



## Investing in Education – Golden Gate University

Since our very first year as a 501.c.3 Operating Foundation we have invested heavily in the education of today’s students as a means of bringing about a more hope-filled tomorrow. Golden Gate University is among the many educational institutions we have supported.



Figure 1 Note the Foundation - Top Line Center

### Elfenworks Center

In October of 2010, The Elfenworks Foundation and Golden Gate University School of Law jointly announced the founding of *The Elfenworks Center for Employment Justice* at the Women’s Employment Rights Clinic of Golden Gate University School of Law with a \$500,000 grant. The Center for Employment Justice focuses on legal services and education for domestic workers and other caregivers.

### Poverty Law Education

We also provided funding to allow the continuation of legal studies related to poverty law, including an annual symposium where students are able to present their work on various aspects of the law. The professor, Michele Benedetto Neitz, estimated that, as of 2017 she had taught hundreds of students and had 200 symposium attendees.

### The SALT Conference

Finally, our support allowed the university to bring The Society of American Law Teachers (SALT) on campus for a Conference “Vulnerable Populations and Economic Realities,” an event at which our CEO spoke (and performed the awareness-raising song “Such a Crime,” joined by John Watkins on guitar and Don Kane on bass). Just as with A Concert for Hope, the audience sang along.





#### FEEDBACK FROM GOLDEN GATE UNIVERSITY

- *This grant and this Center grow out of the deep and long-standing commitment of the foundation's founding CEO, Dr. Lauren Speeth, to employment justice for low-wage women workers, with a focus initially on the rights, much in the news of late, of domestic workers and caregivers. The Law School, and our students, the great public interest lawyers of tomorrow, are honored, thrilled, profoundly grateful and indefatigably committed to making the Elfenworks Center for Employment Justice a national leader in this critical area of workers' rights. – Drucilla Ramey, JD, Dean*
- *We share a common passion. And it is our passion for GGU that is transforming the university and strengthening our ability to provide a high-quality, professional-practice education for the next generation of legal professionals and business leaders ... The Elfenworks Foundation's support will help to ensure we continue to offer the most dynamic and up-to-date educational model available by combining legal theory in the classroom with practical skills training through our clinical programs for law students seeking to work, learn and succeed. Your gift to Golden Gate University supports our students' efforts to transform their lives, careers and communities . . . Thank you again for sharing in our common passion and your investment in GGU. –Frederic White, Former Dean*
- *We are thrilled, honored, and tremendously excited to have Elfenworks' support and partnership on our very important poverty work. We feel passionately that this is the single, most pressing issue affecting very poor working women.” – Professor Marci Seville, Director of GGU's Women's Employment Rights Clinic*