

8-24-2012

## 2012-13 International Women Judges Graduate Fellow Announced

Lisa Lomba

*Golden Gate University School of Law*, [llomba@ggu.edu](mailto:llomba@ggu.edu)

Follow this and additional works at: <http://digitalcommons.law.ggu.edu/pressreleases>

 Part of the [Law Commons](#)

---

### Recommended Citation

Lomba, Lisa, "2012-13 International Women Judges Graduate Fellow Announced" (2012). *Press Releases*. Paper 84.  
<http://digitalcommons.law.ggu.edu/pressreleases/84>

This Press Release is brought to you for free and open access by the About GGU School of Law at GGU Law Digital Commons. It has been accepted for inclusion in Press Releases by an authorized administrator of GGU Law Digital Commons. For more information, please contact [jfischer@ggu.edu](mailto:jfischer@ggu.edu).

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:**

August 24, 2012

**Media Contacts:**

Rachel Van Cleave, Interim Dean

Lisa Lomba, Communications

Golden Gate University School of Law

Tel. 415.442.6600

Email: rvanleave@ggu.edu or llomba@ggu.edu

Joan Winship, Executive Director

Paola Tejada-Lalinda, Communications

International Association of Women Judges

Tel. 202.223.4455

Email: jwinship@iawj.org

## 2012-13 International Women Judges Graduate Fellow Announced

*Golden Gate University School of Law and the International Association of Women Judges  
Continue to Advance International Women's Rights with Woman Jurist from Bangladesh*

SAN FRANCISCO, CA - Golden Gate University School of Law (GGU Law) and the International Association of Women Judges (IAWJ) have selected their third annual International Women Judges Graduate Fellow for 2012-13. This year's Fellow is Hon. Farjana Yesmin, a Senior Judicial Magistrate in Mymensingh, Dhaka, Bangladesh who will pursue an individualized course of study and earn a graduate law degree at Golden Gate University School of Law in San Francisco. The International Women Judges Graduate Fellowship was created to advance issues involving international women's rights and the role of women in justice systems around the world.

"We are impressed with Magistrate Yesmin's unique passion for environmental law and indigenous populations. That scholarly passion, combined with her experience as both a lawyer and judge make her an ideal fit for this exciting program. We look forward to supporting her future success in the judiciary," says Interim Dean of GGU Law Rachel Van Cleave.

Golden Gate Law and the IAWJ initiated the International Women Judges Graduate Fellowship in 2010 to advance international women's rights issues as well as women's roles in the judiciary by building strong, reciprocal relationships among women judges internationally. Each year, Golden Gate Law provides a selected woman judge from a developing country with a full tuition scholarship as well as living expenses to earn a graduate degree. The IAWJ, which has vast experience and expertise in bringing international women judges to the U.S. for a variety of educational programs and in conducting judicial education programs around the world, serves as a key partner in recruitment and networking efforts for the program.

"As always, the IAWJ is delighted to be partnering with Golden Gate Law School in this program. This is a wonderful opportunity for outstanding women judges from developing countries to earn an LLM degree and to network with women judges and the entire legal community in San Francisco and beyond." says Joan Winship, IAWJ Executive Director.

This year's Fellow, Magistrate Farjana Yesmin of Bangladesh, is a Senior Judicial Magistrate in Mymensingh, Dhaka, Bangladesh. She earned her bachelor and master of laws degrees from Dhaka University. After working in law firms as a Junior Advocate, she decided that she preferred to evaluate law from both sides rather than representing one side of a case as an attorney. In 2008, after passing her judiciary examination, she was appointed as an Assistant Judge in 2008 in Dhaka Judge Court. While

studying for her LL.M, she completed extensive research in environmental law from both national and international perspectives. Her research on the impact of eroded riverbanks on vulnerable populations in Bangladesh resulted in the publication of *Life on a Swing: Human Rights of the Riverbank Erosion Induced Displacees*, a book to which she contributed two chapters. Magistrate Yesmin is a member of several professional associations including the International Association of Women Judges, the Bangladesh Women Judges Association, the Bangladesh Judicial Service Association, , the Bangladesh Bar Council and others.

“I look forward to beginning my studies and developing relationships with other students and professors who share my passion for environmental law and vulnerable populations,” says Magistrate Yesmin.

As part of her coursework, Magistrate Yesmin will participate in events related to her area of concentration as well as events to highlight the role of women in transforming the judiciary. Golden Gate Law plans to host small events to engage and educate the GGU Law community and local legal communities in a series of programs. Golden Gate Law and IAWJ will also provide ample networking and professional opportunities for Magistrate Yesmin with the San Francisco legal community, state and federal courts, and with Judicial Arbitration and Mediation Services (JAMS).

The program is sponsored by Golden Gate University School of Law in partnership with the International Association of Women Judges, with generous financial support from attorneys Elizabeth Cabraser, of Lief Cabraser Heimann & Bernstein, LLP and Robert Kaufman, former president of the Association of the Bar of the City of New York and a partner at Proskauer Rose LLP.

###