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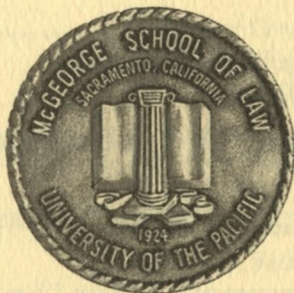
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UNIVERSITY OF THE PACIFIC
McGEORGE SCHOOL OF LAW

1:00 P.M.
MAY 17, 1998
SEVENTY-FOURTH ACADEMIC YEAR

MEMORIAL AUDITORIUM
SACRAMENTO, CALIFORNIA

The Honorable Joyce L. Kennard

Joyce Luther Kennard is an Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of California. Prior to that appointment in April 1989, she served as an Associate Justice for the State Court of Appeal, District Three.

From 1975 to 1979, Justice Kennard was a Deputy Attorney General in Los Angeles. She worked for seven years as a senior attorney for the State Court of Appeal before being appointed by Governor George Deukmejian to the Los Angeles County Municipal Court bench in 1986. She served as an Associate Justice pro tem for the Court of Appeal later that year before moving up to the Superior Court in 1987.

The daughter of a Dutch father and a Chinese/Indonesian mother, Justice Kennard was born in the Japanese-occupied Dutch East Indies during World War II. At age 10, she moved with her widowed mother to Dutch New Guinea. Four years later, they immigrated to Holland.

In 1961, Justice Kennard came alone to the United States and six years later she became a naturalized citizen. Justice Kennard went to Pasadena City College and won an academic scholarship to the University of Southern California where she graduated *magna cum laude* with a degree in German. She then earned her J.D. and Masters of Public Administration simultaneously at USC.

Justice Kennard is the first Asian-American appointed to the Supreme Court of California.

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THE UNIVERSITY OF THE PACIFIC

The University of the Pacific was established by pioneer Methodist ministers in 1851 as the first chartered institution of higher learning in California. Originally founded in Santa Clara, the institution later moved to San Jose and in 1924 to its present location in Stockton.

In 1996 the Board of Regents established that *"The University of the Pacific's mission is to provide a superior, student-centered learning environment integrating liberal arts and professional education and preparing individuals for lasting achievement and responsible leadership in their careers and communities."*

Through its history Pacific has been recognized as a leader in educational innovation. It provided the West Coast with its first medical school in 1858 (it later became part of Stanford and today is California Pacific Medical Center), its first co-educational campus in 1871, its first conservatory of music in 1878, its first "cluster colleges," and its first and only four-year private institution in the Central Valley. Pacific was first in the nation to offer an undergraduate teacher corps program, the first to send an entire class to an overseas campus and the first to establish a Spanish-speaking inter-American college.

Since the move to Stockton in 1924, only five presidents have headed the administration of the University. Tully C. Knoles presided during the move from San Jose and served until he was succeeded by Dr. Robert E. Burns in 1946. Dr. Burns served as president until his death in 1971. Dr. Stanley E. McCaffrey was named president in 1971. When he retired in 1987, he was succeeded by Dr. Bill L. Atchley, who served until 1995. Dr. Donald V. DeRosa began his service as the 23rd president in 1995.

The School of Education was established shortly after the move to Stockton in 1924. It was renamed the Gladys L. Benerd School of Education in 1992 in honor of the alumna's endowed gift. The University experienced its greatest growth and a broadening of its base under the administration of Dr. Burns. In 1955 it opened its School of Pharmacy and in 1956 its Graduate School. The School of Engineering was established in 1957. In 1962 the College of Physicians and Surgeons, a school of dentistry founded in San Francisco in 1896, merged with the University of the Pacific and became the University's San Francisco campus.

In recognition of this growth, the name of the institution was changed in 1961 from the "College" of the Pacific to the "University" of the Pacific. The name "College of the Pacific" was retained for the University's central liberal arts

college. It is dedicated to the preparation of citizen leaders who take responsibility for their communities as well as their careers.

A new concept in higher education in the United States found expression in the establishment of the first "cluster" college, Raymond College, in 1962. This was followed in 1963 with the opening of the second, Elbert Covell College, the first bilingual-bicultural college in the country. McGeorge College of Law, an independent law school founded in Sacramento in 1924, amalgamated with the University in 1966 as its School of Law. The third cluster college, focusing on non-western studies and featuring a year of study in an Asian culture, began in 1967 as Callison College. The cluster colleges were ended in 1982. However, their emphasis on global education is continued in the School of International Studies, the first university-based undergraduate school of international studies in California.

In the fall of 1977 the Department of Business Administration of College of the Pacific was reorganized to become the School of Business and Public Administration. In 1995 it was renamed Eberhardt School of Business in honor of the Eberhardt family's endowed gifts. University College, a unit of the University designed specifically for the adult "re-entry" student, was reorganized and revitalized in 1985.

In 1995 Pacific issued the first four-year guarantee whereby students are assured completion of the B.A. degree in four years. Accelerated programs announced by President DeRosa enable students to complete undergraduate studies in combination with a law degree in "3+3" programs. The School of Dentistry and School of Pharmacy offer similar accelerated programs. In this spirit of innovation, Pacific is currently shaping bold new plans for the years ahead.

The Vision Statement, adopted by the Board of Regents in 1997 to lead the University to its sesquicentennial, pledges *"to continue to link liberal arts and professional education through innovative curricular and co-curricular programs of exceptional quality and high value. The University will strengthen its visibility and take full advantage of the rich resources of Northern California. Pacific will become a national leader in the creative use of internships and leadership development programs. These distinctive features will be shaped by our commitment to equip Pacific graduates for success in multicultural and international society."*

McGEORGE SCHOOL OF LAW

McGeorge was founded as the Sacramento College of Law in 1924 and renamed several years later after its founder, Verne Adrian McGeorge. Graduating classes numbered in the single digits throughout the 1930s and the school was almost closed during World War II.

McGeorge's enrollment grew modestly in the post-war years under the school's new dean, John Harold Swan, as classes were held in the floors above a downtown Sacramento radio store. The school acquired a vacant well-baby clinic from the city at the corner of 33rd Street and Fifth Avenue in 1956. Dean Swan died unexpectedly the following year, leaving the law school's future in the hands of Dean Gordon D. Schaber. The school moved to its new home and Fall 1957 evening classes began with 123 students enrolled.

The school won full accreditation from the State Bar of California in 1964. McGeorge affiliated with the University of the Pacific in 1966 and began offering day classes the following year. The merger with UOP paved the way for ABA accreditation (1968) and an explosive growth in enrollment the following decade.

McGeorge's 22-acre campus, devoted exclusively to legal education, was built out during the 1970s and '80s. The 26-building complex includes 14 classrooms, a courtroom, student center, student apartments, community legal services offices, lecture hall, and the Gordon D. Schaber Law Library.

A leader in the study of international law, McGeorge established a presence in Europe in 1974. An LL.M. program in transnational business practice attracts foreign and American attorneys alike. Anthony M. Kennedy, an Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States and adjunct professor of constitutional law at McGeorge for 23 years, teaches each summer at the school's Institute on International Legal Studies in Salzburg, Austria.

Gerald Caplan succeeded Schaber as dean of McGeorge in July 1992. The school initiated a Governmental Affairs program in 1995. A specialized curriculum prepares students for many jobs in the public sector.

McGeorge continues to offer Day and Evening Division programs. The school's rigorous and demanding curriculum is designed to enable students to enter practice smoothly and confidently. McGeorge's large advocacy and skills program offers a wealth of settings for learning to be a practicing lawyer.

SIGNIFICANCE OF ACADEMIC REGALIA

Distinctive academic dress can be traced back to the universities of the Middle Ages. In the early centuries of its existence, the costume was worn as daily garb, and the several parts each had its practical use. In more recent centuries its use in complete form has been reserved for special, ceremonial occasions.

European universities tend to display considerable variation in their academic regalia. In the United States, however, a standard pattern was adopted over a half-century ago to which virtually all American colleges and universities adhere. This governs the material, style, color and trimmings of the gown and hood, the style of the cap, and the color of the tassel.

The field of learning in which the degree was awarded is shown by the color on the edging of the hood, and in some cases by the color of the facing and crossbars on the doctors' gowns. Some of the more frequently seen colors are: white (Arts and Letters), pink (Music), dark blue (Philosophy), light blue (Education), scarlet (Divinity), golden yellow (Science), lilac (Dentistry), olive green (Pharmacy), and purple (Law).

Graduates or candidates for the Juris Doctor Degree who are elected to The Order of the Coif wear, as part of their academic regalia, the traditional white coif attached to their mortarboard.

THE ORDER OF THE COIF

The Order of the Coif is the national society for law schools that recognizes academic excellence and promotes legal scholarship. Award of the chapter of The Order of the Coif signifies that the school of law maintains scholarship and academic standards of particularly high quality. The McGeorge Chapter was chartered in 1982. Chapters have been awarded to 75 of the 179 law schools accredited by the American Bar Association. Candidates for the Juris Doctor Degree who have been elected to membership are designated by the † symbol.

