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**HOOD & STRONG LLP CPA RECEIVES GOLDEN GATE UNIVERSITY AWARD**  
*LAURA OLSON AWARDED OUTSTANDING GRADUATE STUDENT AWARD*

**San Francisco and San Jose, CA, March 6, 2009-** Hood & Strong LLP is pleased to announce that The School of Taxation at Golden Gate University in San Francisco has selected Laura Olson, a tax manager at the accounting firm as its 2009 recipient of the Award for Outstanding Graduate Master of Science in Taxation. In recognition of this accomplishment, Laura will receive the outstanding Graduate Tax Student Award from the University at an awards ceremony held at Golden Gate University on Thursday, April 30, 2009.

Laura is a tax manager in the San Jose office of Hood & Strong and manages the firm's domestic tax clients ranging from complex individual, partnership, and corporate compliance to detailed tax planning. She assists clients in balancing their business entity level tax with the related owner's tax. Her industry expertise includes professional services, real estate, high tech, and managing family group. Laura is a CPA with over 15 years in the accounting industry.

George Paulsen, Partner-in-Charge of Tax Services for the firm in congratulating Laura said, "Laura has been an outstanding accountant with the firm who is focused and hard working. She serves our firm's clients with dedication and excellent accounting skills. We are all proud of Laura's accomplishment".

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