

## Summer Trial & Evidence Program (1<sup>st</sup> STEP) Summer 2018

### 1<sup>st</sup> STEP Summer Program Description – 11 Units

Golden Gate University School of Law and its Litigation Center present “1st STEP” (Summer Trial and Evidence Program), an integrated summer litigation curriculum for students who recently completed their first year of law school. Experienced faculty and practitioners lead 1st STEP law students in advanced trial advocacy training at the earliest opportunity in their legal studies. This selective, innovative, 9-week summer program, offers a series of integrated Evidence, Trial Advocacy, and Motions courses specifically designed to improve your litigation and presentation skills. The program also includes three uniquely designed Litigation Center courses, Evidence in the Courtroom, Presentation and Persuasion Skills and a new Motions Writing class.

The specialized litigation training program offers 11-units during the summer session, giving students greater freedom and a competitive advantage to participate in full-time employment, National Trial Team, moot court competitions, GGU on-site clinics, externship and internship programs, as well as other GGU litigation programs during the Fall 2018 Semester. The program begins *May 17, 2018*.

### Eligibility

Current 1L students are eligible and invited to apply for admission. Part-time evening students are also welcome, but are required to attend the day program full-time for 9-weeks during the 2018 summer. All eligible students are encouraged to apply. All 1<sup>st</sup> STEP applicants must maintain a minimum 2.5 required course GPA to gain acceptance. The criteria for selection to the program are:

- a) Success in law school;
- b) Interest and enthusiasm for advocacy training (including participation in *In Vino Veritas*, 1L Cross and Close Competition, and other Litigation Center events/lectures); and
- c) Ability to perform successfully in a professional setting.

### Pre-admission

The 1<sup>st</sup> STEP Program is a highly selective program that only admits 24 of the most qualified and passionate future litigators. As such, students with an undergraduate GPA of 2.8 or higher may apply to be pre-admitted during the Fall of their first year. Please email [baxterfellow@ggu.edu](mailto:baxterfellow@ggu.edu) confirming your intent to enroll in 1<sup>st</sup> STEP and submit the following completed application.

### Rolling Admission Deadline

Completed applications must be received no later than **5:00pm on Monday, January 26, 2018** to be considered for the program. Please bring the completed applications to the Baxter Office in room 3205 or email them to [baxterfellow@ggu.edu](mailto:baxterfellow@ggu.edu). The selection committee will review applications throughout January and February.

## 2018 (1<sup>st</sup> STEP): Summer Trial & Evidence Program Application

### Personal Information:

### PRE-ADMITTED:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Student ID: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Law School Section: \_\_\_\_\_

Street: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_

### Resume & Cover letter:

#### **I. Submit a Resume & Cover Letter.** Please explain your interest in litigation and the 1<sup>st</sup> STEP Program (feel free to utilize the following questions):

1. Did advocacy, litigation, or trial practice factor into your decision to attend law school? If so, please describe how.
2. Describe an experience in which you welcomed critique and feedback, incorporated the feedback, and turned the process into a positive result.
3. Understanding that advocacy, litigation, and trial training are available throughout your career at GGU Law, why is it important to you to gain this training in your first summer? How do you plan to use 1<sup>st</sup> STEP training during your 2L and 3L years of law school?

#### **II. In-person Interview.** Upon receipt of your application materials, the Litigation Center will schedule interviews as necessary with all qualified applicants. The interviews will be completed by **Friday, February 9, 2018**.

### Non-discrimination Statement

It is the intent and policy of the University to actively promote the objectives and policies of nondiscrimination set forth in Title VI and VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, Sections 503 and 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, the Vietnam Era and Veterans Readjustment Assistance Act of 1975, Executive Order 11246, the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1991, and all other applicable federal, state, and local anti-discrimination laws. Golden Gate University does not discriminate, within the meaning of these laws, on the basis of race, sex, creed, religion, age, color, disability, sexual orientation, gender identification, ancestry, national/ethnic origin, nationality/citizenship, political affiliation, marital status, medical condition, or any other status protected from discrimination by federal, state or local law in employment, in its educational programs, or in the provision of benefits and services to its students.

### Consent

By signing this application, you are giving permission for 1st STEP Committee to communicate with your references and to receive and review your law school transcript and law school admissions file.

**Applicant Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_