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Golden Gate Law Students Win Foundation of the State Bar Scholarships
At the State Bar of California Annual Meeting in Monterey

Third-year law students Lynne Damiano, Catherine Tullner, and Matthew Wood and first-year law student Micol Benet are receiving Foundation of the State Bar of California Scholarship Awards at the Foundation’s October 5 reception during the 2006 State Bar of California Annual Meeting in Monterey, California. The $5,000 scholarships are awarded to students for academic achievement and demonstrated commitment to public service. Recipients were chosen from more than 100 applicants at law schools throughout California. Recipient Micol Benet, who has worked for famed criminal defense lawyer Tony Serra and prison psychologist Craig Haney and has volunteered with the California Appellate Project, is preparing for a career in criminal defense law. Contact: Jill Goetz, 415-442-6636 or jgoetz@ggu.edu.

Student Receives William Bullinger Memorial Scholarship
From Federal Circuit Bar Association

Sharmila Pandharipande, a third-year evening law student at Golden Gate University School of Law, has received the William Bullinger Memorial Scholarship from the Federal Circuit Bar Association. She was chosen from more than 250 applicants to receive the $5,000 scholarship, named for a longtime member of the Federal Circuit Bar. Pandharipande is a patent agent with the firm of Wilson Sonsini Goodrich & Rosati in Palo Alto, where she specializes in biotechnology patents. She holds master’s degrees in cell and molecular biology and in microbiology from the University of Texas at Dallas and the University of Virginia, respectively; and a bachelor of science in microbiology from the University of Bombay. Contact: Jill Goetz, 415-442-6636 or jgoetz@ggu.edu.

Moot Court Helps Practicing Lawyers
Prepare Their Oral Arguments

The School of Law and its Appellate Advocacy Institute is hosting a series of Moot Courts for Practicing Lawyers to help attorneys argue their cases in appellate court. Established by Professor Myron Moskovitz, director of the institute, the program serves the legal profession and the judiciary—along with GGU students, who have the rare opportunity to observe real lawyers arguing real cases right on campus. Participating attorneys can receive one hour of MCLE credit for participating in the program. At the end of the argument, the “judges” give them feedback and suggestions that can increase their chance of success in their real argument. “To my knowledge, there is nothing like this program in the country,” Moskovitz says. Contact Myron Moskovitz, 415-442-6646 or mmoskovitz@ggu.edu.

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