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Three Women Appointed to Staff

Three visiting professors have accepted full-time, tenure-track positions at the GGU Law School. Joan Howarth, Susan Kupfer, and Margaret Wynne will start in their new roles with the Fall '91 semester.

The appointment of the three is a direct result of the Law School's continuing growth and expansion. It also reflects the school's commitment to the hiring of more women and minorities. All three appointees bring extensive knowledge and resources to the Law School, both through their teaching experience and accomplishments in the field.

Joan Howarth has a law degree from the University of Southern California, Order of the Coif. She worked as a criminal defense lawyer, associate director of the ACLU, and as a visiting professor at UC Davis. "I'm really eager to try to help people represent clients well and be able to do good work as lawyers," she said. "I know first-hand the tremendous enthusiasm and support."

Loan Assistance Program Created

Golden Gate University Law School has created a Public Interest Loan Assistance Program (PILAP) to provide grants to law school graduates who choose careers in public interest law. The grants will be awarded on the basis of financial need to help graduates repay their student loans.

To implement the program, the University has initially allocated $25,000 to create an endowment, income from which will be used for annual grants. Another $25,000-$75,000 is expected to be approved for the program next year.

Members of the Student Bar Association (SBA) have also shown tremendous enthusiasm and support. In a recent election, students voted to raise their SBA fees $20 a year. These funds will be specifically earmarked for PILAP. A planned fundraiser, in which students will be asked to pledge a day's salary from their summer jobs, is anticipated to raise an additional $4,000.

The proposal for this program was initiated by GGU student members of the Public Interest Loan Foundation (PILF), who hope such a program will encourage more students to pursue public interest law. For many years, GGU has been a leader in preparing students for public...
Conditional Admit Program Added to Curriculum

In order to increase the racial and ethnic diversity at the GGU Law School, the school will offer a Conditional Admit program this summer for prospective students. This six-week session is designed for minority and non-native English speaking applicants who may possess the analytical skills necessary for a career in the law profession but who do not satisfy traditional entrance requirements such as high LSAT scores.

"The LSAT is a good correlation between predicted and actual performance, but there are people who don't perform well on the LSATs who do perform well in law school," said Professor Mike DeVito, director of the program. This is an opportunity to allow students "who show possibility of talent to display that talent."

Mike is well acquainted with the success of a conditional admit course. As a professor at Emory University, he was one of a core group who developed the Council on Legal Educational Opportunity (CLEO), which operates similar programs at schools throughout the United States. He will be joined by Professor Frank Valdes of California Western School of Law, San Diego, and professor Philip Jimenez of the University of Santa Clara, who will also participate in teaching the summer session.

The program, which is free to participants, will include instruction in two areas of substantive law. In addition, students will enroll in a legal writing course with emphasis on preparation for standard law exams. At the end of the six weeks, participants will take two examinations to determine whether they have the ability to master the rigors of a standard law school curriculum. Those with successful results will be offered admission to the Fall 1991 entering class.

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Alumni Profile: Marc Van Der Hout

A recent court settlement made headlines for immigration attorney Marc Van Der Hout, '77. Through his efforts as lead counsel in American Baptist Churches vs. Thornburgh, he helped foster a major change in federal immigration policy.

But while the prestige of winning a big case is certainly attractive, for Marc Van Der Hout, it is only part of the good work he does every day.

A native of Michigan and long-time Bay Area resident, Marc has made quite an impact on the field of immigration law in the last 14 years. With two offices, in Redwood City and San Francisco, and three associates, his 11-year-old firm manages all kinds of immigration cases for corporations, small businesses, and individual clients.

"Helping people to immigrate and helping companies bring needed workers to work here makes sense to me," he explained. "I love the work.

Marc Van Der Hout, '77

I'm almost always on the good side, fighting the good fight. There is very little conflict as to whether these are people who deserve to win their cases or not."

Marc began his involvement with law at an early age. As a 20-year-old student at the University of Michigan, he represented himself in a case that involved the right of students to run their own bookstore. Upon graduating from GGU in 1977, he worked for several years as an immigration attorney for the International Institute in Redwood City, then opened his own practice in 1980.

Over the years, Marc has handled several cases that have attracted national attention. In 1983, in Dellums vs. Smith, he was part of a team of lawyers representing Congressman Ronald Dellums against the federal government regarding Contra activity in Nicaragua. In Escobar-Ruiz vs. INS in 1988, Marc won the right for immigrants to receive attorneys’ fees under the Equal Access to Justice Act.

In the most recent, American Baptist Churches case, he and a team of lawyers arrived at a settlement with the Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS), in which the INS agreed to readjudicate continued on page 4

Fulbright Scholar Symposium Presented

Former and present Fulbright scholars from all over the world gathered at GGU Law School for the first annual Fulbright Scholar Symposium, held April 8-10. Called, "Challenges for the World Legal Order: The Final Decade of the 20th Century," the symposium included panel presentations, discussions, and an opportunity for participants to meet with some of the world's foremost legal scholars.

"This was the first significant conference the school had put on in a few years," said Associate Dean Marc Stickgold. Countries represented included Poland, Spain, Turkey, Japan, and New Zealand, and topics addressed current economic and political issues in both European and Pacific Rim countries.

"The changes in the world both in Europe and Asia have been enormous and will have a dramatic impact on anyone who does business with overseas companies," said Marc. "This conference was an effort to help people get an overview of the types of challenges they are likely to face in the future."

The symposium was organized as part of the Law School's increasing effort to expand its programs, particularly in the area of international law. This has resulted in the hiring of distinguished visiting professor Sompong Sucharitkul, the implementation of a variety of international law courses, the creation of a summer foreign externship program, and student participation in the 1991 Regional Philip C. Jessup International Law Moot Court Competition.

In addition, in keeping with this expansion, the Law School is pleased to announce that visiting Soviet scholar Natalia Baratlanti, currently a research scholar at the Institute of State and Law, Soviet Academy of Sciences, Moscow, will be joining the GGU staff for six months, beginning in September 1991.

Golden Gate is co-hosting Natalia with the law firm of Heller, Ehrman, White & McAuliffe, specialists in trade and investment in the Soviet Union. She will participate in various courses at the Law School and may teach her own seminar.
Placement Workshop Provides Students With Career Options

For the fifth year in a row, the Law Placement Symposium and Legal Career Options Day provided GGU students with an opportunity to learn more about their employment prospects in the field of law.

Sponsored by the Law Placement Center and organized by director Tony Bastone and a student committee, the symposium included a week of panel discussions and culminated with visits from more than 30 Bay Area companies. The event offered students a chance to conduct informational interviews with prospective employers and enhance their knowledge about career options within the legal profession.

According to Tony Bastone, the yearly symposium is primarily geared towards first-year students because it “gives them an introduction to the interviewing, recruitment, and selection process.” Presentations this year included discussions on specialties within the legal field, the importance of work experience, and the advantages of a GGU law degree. In addition, the Legal Career Options program featured nearly 20 alumni who met and spoke with students about their companies.

Tony said the assistance provided to students by alumni is invaluable, particularly with the current tightening of the job market and economy. “The market right now is as tough as it’s been. Students need to be persistent, creative, and tenacious.” Networking with alumni is one way for students to establish contacts with outside firms and increase their employment opportunities, he said.

“We work with a lot of alumni, maybe 100 a year,” Tony continued. “The relationship an alum has with this office can be indefinite, it can be ongoing,” he explained. “Students are feeling a tremendous amount of pressure,” he added. “We’re doing something that’s definitely worthwhile,” and the assistance provided by alumni helps make it that way.

Marc Van Der Hout, continued

the applications of 150,000 Salvadoran and Guatemalan refugees who were denied political asylum, as well as to allow an additional 350,000 to apply for asylum.

While all of these cases are important, Marc believes the biggest personal challenge is “trying to find a balance between good legal work and good political work and combining that in a private practice. Most of the people who do the work I do work for agencies,” he explained.

In addition to the everyday commitments of his practice, Marc served as president of the National Lawyers Guild in 1985-86 and currently sits on the Board of Governors of the American Immigration Lawyers Association. He has actively participated on the boards of several refugee groups, and he has received the Phillip Burton Immigration Award from the San Francisco Bar Association and the Immigrant Legal Resource Center; Jack Wasserman Memorial Award from the American Immigration Lawyers Association; Legal Service Achievement Award from the State Bar of California; and the Carol Weiss King Award for outstanding immigration law.

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supporting it with oral arguments. They were coached by Distinguished Visiting Professor Sompong Sucharitkul, with help from Professors Larry Jones and Joel Marsh.

“It was the best way to get involved in three areas of the law — research, writing, and speaking,” said Peter. “We had the advantage of learning and mastering a new topic.”

In addition to the prestige of placing so well, the competition also served as a method to “train students to plead before international courts and become well-versed in international litigation and advocacy,” said Professor Sucharitkul.

“We triumphed over a lot of adversity, and ultimately I think we did really well,” said Peter. “I hope a lot more people get involved for next year,” he added.
Alumni Director Joins Staff

Andi Stein has joined the staff of the Law School in the newly-created position of Alumni Relations Director. In this role, she will be responsible for organizing alumni events and activities and for writing and producing the school’s publications, such as the Law School Bulletin. Andi will assume the position of editor of Alumni Forum, replacing former editor Gary Wishniewsky, who was promoted to Director of Southeast Asian Programs last fall. She will also be in charge of launching a new alumni magazine, which will debut in early 1992 and replace the Winter issue of Alumni Forum.

Before coming to Golden Gate, Andi ran her own business as a public relations and marketing consultant, where she provided writing and publication services to a variety of non-profit organizations in the Bay Area. She has also taught journalism at Presentation High School in San Francisco and has worked as the public relations director at Armstrong College in Berkeley. She holds a B.A. in journalism from George Washington University in Washington D.C.

“I’m really looking forward to getting to know the alumni and helping to strengthen the communication ties between the Law School and its graduates,” said Andi. “I’ve always heard about Golden Gate University’s wonderful reputation, and I’m glad to be a part of the school myself.”

Class Agents

A big thank you to the 1990-91 Class Agents. Because of their help, the percentage of participation in alumni giving has doubled since last year.

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Did You Know?...

- GGU Law School had the highest February 1991 bar pass rate among California ABA-accredited law schools: 79.3% of our students passed the bar on their first try.

- Nearly 2,200 individuals have applied for admission to the Fall 1991 entering class. This is 500 more applications than received by this time last year.

- The Law School now has 10 endowed scholarship funds. The two newest are:

  Louie Sbarbaro Endowed Scholarship Fund, established with a $10,000 gift from a Law School graduate who wishes to remain anonymous.

  Catherine Sherburne-Thompson Memorial Scholarship Fund, established in the memory of Ms. Sherburne-Thompson, a School of Law graduate and faculty member.

- Last fall the GGU Law School helped underwrite the cost of a three-part television series on KQED called, "In the Way of Justice." The show featured GGU alum Karen D. Kadushin, ’77, in its segment called "The Family."

- Seventy-six graduates recently contributed $5,125 in support of the Spring 1991 Phonathon.
Class Notes

Class of 1989

Larry F. Estrada is working for Carroll, Burdick and McDonough in San Francisco. He is also a performer with El Ballet Folklorico de Stanford, a Mexican traditional folk dance troupe that is based at Stanford University.

Paul D. Katernahdahl is completing his LL.M Masters degree in international law at the University of Nottingham, England.

Class of 1987

Katherine Affler recently opened her own practice in San Francisco, specializing in criminal defense law with an emphasis on federal crimes.

Donna Cabe is now in her third year of private practice in Los Angeles, where she specializes in entertainment law. She is also vice chair of the Beverly Hills Bar Association Entertainment Law section and writes that she would love to hear from old classmates.

Wallace E. DeSha moved from Baker and McKenzie to Pacific Telesis Group’s Tax Research and Planning group in San Francisco.

Class of 1986

Gary M. Davis spent 1990 doing a clerkship at a major Tel Aviv law firm. He took and successfully passed the Israel Bar exam (in Hebrew!) and is now a qualified Israeli attorney.

Herb Fox is an associate at the Santa Barbara firm Schlottman, Nichols, Guthrie, and Sims, specializing in civil and criminal appeals.

Class of 1985

Delphine Szynadowski Adams has been appointed editor of the ABA Litigation and Dispute Resolution Committee newsletter.

Barbara Bard is currently teaching legal research at Sonoma State University.

Jan L. Nussbaum is working for The Clorox Company as senior counsel for international and corporate matters.

Arthur Schwartz was named a partner at San Francisco-based Fisher & Hurst. He specializes in insurance litigation.

Class of 1984

Linda Ackley works in the environmental and water rights section of the Department of Water Resources office of the chief counselor in Sacramento.

Donna D. Duer is a trial attorney in the environmental enforcement section at the Department of Justice in Washington, D.C.

Joel G. Selik has joined the law offices of Vaughan DeKirby in San Diego where he practices in areas of personal injury, probate, and wills and trusts.

Class of 1983

Douglas S. Aberle has recently merged his practice. The new firm, Locke, Locke, Rudman and Aberle, based in Beverly Hills, specializes in civil litigation with an emphasis on personal injury.

Charlotte Thetford Armstrong is working as a case manager and counselor for the San Antonio AIDS Foundation in Texas.

Jonathan Chodos has left litigation to open a commercial restaurant project which is based in Huntington Beach.

Daniel M. Linchey recently became a partner at Goldberg, Stinnett and Macdonald, based in San Francisco. The law firm specializes in bankruptcy and commercial litigation.

Jane Wells was promoted to principal at the Oakland insurance defense firm Kincaid, Gianunzio, Caudle & Hubert.

Class of 1982

Thomas Behrendt was elected co-chair of New York State’s Advisory Council for Protection and Advocacy for mentally ill individuals.

Sandra J. Bushmaker has opened her own practice in Sausalito with emphasis on family, elderly, and administrative law, as well as wills, trusts, and probates.

Class of 1981

Jonathan C. Bacon has joined McDonald, Cullom and Burland in San Francisco where he specializes in construction litigation.

Carol M. Kingsley is currently serving as president of the San Francisco Women Lawyers Alliance.

Kurt O. Oxley has left his position with the U.S. House of Representatives and is currently working in the department of government affairs for ARCO in Los Angeles.

Charles A. Pernick was elected to the board of the Orange County Trial Lawyers Association for 1991.

Class of 1980

Barbara S. Bryant served as a panelist for the Continuing Education of the Bar’s (CEB) “Employment Law 1990.” She also serves as a consulting editor for CEB’s update of the “Wrongful Termination Action Guide” and teaches a sexual harassment law clinic at Boalt.

David J. Cooper plans to open a retail store in Berkeley specializing in Jewish books and gifts.

Virginia Palmer received the 1991 Award of Merit from the Legal Aid Association of California, honoring her work through the AIDS Legal Referral Panel and the Volunteer Legal Services Corporation’s Family Law Clinics.

Class of 1979

Barbara M. Bryant opened her own practice in Oakland. She specializes in estate planning, probate, and tax law.

Julienne E. Bryant started a new job as assistant attorney general in the human services section of the Alaska Attorney General’s office.

Ruth I. Frishman has joined the law offices of Thomas S. Archer based in Truckee.

Class of 1978

Richard J. Alexander has formed a partnership with Diana Bectin Brown, GGU class of 1984.

Loren Hu is the managing

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partner of Nemirow, Hu, Kurt and Tankersly in Washington, D.C.

Class of 1977
Donna M. Beck is education chair of the State Bar Family Law Section Executive Committee.

Randall K. Berning presented the third annual "Dentistry and the Law" conference in November of 1990. He is now affiliated with Gardner, Carton and Douglas, a Chicago firm.

Loni F. Deland is newly-elected second vice president of the Utah Criminal Defense Lawyers Association. He is also a founding member of the Rocky Mountain Defense Fund, a pro bono death penalty defense organization.

Priscilla Camp was the winner of the State Bar President's pro bono award for District Three in 1990. She was also appointed to the State Bar Legal Services Trust Fund Commission for 1991 and is a CEB faculty member.

Vicki Testa has been named real estate counsel for ERA Network Real Estate, which has 30 branch offices throughout Northern California.

Class of 1974
Ruth S. Astle has been selected as a member of the 1990-91 California Women Lawyers Board of Governors.

Class of 1972
Ronald Bogard has become general counsel to the New York City Health Department.

Class of 1971
Bernard L. Allamano has become general counsel for the California Dental Association.

Class of 1943
John M. Filippi is semi-retired after 44 years of practice.

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Alumni News and Address Confirmation

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Class Notes, continued

Transitions

Remsen C. Barnard, '74, married Vera Paisa in May of 1989.


Jeanne Hough '82, married Tim Gavigan in November of 1990.

Carol M. Kingsley, '81, married Jack Berman in August, 1990.

J.T. Wick, '86, and his wife, Arden Kwan, are the parents of a daughter, Grace Arden Kwan Wick, born in January of 1991.

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In Memoriam

Charles R. Burns, '81
Kal W. Lines, '51
Clyde H. Martin, '68

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Faculty Notes

Chief Judge Henderson has appointed professor Mort Cohen to be reporter and co-chairperson of the Advisory Group to the Northern District of California under the Civil Justice Reform Act.

In December 1990, Congress passed the Visual Artists Rights Act of 1990, which amends the copyright law to guarantee artists rights of authorship and integrity. The law, which goes into effect June 1, 1991, is largely modeled on the California Arts Preservation Act, for which professor Thomas M. Goetzl wrote the original draft in 1978. Professor Goetzl testified before Senator Ted Kennedy's subcommittee in support of this law in 1986.

Distinguished visiting professor Sompong Sucharitkul recently spoke at a seminar sponsored by the University of San Francisco's Center for the Pacific Rim. The symposium was called, "Thailand: Legal Change, Economic Development and Market Opportunities."

Law Registrar Wally Walker served as moderator at the Law School Records Seminar, Northern California Division, held at McGeorge School of Law in Sacramento in April. The seminar was an opportunity for representatives from all of the ABA-accredited law schools in Northern California to discuss current issues.

Lost Alumni

Following is a list of alumni whose whereabouts are currently unknown. If you have addresses for any of these individuals, please contact the Law School Development Office at (415) 442-7000, ext. 7554.

Mills Adams, '83
Dan Adler, '57
Wayne Albin, '92
Susan Amato, '85
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John Bernard, '80
Andrew Blumen, '78
Peter Boromo, '74
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Glen Boyle, '88
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Gregory Butting, '86
Elaine Burres, '82
Karen Campbell, '75
Ray Caroll, '77
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Peter Deck, '87
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