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The newly-formed Law Alumni Association staged its second event in two months on April 28 when 14 alumni serving in various judicial capacities were honored at the Judges' Night Reception. Co-sponsored by the School of Law, the event drew alumni and students to meet the judges and to view the photographs of GGU Law alumni on the bench which Dean Anthony J. Pagano had assembled and displayed in the Moot Court Room.

A Steering Committee composed of 12 Law alumni has been working actively with the Alumni Office to form the association. The basis for both the association and the Steering Committee was a survey of interest sent to a random sample of 500 Law School graduates in October 1988. The majority of alumni responding indicated that the primary focus of a Law Alumni Association should be “to strengthen the reputation of the School and its graduates,” and an overwhelming majority favored annual dues to support the association in the amount of $25.

Top program choices selected by survey respondents were events that featured Golden Gate’s Law alumni on the State Bar Board of Governors, which was sponsored by the Law Alumni Association on March 16, and the Judges’ Night Reception on April 28. In addition to staging events that bring students and alumni into contact with outstanding graduates, the association plans to investigate the possibility of producing educational events which would offer updates in specific areas of legal practice. Alumni and faculty active in each specialization would be selected as presenters.


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The Law Alumni Association joins the family of program-related chapters of the Golden Gate University Alumni Association that so far includes Accounting (inactive), Health Services Management, Real Estate and Taxation. Other chapters exist that are organized on a geographic rather than a degree program basis.

All Law and LLM-Taxation alumni are invited to join the Law Alumni Association as Charter Members. The membership fee through December 31, 1989 is $20; in 1990 the fee will be increased to $25 per person. Please refer to page 5; complete the survey of interest and membership enrollment form, and send with your $20 check to the address indicated. Should you wish to volunteer for the Steering, Program or Phone Committees, please indicate on the appropriate space. Additional information is available from Alumni Director Gary Wishniewsky, (415) 442-7203.

Women’s Association Holds Fourth Annual Reception

Women Helping Women was the theme of the Fourth Annual Law School Women’s Association Reception held May 23 at the Brasserie Chambord Restaurant in San Francisco’s Financial District. Over 75 students and alumni gathered to honor two alumni donors.

Prominent San Francisco attorney Patricia Carson, JD ’52, has pledged $10,000 to establish a Law School scholarship for women. She was joined by Diana Richmond, JD ’73, nationally recognized family law specialist, who has given $10,000 to establish a scholarship for African-American students.

Also recognized were two recent graduates, Marcia Lassiter, JD ’88, and Barb Savery, JD ’88, who plan to establish a scholarship for reentry or disabled students in honor of their classmate, Linda Caputo, JD ’87.

Once again, the event was co-produced by the Women’s Association and the Alumni Association. Thank yous for a job well done are due the student members of the association who coordinated the event: Sharon Foster-Grant, Robin Marchesi, Jennifer Moulton, Patricia Parker, and Terri Weintraub.

In a special gesture to a friend close to many women in the first year class, the Women’s Association also honored former Law School Admissions Director Suzy Golden, who left the University for a similar position at Boalt Hall. Plans are already underway for the Fifth Annual event to be held in 1990.
Philip Pro (Class of 1972) and Susan Hestor (Class of 1976) were honored at 1989 graduation ceremonies as the 1989 recipients of the Judith G. McKelvey Award.

Philip Pro has been a U.S. District Judge in Las Vegas, Nevada since 1987, where he is known for his fairness and judicial demeanor. Previously he had been United States magistrate in Las Vegas; when appointed he was 33 years old, which made him one of the youngest full-time magistrates in the United States at the time. As magistrate, he worked on a number of extremely complex cases, including one of the largest mass disaster lawsuits in the country that grew out of the 1980 MGM Grand fire. He has also served as Chief Assistant United States Attorney in Reno, Deputy Attorney General in Carson City, Assistant United States Attorney in Las Vegas, Deputy Public Defender in Las Vegas, and was in private practice for a year in general civil and criminal law.

Phil has a strong commitment to public service and has served on numerous law-related committees, including as a member of the State of Nevada’s Commission on the Bicentennial of the United States Constitution, President of the Nevada American Inn of Court (1988-89), member of the Ninth Circuit Judicial Council’s Jury Instruction Committee, and Chairman of the National Conference of Christian and Jews Issues in Justice Forum. He has taught many Continuing Legal Education courses and was the recipient of the Award of Special Recognition by the State Bar of Nevada in 1984. He lives in Las Vegas with his wife and daughter.

Named one of the ten most powerful people in San Francisco by San Francisco magazine, land-use attorney Sue Hestor has been involved in the drafting of and campaigning for every growth control and district election initiative in San Francisco since 1971. She had major responsibility for Proposition M in 1986, which established development priorities for San Francisco and limited the amount of office space that could be constructed annually.

After graduation from GGU, she worked for three years as a staff attorney for the San Francisco School District on its desegregation program. For the past nine years, she has run a one-person law office specializing in environmental and land use issues and affordable housing. While best known for her battles against high-rise office buildings, Sue has also been involved in the fight for low cost housing and the preservation of community services in San Francisco. She is currently involved in an environmental suit against the Livermore Lab and in community and legal efforts to make Hastings Law School accountable for the housing it has taken out of the market.

The McKelvey Awards were established in the name of Professor Judith G. McKelvey, former dean of the Law School, and honor outstanding achievements by Golden Gate Law School alumni.

National Bar President
James Cole 1989 Commencement Speaker

James O. Cole, attorney and Division Counsel for the Household Products Company, a wholly-owned subsidiary of The Clorox Company, spoke to the 1989 graduating class on Saturday, May 27, in commencement ceremonies at the Masonic Auditorium in San Francisco. Cole is currently president of the National Bar Association and immediate past chair of the Commission on Judicial Nominees Evaluation. He is also past president of the Charles Houston Bar Association and of the California Association of Black Lawyers. He also serves on the boards of directors of various Bay Area organizations, including the Wiley Manuel Law Foundation, the Bay Area Urban League, the Black Filmmakers Hall of Fame, the Oakland Ballet and the College Preparatory School.

Cole is a 1971 graduate of Harvard Law School and of Talladega College in Alabama. He has lived and worked in the Bay Area for the last 15 years. At the 88th annual commencement he addressed 125 graduating students on "The Role of Attorneys in Today’s Society.” In a recent interview with Francesca Bannerman in the Daily Journal, Cole identified his goals for the National Bar Association. During his tenure as president he plans to "work with other bar organizations to increase opportunities for minority lawyers," in addition to increasing membership recruitment efforts. The NBA has 12,000 members and is the nation’s largest minority bar association.
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**Class of 1986**

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**Alumni NOTES**

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**Johnson Scholarship Endowed by Trustees**

The Richard W. Johnson Memorial Scholarship was given official endowment status by the University’s Board of Trustees at its April meeting. The scholarship had been in existence since November 1967 when it was established by Johnson’s friends from the Class of 1965, following his death in an automobile accident. A recent fund drive headed by alumni friends of Johnson—Judge Norman Spellberg, Gordon Reynolds, Dennis O’Brien and Bill Lentz—raised enough money to bring the scholarship total to the $10,000 required for endowment.

Rich Johnson, after a disappointing academic start his first year, became a top student and the scholarship in his memory reflects these circumstances. It is to be awarded to a student who has been either on probation or close to it his or her first year, and who makes the biggest improvement during the second year of law school. The scholarship will be awarded in the fall semester following the recipient’s second year.

Upon his graduation, Rich Johnson formed a partnership with Edward Merrill, now a Contra Costa Superior Court Judge. Early in 1967, while driving a baby sitter home, Johnson was killed in an accident involving a drunk driver. He was 35. He is survived by his second wife, Priscilla, and his son, Mark.

Classmates of Rich Johnson’s who are Charter Donors to the Memorial Scholarship include Roy Y. Powlan, Barbara Goldeen, Sam Goldeen, Martin Hineser, Joseph Neri, Leo Paoli; and Spellberg, Reynolds, Lentz and O’Brien. A plaque in his memory will be placed in the School of Law.

**Law School Briefs:**

**GGU Bar Pass Rate Rises**

Welcome to new Admissions Director Kimberly Willis, who joined the staff this May. Kimberly holds her undergraduate degree from the State University of New York at Old Westbury, 1977, and obtained her JD from U.C. Davis in 1986. Prior to joining Golden Gate, Kimberly was the coordinator for the 20th National Conference on Women and the Law. Kimberly succeeds Suzy Golden, who is now Assistant Director of Admissions and Financial Aid at Boalt Hall.

New Law School Visiting Committee members named. Mary Coffman Viviano, JD ’77, University of Michigan Law School, Executive Director of the Public Interest Clearing House, and Robert E. Cartwright, Jr., JD ’82, Golden Gate University Law School, attorney with Cartwright, Slobodin, Bokelman, Borowsky, Wartnick, Moore & Harris, San Francisco, were both recently elected to the committee.

Aloha, ABA! Going to the ABA Convention in Honolulu this August? Dean Pagano would like to meet with law alumni who attend. Contact the Alumni Office, (415) 442-7203, for information on the GGU island rendezvous.


Golden Gate University law graduates achieved a 74 percent pass rate for first-time takers on the February bar exam. The statewide average for first-time takers from ABA accredited schools was 61.1 percent.
1. What should be the purpose of a Law Alumni Association? Please rank in order, with 1 being the highest preference and 5 the lowest.
   a. To hold social events for its members.
   b. To provide continuing legal education.
   c. To aid the School in new student recruitment.
   d. To strengthen the reputation of the School and its graduates.
   e. To assist the School with fund raising programs.

2. Please rank your interest in these topics, with 1 being the highest and 3 the lowest. Speakers would be drawn from the Law School faculty, or from alumni practitioners.
   a. Real Estate
   b. Taxation.
   c. Family law.
   d. Litigation.
   e. Immigration law.
   k. Other: Landlord-tenant relations.
   g. Pensions and retirement planning.
   h. Intellectual property (incl. art, music).
   i. Computers and the law.
   j. Stress management.
   l. Other: Other:

3. Please indicate your interest in attending presentations around the theme: “Alternative Uses of Your Law Degree.”
   a. Politics.
   b. Journalism.
   c. Legal publishing.
   d. Health care.
   e. Other: Other:
   f. Other: Other:

4. Would you be interested in an event featuring alumni who serve as Bay Area district attorneys and public defenders?
   a. Yes
   b. No.

5. Please indicate your interest in these social programs (1-highest, 3-lowest).
   a. Luncheon and speaker.
   b. Dinner and speaker.
   c. Wine and cheese reception.
   d. Student/alumni receptions.
   e. Class reunions.
   f. State Bar Annual Meeting alumni luncheon.
   g. State Bar Annual Meeting alumni reception.

6. Do you regularly attend the California State Bar Annual Meeting?
   a. Yes
   b. No.

7. Please indicate your county of residence:

8. Please indicate your county of employment:

9. Would you prefer to attend events close to your ...
   a. Residence.
   b. Workplace.

10. Please indicate your time preference for educational events:
    a. Weekday lunch hour.
    b. Weekday evening.
    c. Saturday morning.
    d. Saturday afternoon.
11. Please indicate your time preference for social events:
   ( ) a. Tuesday-Thursday evening.  ( ) c. Saturday afternoon.
   ( ) b. Friday evening.  ( ) d. Saturday evening.
   ( ) e. Sunday afternoon.

12. Would you be willing to work with the Law Admissions Office by speaking to a candidate for admission?
   ( ) a. Yes.  ( ) b. No.

13. Would you be interested in sharing information about your practice or profession with a current student in the Law School Mentor Program?
   ( ) a. Yes.  ( ) b. No.

14. Please indicate if you are willing to serve on one of the following committees to assist in organizing a Law Alumni Association.
   ( ) a. Steering Committee.
   ( ) b. Program Committee.
   ( ) c. Telephone Committee.

15. Comments and Suggestions: (Please type if possible)

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**LAW ALUMNI ASSOCIATION ENROLLMENT FORM**

Name_________________________________________________________ Year__________________

Home Address __________________________________________________________________________

City_____________________________________ State_________________________ Zip___________

Home Phone_____________________________ Office Phone_____________________________

Firm Name _____________________________________________________________________________

Position_________________________________ Specialization______________________________

Business Address _______________________________________________________________________

City_____________________________________ State_________________________ Zip___________

Preferred Mailing Address:  ( ) Home  ( ) Office

Return with your $20 Charter Member check payable to “Golden Gate Univercity.”

Mail to: Law Alumni Association, Alumni Office, Golden Gate University, 536 Mission Street, San Francisco, CA 94105.

Please include your business card with your enrollment form. Thank you.
Robert Kroll, has relocated to One Kaiser Plaza, Suite 1585, Oakland 94612. The firm offers personal legal services and consultation.

Class of 1982
The San Francisco Barristers Club boasts several ’82 alumni on its new board of directors. Bonita Marmor, Colleen Casey, and Robert Cartwright, Jr. were all recently elected to the board. Bob, in addition to being named vice-president of the club, serves on the editorial board of the San Francisco Barristers Law Journal.

Class of 1981
In December, Loesje de Kock was promoted to associate counsel of Haus, Brewer and Kelley, Inc., a real estate development company located on the San Francisco peninsula. She has been with the firm since 1985.

Class of 1980
Barbara Bryant has joined the faculty of Boalt Hall School of Law as a lecturer, teaching a sexual harassment litigation clinic. She also was a panelist on sexual harassment at the National Women and the Law Conference in Oakland.

Holli Ploog has changed positions from Alaska State Director of Child Support Enforcement to Vice President of Child Support Services for Lockheed Dataloc Systems in Los Angeles, CA.

Class of 1979
Ruth E. Ratzlaff has been elected 1989 president of Fresno County Women Lawyers. Her Fresno law practice emphasizes estate planning, probate, and conservatorships.

Silvano Miracchi’s plaintiff personal injury firm, the Law Offices of Silvano Miracchi, has added an associate and moved to 60 South Market St., Seventh Floor, San Jose 95113.

Steven A. MacDonald was recently sworn in as a municipal judge pro tem in San Francisco. He continues to specialize in landlord-tenant law and related real property litigation. He also maintains an immigration and naturalization department within his firm.

Ruth Frishman has been elected to the Board of Directors of the Olympic Village Inn at Squaw Valley and appointed chair of the housing committee of the General Plan update for Eastern Nevada County.

Due to space limitations, other Alumni News has been held until next issue.

Judy Cohen was voted “Best Divorce Attorney” in a poll run by the Pacific Sun, a Marin county newspaper.

Class of 1978
Martha E. Friedberg has just become one of the first State Bar certified specialists in Immigration and Nationalization Law. She has maintained a private practice in immigration law in Oakland for the past 10 years.

Class of 1977
In January, Randall K. Berning received a LL.M. in Health Law from Loyola University of Chicago. Randall specializes in health care law and maintains offices in Chicago, Washington DC, and Burlingame CA. In 1988, he co-authored the American Dental Association’s publications Building Successful Associateships and Practice Valuation.

John B. Frailing of Froba, Frailing & Rockwell in Modesto, has been elected to the board of governors of the California Applicants’ Attorneys Associations (CAAA) while J. Andrew McKenna has been elected secretary. CAAA is composed primarily of attorneys statewide who specialize in workers’ compensation law on behalf of injured workers. Andrew is a partner in the firm of Rucka, O’Boyle, Combrado & McKenna in Fresno.

Class of 1976
Alan L. Parlee has just become a partner in the San Bernardino firm of Wilson, Borror, Dunn & Scott. His address is 255 North D St., Suite 307, San Bernardino, CA 92401.

Michael Roush was recently promoted to city attorney for Pleasanton from assistant city attorney for Vallejo.

Class of 1975
In April, Delia Chilgren was named general counsel of the Association of California Insurance Companies. According to ACIC’s press release, she was promoted in recognition of her efforts in the Proposition 103 court challenge.

David Vogelstein was quoted recently in The Recorder in connection with a case in which his client is accused of murder. He argued that the only reason his client was in jail was because she was poor.

Class of 1974
San Francisco Administrative Law Judge Ruth Astle was recently elected president of the San Francisco Rent Board. One of her first priorities, she says, is to expand and strengthen the rent board’s community outreach. She also serves on the board of directors of California Women Lawyers.

Kim Kruglick served as defense attorney for attorney David Vogelstein in a well-publicized San Francisco federal court case.

Robert McConnell announces that the law office of Lagerquist, McConnell & McDonough Inc., P.S. has combined practices with Gary W. East Inc., P.S., resulting in the formation of the new firm East, Lagerquist, McConnell & McDonough Inc., P.S. The firm is located in Seattle.

James D. Fisher, ’82, Legal Counsel, California Department of Industrial Relations, makes a point about employment in the government sector. He was joined by nine other alumni at this third annual event sponsored by the Law Placement Office. Additional alumni participating, their respective firms and specializations, included: Susan Spalter Berman, ’87, Pillsbury, Madison & Sutro, labor and employment law; Julie Ann Candoli, ’87, U.S. Department of Labor, government sector; Paula Fancher, ’81, Kadushin, Fancher & Wickland, family law; Karen Hawkins, ’79, Taggart & Haw­kins, tax law; Steven M. McCarthy, ’78, McCarthy & Wakeley, personal injury & civil litigation; Patricia Miles, ’87, Baker & McKenzie, pension, ERISA, and employee benefits; Barbara Monty, ’87, Eliot & Parker, personal injury and medical malpractice; Robin Rudderow, ’85, Lillian, Fosler & Rudderow, real estate; Jean Vieth, ’87, Stimmel & Stimmel, business law and litigation; Ken Horowitz, ’87, Arthur Andersen & Co., tax law.
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Class of 1972

David Ainsworth has been named vice president and general counsel of American President Lines, Ltd. in Oakland. He lives in San Anselmo.

Class of 1970

Duncan Barr is a malpractice defense attorney and partner in the firm of O'Conner, Cohn, Dillon & Barr of San Francisco. He recently published an article in *Medical Economics* discussing the many confusing AIDS laws that have appeared over the past three years. He is the attorney for the Irwin Memorial Blood Bank and has defended them recently in lawsuits that charged they failed to keep AIDS from contaminating the Bay Area blood supply in the early 80s.

Class of 1967

In February, Jerry L. Houser was appointed a judge by the Workers Compensation Appeals Board. He is currently serving in Bakersfield.

Class of 1966

Richard M. Rosenberg was quoted in the *San Francisco Chronicle* recently when the Bank of America announced its new Saturday hours. He is vice chairman of the bank.

Faculty NEWS

In March, Golden Gate University's constitutional law clinic, under the leadership of Professor Mort Cohen, filed a civil suit in San Francisco Superior Court to order statewide regulations protecting the right of nursing home patients to decide on the use of mind-altering drugs in the absence of an emergency, or to have a relative make the decision if the patient cannot. The suit was brought on behalf of Bay Area Advocates for Nursing Home Reform and Donna M. Gilmour, whose 84-year-old father died shortly after being given an anti-psychotic drug in a nursing home. Mort was quoted in *The New York Times* as saying, "It is ironic that we are fighting a drug war in the streets, while in nursing homes no one is given the opportunity to know what drugs they are being given and why."

Professor Janice Kosei will be on leave next year—she will be teaching at Santa Clara University School of Law.

Visiting Professor Richard D. Lee has recently been hired by the firm of Morrison & Foerster to be director of professional development. According to *California Lawyer*, this is the first time a San Francisco law firm has hired an attorney to work full time on in-house training.

In April, Professor Thomas Goetzl held workshops on Art Law at the College of Santa Fe, and at the California College of Arts and Crafts. He also spoke at the Northern California Association of Law Libraries' Visual Arts and the Law Institute, and was a featured speaker at the New Mexico Association of Museums' annual meeting in Gallup, New Mexico. There he led a workshop on "Legal Problems of Museum Administration," and spoke on "Museums and the Law."

Professor Myron Moskovitz has a new book out entitled *Cases & Problems in Criminal Law*. It was published in April by Anderson Publishing Company.

This summer, Professor Marc Stickgold visited the People's Republic of China on an invitation from the U.S. Embassy and the law faculty at People's University to discuss issues of legal education and constitutional law. His article, "The Invisible Curriculum: Clinical Fieldwork in American Law Schools," will appear in the forthcoming New Mexico *Law Review* as part of a national ABA symposium on professional training skills.

Assistant Dean Elaine Andersson spent three days in April in Chicago working with the ABA's Silver Gavel Awards Screening Committee. These awards, given at the ABA's annual convention, honor books, magazines, newspapers, television and films that advance the public's understanding of the law and the legal profession. In addition, she will serve as co-chair of the 1989-90 Nominations Committee. This working committee will be responsible for selecting and submitting names of Law School Records and Admission personnel from around the country as nominees to replace outgoing members on the Executive Board of Directors whose terms will expire in April 1990.