram Kronen; Michael Langston; Leonard Nolting; Tony Piazza; the Honorable Allen Sommer; Rufus Thayer.



Class of '83 members met old friends at Five Year Reunion. Participants included: Mark Aweis; Bradley Bostick; Lawrence Cantwell; Arthur Carpenter; Linda Chester; Brian Connors; Eve Contente; Nancy Conway; Walter Cook; Jeffrey Drabin; Will Glennon; Gail Gresham; Veronica Hennessey; Coral Henning; Patricia Keane; Eileen Kim; Robert Kroll; Barbara Mathews; Deborah Morgan; Wendy Morrison; Stan Naparst; Cindy Ossias; William Robbins; James Scherer; Susan Shors; Kathleen Smith; Richard Stott; Harris Taback; Leslie Tick; Paula Unger; Caroline Valentino; Susan Von Seeburg; David White; and Rhoda Wilkinson.

Once again alumni traveled from all over the U.S. and beyond to reunite with their GGU classmates. Winning congratulations this year for longest distance traveled was Mary Louise Wheeler, '78, who flew in from Agana, Guam, where she serves as Legislative Counsel to the Guam Legislature. Flanking her are Alphonso Arnold, Jr., '78, (left), Harrisburg, PA, legal counsel to a Pennsylvania Public Utility Commissioner, and Foster H. George, Jr., '78, Brooklyn, NY.



Thank You, Reunion Volunteers, Thank You!!!

The Class Reunion Program could not take place without the volunteer involvement of many, many class members. On behalf of the Alumni Office and the School of Law, the University extends its gratitude to them.

Class of '63: Thomas Titmus.

Class of '68: Dr. Norman Ascherman, Barry Baskin; Honorable Daniel Creed; Larry Handelman; Richard Katz; Honorable Allen Sommer; and Jerry Thayer.

Class of '73: William De Garmo; Larry Kaufman; Frederick Kearney; and Diana Richmond.

Class of '78: Lynne Armstrong; Rosario Bacon-Billingsley; Gus Diaz; Cynthia Duncan; Ruth Edelstein; Anne Grappo; Pamela Jester; Steven McCarthy; Joan Richardson; and Rebecca Walden.

Class of '83: Leo Butler; Nancy Conway; Coral Henning; Cindy Ossias; Leslie Tick; Paula Unger; and Rhoad Wilkinson.



The Class of '73 celebrated its 15-year class reunion on June 10 at the St. Francis Yacht Club. Class members present included (l-r): David Brennan; Frederick Kearney; Diana Richmond; George Holland, '72; John Rinaldi; Diana Osborne; and Edward C. Y. Lau. Joining in the festivities were: Ruth Astle, '74; Robert Baird, '74; the Honorable Lee D. Baxter, '74; Mark Garay, '74; Jay Jacobs, '73; David Metcalf, '73; Robert Oliver, '73; Joseph Scanlon, '73; and Jay Strauss, '73.

LEXIS Writing Award Granted



James Dikel, center, with former Law School Dean John P. Wilson and Beth Celani of Mead Data Central. Dikel is the first recipient of the LEXIS Writing Award to be presented annually to a GGU Law School student by Mead Data Central. Mead provides the Law Library with the LEXIS system, the computer alternative to traditional legal research. Dikel won the award for his paper, "The Unauthorized Alteration of Art: Owner's Property Right vs. Artist's Copyright." The paper was written for Professor Thomas Goetzl's course, "Law and the Visual Arts."

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will continue to specialize in probate law, the drafting of wills and trusts, and business law. She may be reached in Moraga at 376-1991 and in Alamo at 838-4414.

Julia Albers joined Amgen Inc., the nation's second-largest biotechnology company, in May. The company is on the cutting edge of current biotechnology law issues.

Class of 1981

Michael C. Berch, attorney and consultant, has moved to 549 East Angela Street, Pleasanton, CA 94566 and can be reached at (415) 846-0169.

Susan L. Narita has joined the law firm of Basiszta & Daniels where she will continue to specialize in construction defect and earth movement litigation.

Robert E. Pense has ample cause to celebrate. He was recently promoted to senior trial attorney in the Enforcement division of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission and on January 22, 1988, he and his wife's first child, Matthew William, was born.

James A. Tiemstra has become a

partner in the Oakland firm of Miller, Starr & Regalia where he heads up the bankruptcy department.

Class of 1980

Ellen Shapiro has joined the National Gay Rights Advocates' San Francisco

office to become the organization's third staff attorney. She most recently worked on the legal staff of San Francisco's Lesbian Rights Project during the absence of directing attorney Roberta Achtenberg, who was campaigning for an assembly seat position.

Class of 1979

Zelia Escobar recently joined the Law Offices of Silvano Miracchi as an associate. The firm specializes in plaintiff personal injury and has recently relocated to 60 South Market Street, Seventh Floor, San Jose, CA 95113, (408) 292-5400.

Steven MacDonald of the Law Office of Steven MacDonald and **Andrew Weigel, JD '77**, both received mention in August 29, 1988's *The Recorder* in an article on the increase of landlord/tenant suits.

Class of 1977

Christine A. Balthazar, formerly of Bishop, Barry, Howe, Haney & Ryder has left the San Francisco-based professional corporation, to form the partnership of Barnum, Balthazar, De Lara & Nielsen. Balthazar primarily handles litigation and insurance coverage and products liability.

Edward E. Rockman has become a member of Golden, Stefan, Ellenberg & Toby, a professional corporation in Oakland with business, probate and real estate clientele. His practice emphasizes civil and business litigation primarily in the areas of partnership,

DISCOVERY MOTION

Many GGU Law School alumni are featured or named in press stories about legal issues. In some instances the affiliation with GGU is not mentioned in the article, although the Golden Gate connection is well recognized by classmates and faculty. Therefore the Alumni Office would like your assistance in following the professional accomplishments of our alumni in the news. Should you read a news story about a Golden Gate Law graduate in the daily press, in professional journals, or elsewhere, please take a moment to send a copy to the Alumni Office, ATTN: Law Forum, Golden Gate University, 536 Mission Street, San Francisco, CA 94105. These clippings will also be displayed on a Law School bulletin board for review by current students.

construction, real property and premises liability disputes.

Class of 1976

Lynda Brothers is special counsel for the firm of Heller, Ehrman, White & McAuliffe in Seattle.

Class of 1975

For the past eight years in her sole practice **Julia B. Coale** has been involved in real estate development, land use and planning in the Princeton, New Jersey area. Seeing the need for low-cost housing in the Trenton area, she plans to take graduate public policy courses at the Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs at Princeton University.

Deputy Public Defender **Stephen Rosen** recently won an acquittal of first-degree murder and robbery for a defendant with AIDS. The 42-year-old defendant was convicted of second-

degree murder. Rosen had asked that the man be convicted of second-degree manslaughter on grounds of his diminished capacity.

Class of 1973

Robert H. Oliver of Wild, Carter, Tipton & Oliver, was recently appointed to the California State Bar Board of Governors. He hopes to help strengthen the integrated bar to provide better services for its members and the public.

Fairfield, CA Chief Deputy Public Defender **Peter Foos** is representing accused child-killer, Shawn Melton.

Class of 1972

U.S. District Judge **Philip M. Pro** received Contra Costa College's distinguished alumni award "for outstanding community service and leadership" in May, 1988 and was the

keynote speaker at the Class of 1988's graduation ceremony.

San Jose trial lawyer **Ken Robinson** recently received attention in *The San Jose Mercury News* for being a lawyer who specializes in and wins high-profile cases. His most recent case at the time of the article (May '88) was the trial of Supervisor Tom Legan who was charged with molesting his elder daughter six years ago.

Class of 1970

Duncan Barr is defending the Irwin Memorial Blood Bank in a suit that claims the bank knowingly sold AIDS-infected blood.

Class of 1969

William T. Beirne has recently moved to 1700 California Street, Suite 440, San Francisco, CA 94164-0366 and is continuing his practice of general law.

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Class of 1966

Richard M. Rosenberg, head of the California operations of Bank of America, addressed the 1988 graduating class last June during the 87th annual commencement ceremonies. Rosenberg received both his MBA and law degrees from GGU.

Class of 1965

Darrell W. Stevens was recently appointed to the California State Bar Board of Governors where he scored close to a two-to-one victory over his nearest competitor in one of two races for the bar's ruling body this year.

Class of In Memoriam

Albert John Schott, Jr., class of 1983, died on April 26, 1987, at age 37. He was a San Francisco tax attorney and

accountant, and was a member of both the Oregon and California bars. John was a Certified Public Accountant and tax manager at Price Waterhouse and a founding partner of the law firm of Thurston-Schott in San Francisco.

Faculty NEWS

J. Lani Bader has filed an amicus brief in support of Aames Home Loan's right to arbitration in *Mitchell v. Aames Home Loan*. Arbitration expert and proponent Bader called the appeals court decision against Aames "atrocious" and said that the case could chill the inclusion of arbitration clauses in many contracts.

Bill Benemann, head of Technical Services of the law library and former Acting Director, will be ending his 14-year stint at the law library for a position at Harvard Law Library as a romance language cataloger.

Neil Boorstyn, who teaches copyright law and computers in the law, is representing Hewlett-Packard in a countersuit against Apple Computers. HP's counterattack includes accusations that Apple has violated antitrust laws and fraudulently secured copyrights on its Macintosh computer.

Mort Cohen won a reversal from The First District Court of Appeal in California when they ruled that even when people with serious psychiatric problems are involuntarily committed to an institution they do not give up the right to refuse antipsychotic drugs. Cohen has been fighting battles on

behalf of juveniles, prisoners, the mentally ill and the elderly for the past 20 years.

Thomas M. Goetzl published an article in the July 1988 *Art Law and Accounting Reporter* (published by the Texas Accountants and Lawyers for the Arts) and spoke on federal arts legislation at the Fine Arts Museum in Santa Fe, New Mexico, in September.

Adjunct **Peter G. Keane**, treasurer of the Bar Association of San Francisco, is likely to be the Bar's next president, now that president-elect Judith Ciani has resigned. He would be the first president from the criminal bar or the public sector in BASF's history.

Professor **Judith McKelvey**, full-time member of GGU Law School and former president of the Bar Association of San Francisco, has been nominated by the Bar to serve on the Mandatory Continuing Legal Education Commission of the State Bar. The BASF has also recommended that the State Bar Committee on Professional Standards appoint McKelvey to the Commission.

Myron Moskovitz, professor of tenant/landlord law, received the John A. Gorfinkel Outstanding Instructor Award at the May 1988 graduation.

Wally Walker, Law Registrar, and **Sharon Styles**, assistant Law Registrar, will co-host the first ever All-California Law School Records Seminar in mid-October. Each of the eight northern California as well as the eight southern California ABA-approved law schools received invitations to attend the day-long seminar at GGU. Dr. Otto Butz, GGU President, has been asked to deliver the keynote address to the assembly of records officers.

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