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TUITION CHANGES POSSIBLE FOR 1988-89

SJCL has completed a study of the tuition expected to be charged at each of the state-accredited law schools in the fall of 1988. The lowest tuition rates tend to be at free-standing non-WASC institutions (Empire, Santa Barbara) or schools where the law school is in part supported by other programs (National, Lincoln).

Tuition at SJCL will rise from the current rate of \$150 per unit in the fall by an amount to be determined by the Board of Trustees at its meeting on March 8, 1988. Enrollment for 88-89 is expected to be roughly equivalent to enrollment for 87-88. However, some additional expenses are anticipated.

The provision of financial aid has created a new expense of approximately \$20,000 per year which the school is prohibited by statute from passing on to only those students who apply for financial aid.

SJCL faculty have not received a raise in four years. Any decision on a raise for faculty will occur after the completion of a faculty salary comparability study. The hiring of a security guard to patrol the parking lot while classes are in session represents another new expense.

Finally, in 1988-89, the library will outgrow its current space. The plan under discussion consists of expanding the library into Room 101 while creating another large classroom in new space available during the summer of 1989 in the adjoining building. This conversion will make the library more hospitable to students but represents a major expenditure.

Tuition Comparability Fall, 1988 (Per Semester Unit)

Empire College - Santa Rosa	\$150
Glendale University	210
Humphrey's - Stockton	150
John F. Kennedy University	210
LaVerne University	225
Lincoln University *(1987)	135
Monterey College of Law	175
National University	150
New College of Law	180
Northrop University	170
San Fernando Valley College of Law	205
San Francisco Law School	135
Santa Barbara/Ventura	150
University of West L.A.	192
Western States University	254

*Expected to rise Fall of 1988 by a currently unknown amount.

Current SJCL	150
Current Average	178

-Jan Pearson

KRISTI REED JOINS SJCL STAFF

The staff of SJCL heaved a collective sigh of relief with the hiring of Kristi Reed as Assistant Accounting/Financial Aid Officer. Over one-third of SJCL students have opted to obtain financial aid. Processing the mandated paperwork has proven to be nearly a full-time job.

Kristi has one and one-half years experience in processing financial aid applications, as well as extensive bookkeeping and banking background. She will be the first-line person regarding financial aid and serve as back-up for other functions.

Kristi is married to Jan Reed and lives in Coarsegold. She enjoys camping, horsepacking and has many pets. Regarding her first day at SCJL, Kristi said: "It was registration, so you can imagine. What impressed me most was the professionalism. It's wonderful."

ANXIETY ATTACK REPORT

Chances of anxiety attacking are high today. There is an 80 percent chance of anxiety on Friday, with a decreased likelihood for the weekend. By Sunday the forecast is for almost zero anxiety; however, by midweek the likelihood of a new anxiety front moving into the area is exceedingly high.

FINDING THAT ATTORNEY JOB

Sooner or later, we will all exit SJCL to practice law. At that time, each of us will undertake the task of finding a job as an attorney. How to do so may fit in that classic case of things "mother never told you" and law school didn't teach you.

Negotiating a salary and benefit package for a position can be hard without a frame of reference. Private firms traditionally do not publish or reveal starting salaries. However, government-paid attorney jobs have posted salaries which can be informative.

In Fresno County, the following salaries are public record:

Deputy District Attorney I -
\$2,073-2,519/month

Deputy District Attorney II -
\$2,649-3,219/month

Deputy Public Defender I -
\$2,051-2,493/month

Deputy Public Defender II -
\$2,621-3,189/month

Deputy County Counsel I -
\$1,963-2,851/month

Deputy County Counsel II -
\$2,359-3,416/month

Deputy City Attorney I -
\$2,374-2,884/month

Deputy City Attorney II -
\$2,300-4,700/month

Research Attorney - 5th DCA
\$2,538/month to start

Legal Services Attorney I -
\$2,183/month

Legal Services Attorney II -
\$2,770/month

Small Business Admin. (Approx.)
\$27,175 per year
(Depending on GS grade)

Many public employers require several years experience before one moves from a Level I to a Level II.

In local private firms, starting salaries are difficult to ascertain. Dean Pearson notes that recent SJCL graduates have started at salaries of \$26,000 to \$34,000 per year as associates in private firms. Since Fourth year law students who clerk make an average of \$10.50 per hour (\$21,840/year, full-time), it would seem reasonable to expect a higher salary upon receiving good news from the bar examiners. Accurate information may be hard to come by, however, because there is a reluctance to disclose one's salary.

While DICTA cannot give you a warranty, it is hoped that this information will be helpful to you in your job search.

-Ellen Jahn

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