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1993 Law School Homecoming Held Last Fall

The Law School's 1993 Homecoming, held on October 28, 1993 at the City Club in San Francisco, was the first time graduates of all law school classes were together for one event. Previously, each class had its own reunion. With the homecoming celebration held for all classes, graduates enjoyed the opportunity to become reacquainted with alums who completed law school one or two years earlier or later.

Faculty and friends also enjoyed the evening catching up, meeting and reminiscing with over 100 graduates. Many alumni said they were excited to see each other and that they enjoyed the opportunity to talk with friends from law school.

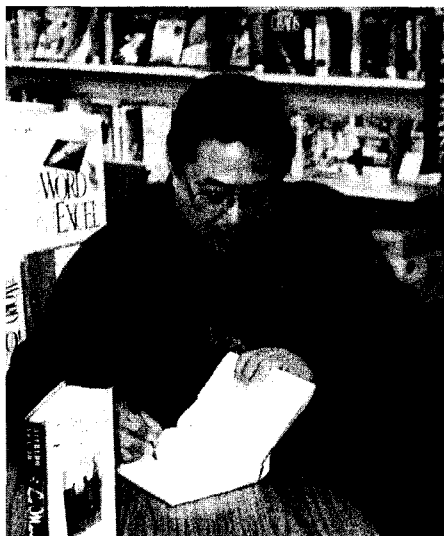


Graduates, faculty and friends enjoying 1993 Homecoming at the City Club

Attorney/Author Speaks at Golden Gate

Alfredo Veá Jr., a local attorney and author, spoke at Golden Gate as a guest speaker in the Law School's Fall Speakers Series last November. Afterward, he signed copies of his novel, *La Maravilla*. Approximately 50 students, faculty, and staff listened to his talk, and many of those went away with the author's autograph on their copies of his book.

Veá is well known in the San Francisco legal community for his passionate and skillful representation of defendants, especially those charged with murder. He told the audience that his motivation to write the book came out of 15 years of practice in which all of the defendants he represented shared one character-



Alfredo Veá during the book signing for La Maravilla.

istic--an absence of knowledge of who they were.

America's destruction of individual cultures and moral traditions and attempt to impose a homogenized legal system has, in Veá's view, murdered the souls of his young clients. In frustration with the limits of what he could do as a defense lawyer to deal with the death of the spirit, Veá turned to writing. After long hours at the Hall of Justice, he wrote this first novel, which celebrates the gifts which an economically poor but socially rich community bestows on a young boy. Veá, a Chicano whose grandfather was a Yaqui Indian, described the novel as largely autobiographical.

Law School Wins Diversity Award

Efforts at the Law School to increase diversity among faculty and students were recognized when Dean Anthony J. Pagano accepted the Law School Racial and Ethnic Diversity Commitment Award at ceremonies in Los Angeles last fall. The award, in its second year, is sponsored by the California Minority Counsel Program, and co-sponsored by the San Francisco, Los Angeles, Orange County and San Diego Bar Associations, the California State Bar, law firms, and corporations.

"Over the past several years, Golden Gate has made a concerted effort to increase the racial and ethnic diversity of its students and faculty," said Dean Pagano. While in 1990 there were no minority full-time faculty members, this year 11 percent of the full-time law faculty, 25 percent of the visiting faculty, and 13 percent of the adjunct faculty are members of ethnic minorities. First-year enrollment by students of color grew to 44 percent this year--up from 28 percent last year.

In the last few years, Golden Gate has launched several programs to recruit and retain minority law students. The Admissions Office participates in minority student receptions and conducts workshops at six regional Law School Admissions Council sponsored Law School

Forums. In addition, the Law School actively recruits at historically African American colleges and universities in the south and participates in the Annual Law School Admissions Fair for Students of Color.

The Admissions Committee also considers race and ethnicity as a factor in its admissions process. The

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Dean**

Admissions Office annually studies national minority admissions trends and implements admissions guidelines that take into consideration variations in LSAT and grade point average performance. Members of the Black Law Students Association, the Latino Law Students Association, and the Asian Pacific American Law

Student Association help identify qualified minority applicants and encourage them to attend Golden Gate after they are admitted.

The Law School has two endowed scholarship funds earmarked for minority students: the Louis Garcia Memorial Scholarship Fund, and the Diana Richmond Scholarship Fund for African Americans. In addition, the Law School funds over a million dollars annually in scholarship aid, of which over \$250,000 was awarded this year to entering minority students.

The efforts of the Law School to maintain a diverse community extend beyond recruitment and financial assistance. A comprehensive Academic Assistance Program improves students' chances for success while in law school. First-year students participate in workshops on how to prepare for class, case briefing, outlining, and exam writing. In addition, practice exams are scheduled in each first-year subject, and mentoring of first-year students by upper-division students of color is encouraged. To solidify its commitment to academic assistance, the faculty has recently voted to hire a full-time faculty member starting next year who will devote his/her entire time to the Academic Assistance Program.

Did You Know?...

- Graduates can use the Law Library for \$25 per year (free for the first two years after graduation). Visit the Law Library to obtain your library card. Graduates donating \$100 or more may mark \$25 of their donation toward a library card.
- The collection of library materials on international law has dramatically increased within the past two years.
- Golden Gate, Hastings and USF have entered into a consortium agreement for law library use. This greatly expands the resources available to law students and graduates.

New Assistant Dean for Career Services

In early December, Sue Schechter began work as the Law School's new Assistant Dean for Career Services. Her enthusiasm for Golden Gate's students and graduates as well as her knowledge of Bay Area and California legal markets were some of the reasons she was selected to head the newly named Career Services Office.

The name change is one of many

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Association for Public Interest Law. At NAPIL she worked with law students, faculty, and administrators across the country to promote public interest issues, including summer fellowships and loan forgiveness programs. "I believed that the legal profession was one in which I could make a difference. I came to learn that my interests and strengths were not in traditional lawyering skills--they were in working to assist other people pursue those traditional lawyering skills and find satisfying careers," said Schechter of her selection of her career path.

Two years later she moved to the Bay Area and worked at the Mental Health Advocacy Project in San Jose as a Patients' Rights Advocate. Schechter represented clients in acute psychiatric facilities and worked on community education projects throughout Santa Clara County. (The current director at the Mental Health Advocacy Project is a Golden Gate alum, William Hirsh, who took over shortly after Schechter left.)



Sue Schechter, Assistant Dean for Career Services

Her job just before arriving at Golden Gate was as Project Director for the Public Interest Clearinghouse. Many recent graduates may have met her there while she was coordi-

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that are taking place under Schechter's leadership. A reorganization of the office has already happened, and resources continue to be updated and revised. Additionally, programs for students as well as graduates are in the works. One for 1992 and 1993 graduates and current students on "Seeking Employment in a Challenging Market: Some Creative Strategies" was held on March 3.

Schechter began college at Washington University in St. Louis not sure that she wanted to attend law school. After completing her B.A. in Political Science and Sociology, she took several years off to work as a canvasser and then office manager/grant administrator before deciding to pursue a J.D. degree. Schechter then attended law school at the University of Pittsburgh, graduating in 1988.

After law school, she moved to Washington, D.C., to accept a job as a staff attorney at the National

nating the Public Interest Certificate Program for Golden Gate and four other Bay Area law schools.

Schechter is looking forward to developing ongoing relationships with graduates and hearing their suggestions and concerns. "The graduates I have met in the last few months have been great--very impressive individuals. I have found Golden Gate to be a very supportive community, and I look forward to working with students, graduates, and administrators in building on that supportive environment as people move forward on their career paths and develop contacts in the legal community."

Currently, Jennifer Gray, who graduated from the Law School in December '92, is working with Schechter until a permanent assistant/counselor is hired. To contact the Career Services Office, call (415) 442-6625 or stop by the office, which is located on the 15th floor of 49 Stevenson Street.

New Scholarship Established

The Michael A. Zamperini/W. Clay Burchell Law Scholarship for gay/lesbian students was established last fall by Professor Michael A. Zamperini, Director of Writing and Research, and his partner W. Clay Burchell, a former federal government official. A \$15,000 grant by Zamperini and Burchell made this endowed scholarship possible.

The scholarship is awarded

year. Third-year student Brooke Oliver, this year's editor-in-chief of the Golden Gate Law Review, was the first recipient. Oliver works as a law clerk for Farella, Braun, & Martel, and has served on the board of BALIF (Bay Area Lawyers for Individual Freedom), an organization of gay, lesbian, and bisexual lawyers and legal workers. She began law school



Professor Michael A. Zamperini, Brooke Oliver and W. Clay Burchell.

annually to a gay or lesbian student in his or her final year of law school. Applicants are evaluated based on overall academic performance, grades in first-year Writing & Research classes and an essay on either "How Being Gay/Lesbian Has Affected My Law School Career," or "How My Law School Career Has Affected My Being Gay/Lesbian."

"It was something that needed to be done," explained Zamperini. "There are very few things that have been institutionally set up to deal with long-term aspirations of gays and lesbians. Much of the money that a lot of people in our community have given has been for defensive motions -- to stop the initiative in Oregon, or for AIDS research. We felt that we would like to do something that was more of an 'offensive' posture, so to speak, of planning for the future."

In addition to the \$15,000 used to create the endowment, Zamperini and Burchell donated an extra \$500 so the first scholarship could be awarded this

at Golden Gate after a 15 year career in business. She completed her undergraduate work at the University of California, Davis, and is the mother of a college-age daughter.

"I am really honored to have been selected for the scholarship," said Oliver. "It's great to know there are people out there pulling for you, and I appreciate what Michael and Clay have done. I think it is very generous of them because the scholarship offers some support and encouragement about being out and being a professional. That kind of support is really valuable, particularly in the difficult job market we're facing right now."

As with any endowed law scholarship, gifts to the fund by faculty, graduates, students and others are always very much appreciated. Anyone interested in donating to the Zamperini/Burchell fund or other endowed scholarship funds can call (415) 442-7820 for additional information.

PILAP Awards

This year six graduates received awards totaling over \$5,000 from Golden Gate's Public Interest Loan Assistance Program (PILAP). The recipients were Bill Milestone, Nancy Roeser, Martin Semper, Theresa Swanick, Thomas Theisen, and Julie Webb. Each of these graduates works in a public interest setting, with most working for either non-profit organizations or government agencies. The PILAP awards help reduce the heavy loan debt of graduates who work in these kinds low paying public interest positions.

Funding for the program comes from the Public Interest Law Foundation's (PILF) annual faculty and student pledge program, alumni contributions, and from interest earned on a \$200,000 endowment which was established by student fees and matching Law School contributions.

This month, PILF is holding their annual fundraiser. Proceeds from the fundraiser will be added to the endowment from which the PILAP awards are made. In exchange for PILF's fundraising efforts, the National Association for Public Interest Law will present a grant to the Student Summer Internship Program. This grant, the amount of which depends on how much money is raised for the endowment, will enable Golden Gate students to gain valuable work experience in the public interest field which would otherwise be unpaid.

Anyone interested in pledging to the PILAP endowment should call PILF's president, Eva Pappadopoulos, at (415) 626-2183 for more information.

Graduates who are working in public interest positions and who would like to apply for a PILAP award for 1994 should call (415) 442-6615 for additional information and to request an application.

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Golden Gate University School of Law 1992-93 Annual Donor Report

We are pleased to include in this issue the 1992-93 Annual Donor Report, which covers the period from July 1, 1992 to June 30, 1993. Over \$400,000 was raised during this time, with an average gift of \$190 per person. The following pages are devoted to listing the names of graduates and friends who supported the Law School during this time.

Many graduates gave for the first time last

year, while others continued to renew their support. We are particularly grateful to the individuals listed below who each contributed \$1,000 or more and are recognized as members of our President's Circle.

We hope you will support your Law School via a financial contribution this year. Special recognition is provided to all donors who join one of our club levels, which begin at \$100.

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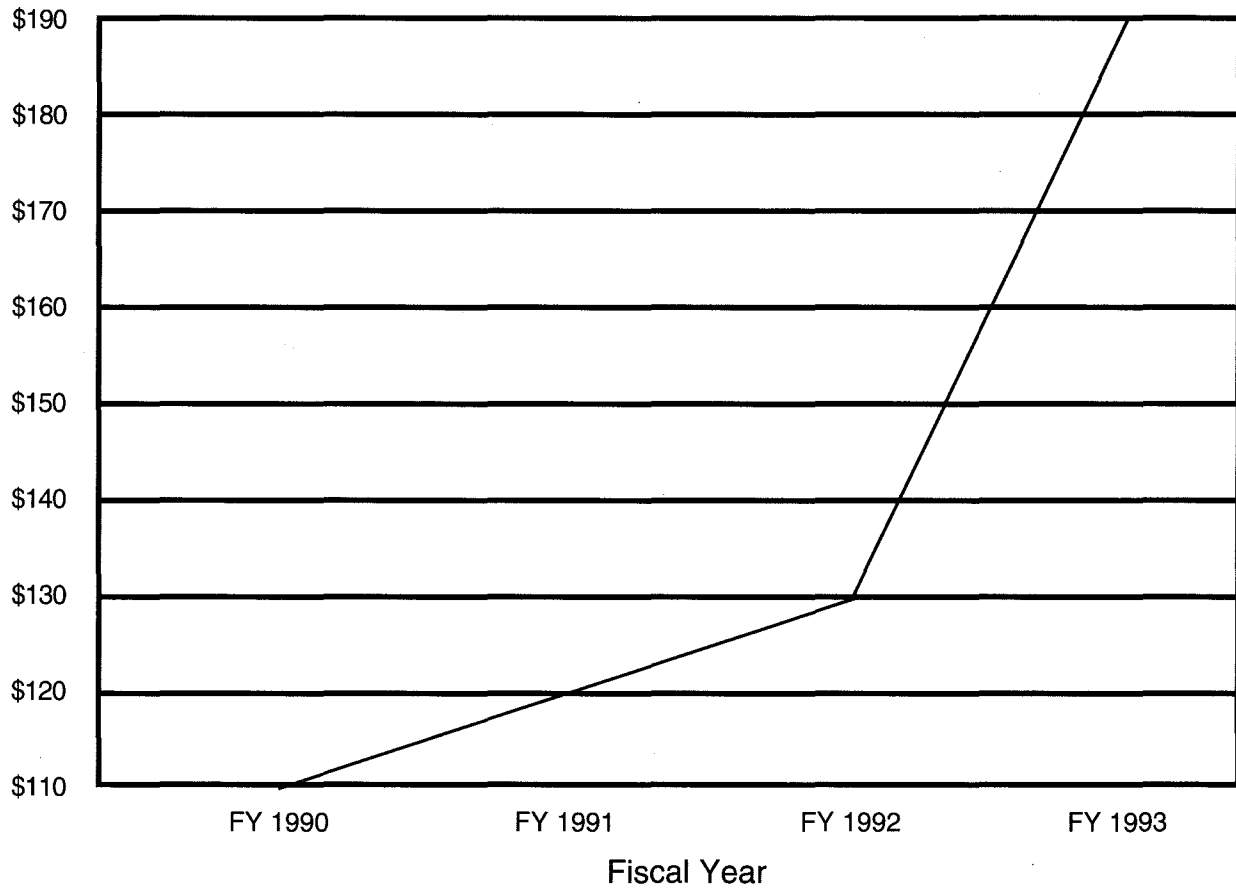
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Class Notes

Class of 1993

Ronald B. Reiss received the first place award in the American Bar Association Forum on the Construction Industry 1992 Law Student Writing Competition.

Class of 1992

Colby Campbell, LL.M., has joined the commercial real estate law firm of Trainor, Robertson, Smits & Wade.

Janina M. Elder has joined the San Francisco Law Offices of Christopher Lee as an associate. The firm specializes in the areas of insolvency, bankruptcy, and creditor/debtor law.

Juliet Haley is employed in the Attorney General's office of the State of California Department of Justice.

Class of 1991

James W. Cave III is a deputy district attorney with the San Bernardino County District Attorney's Office. He also serves as secretary of the Morongo Basin Bar Association and as a member of the California District Attorneys Association.

Holly C. Fusco is an attorney with Quaresma, Benya, Hall, Connich, O'Hara & Nixon in Fremont, where her practice includes family law as well as federal and state civil litigation.

Dave Porter is an associate with the firm of Martin A. Schainbaum in San Francisco, where he specializes in tax fraud and white collar crime.

Carolyn M. Rose has joined the firm of Campbell, Warburton, Britton, Fitzsimmons & Smith.

Class of 1990

Terrie Brodie has been appointed to serve as an administrative law judge in San Francisco for the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission. She was formerly assistant counsel for the U.S. Navy Military Sealift Command in Oakland.

Jessica A. Braverman is an attorney with the Sacramento law firm of Box, Davis, Ducey, Miller & Padgett, where she does civil defense litigation on behalf of the Cal Farm Insurance Company.

Eliz. C.A. Johnson has become managing partner at Lewis & Johnson in San Francisco, where she practices in the areas of taxation, estate planning, and probate.

Class of 1987

John W. Mahoney is a regional industrial hygiene program manager with the Department of Veterans Affairs in San Francisco.

Class of 1986

Morgan Christen has become a partner in the Anchorage office of Preston, Thorgrimson, Shidler, Gates & Ellis.

Amy Eskin has become a partner at Hersh & Hersh in San Francisco, a firm specializing in civil trial practice for plaintiffs.

David A. Simpson has been named partner of Dinkelspiel, Donovan & Reder in San Francisco, where he specializes in regulated business law.

Class of 1985

Ronald U. Carter has opened a movie production company in Los Angeles, as well as a law office specializing in business, international, and entertainment law.

M. Kathleen McGraw has opened her own practice in Oakland, where she specializes in family law.

Jeffrey R. Olson is a partner in the firm of Avila & Olson in Modesto, specializing in personal injury, insurance defense, family law, and business.

Tim Rowley has relocated to Reading, Pennsylvania, where he is employed by the law firm of Rhoda, Stoudt & Bradley, specializing in civil litigation.

Class of 1984

Lucille M. Greenway is a partner

with Laughlin, Falbo, Levy & Moresi in Walnut Creek.

C. Matthew Schulz has been named a partner of Graham & James in San Francisco, where he specializes in immigration law.

Joel G. Selik's case of *King v. Chan*, a dental malpractice case, was noted in ATLA's *Professional Liability Reporter* and their *Personal Injury Reporter*. He received an award for being Judge *Pro Tem* of the San Diego North County Municipal Court.

Diane M. Williamson has been named partner at the Walnut Creek firm of Laughlin, Falbo, Levy & Moresi.

Class of 1982

Robert Collins has become a partner in the firm of Greve, Clifford, Diepenbrock & Paras in Sacramento.

Class of 1981

Charles A. Pernice has relocated his law practice to Newport Beach, where he specializes in public interest matters and business litigation. He is a member of the Board of the Orange County Trial Lawyers Association.

Alexander M. Seiberth has been appointed a planning commissioner for the city of Woodland for a four-year term.

Martha J. Simon has expanded her San Francisco law firm, Simon, Kane & Grimes, and added a partner. The firm specializes in bankruptcy and commercial litigation.

Class of 1980

Jo Anne Frankfurt is the managing attorney of the Legal Aid Society's Employment Center.

Virginia Palmer has contributed a chapter on "Health Care Decision Making and the Right to Refuse Treatment" to *California Elder Law, An Advocate's Guide*, published by the Continuing Education of the Bar.

Class of 1979

Ethan Mehr has been elected president of the Del Norte County Bar Association for 1993.

Ellen M. Taylor has opened a private practice in Eugene, Oregon, specializing in personal injury and real estate law.

Class of 1977

Mary Elizabeth Bolint moved to London, England to become deputy general counsel of an international, intergovernmental, global mobile telecommunications organization.

Priscilla Camp has contributed a chapter called "The Elder Law Office" to *California Elder Law, An Advocate's Guide*, published by the Continuing Education of the Bar.

Henry M. Domzalski is a deputy regional representative for the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) and operates refugee law workshops in Fiji, Papua, New Guinea, and Australia. He previously served as an anti-piracy coordinator in Thailand, legal officer in Japan, and as senior legal officer for Tanzania under UNHCR.

Class of 1976

The Honorable **Sandra Snyder-Hylton** was named a federal magistrate judge for the Eastern District of California. She was formerly a judge with the Fresno County Superior Court.

Class of 1970

The Honorable **Walter L. Gorelick** has been elected presiding judge of the Tulare County Municipal Court. In 1992, the fourth edition of his book, *Summary of California DUI Cases*, was published, and in early 1993, he published the second edition of *California Preliminary Hearing Courtroom Handbook*.

Class of 1969

Ronald A. Bass has been appointed senior assistant attorney general in charge of the San Francisco Criminal Division.

Class of 1966

Rick Bradley is president of Bradley & Curley Law Corporation, a 25-year-old insurance defense practice specializing in malpractice defense.

Transitions

Raymond "Chip" Moats, '92, and his wife Laura became the parents of Elizabeth Ann Moats on May 2, 1993.

Dave Porter, '91, married Annie Chandler in August, 1992.

In Memoriam

John Bekins, '84
Anne-Marie Bourgeois, '89
Ivan Crase, '17
Walter A. Dold, '19
Paul A. Goodale, '79
Maureen Monaghan, '86

Faculty Notes

Barbara Anscher relieved Marc Stickgold as Associate Dean for Academic Affairs. She also gave birth to an 8-lb. 2-oz. son, Julian Binder, on July 14. Additionally, Dean Anscher completed the 1993 supplement to *The Law of Property Owners Associations*.

Professor **Roger Bernhardt** published the third edition of *Real Property in a Nutshell*. He also prepared a volume on *Texas Real Estate Codes*.

Visiting Associate Professor **Laura Dorman** has been named editor of the national newsletter of the Clinical Legal Education Association of AALS.

Professor **Les Minkus** was named the Bar Association of San Francisco's Chair of the Month in a recent article in the *Daily Journal*. Professor Minkus is chair of the Legal Ethics Committee of BASF.

Professor **Myron Moskovitz** is the principal author of the *California Eviction Defense Manual*, second edition, recently published by the Continuing Education of the Bar.

Associate Professor **Maria Ontiveros** testified before the California State Department of Industrial Relations Industrial Welfare Commission on proposals to raise the minimum wage. She also published an essay entitled, "Three Perspectives on Workplace Harassment of Women of Color" in the *Golden Gate Law Review*. Professor Ontiveros was named as a mediator in the Half Moon Bay High School's Ombudsmen Program, where she is working to resolve conflicts between Latino students/families and their teachers or school administration. She also was appointed to the San Francisco Shelter Grievance Advisory Committee which oversees the grievance process for shelter disputes.

Associate Professor **David Oppenheimer** spoke at a symposium on diversity issues in the law school classroom, sponsored by the Society of American Law Teachers at New York University in May. He also hosted and moderated a conference at Golden Gate on employment discrimination in the California Insurance Industry. In June, he attended the ACLU's national convention in Atlanta as a delegate from Northern California, and spoke on the issue of sexual harassment and the First Amendment.

Associate Professor **Susan Rutberg** will speak at a seminar on "Excellence in Criminal Defense," sponsored by the Women Defenders, on October 2 at Golden Gate. She is also a new board member of the organization.

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Staff Notes

Tony Bastone left his position as Law Placement Director after six years at the Law School. He has assumed the position of Director of Career Services for the University of Washington School of Law in Seattle.

John Donovan has joined the staff of the Law School as Registrar, replacing Wally Walker. He previously served as the registrar for the Manhattan School of Music.

Jim Kowalski is the new Publications and Events Director, a job that

includes coordinating graduation exercises.

Matt Pachkowski, former Law Admissions Coordinator, has been named Assistant Dean of Law Admissions, replacing Craig Engel, who left the Law School in July.

Florence Spinks has joined the Law School staff as a Financial Aid Counselor, the same position she had with the Golden Gate University Central Financial Aid Office.

Andi Stein, former Alumni Director, is now working at Boalt Hall as Director of Publications and Press Relations.