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# New Associate Dean For Academic Affairs To Fill Several Roles

San Joaquin College of Law is pleased to announce the appointment of Sally Perring to the newly-created position of Associate Dean for Academic Affairs.

Sally, already a familiar name at SJCL, began her duties on August 19. Her responsibilities include assisting the Dean in the management of the educational programs for the Law School with a special focus on class scheduling and faculty evaluation.

She will also work to facilitate faculty development by establishing a formalized

curriculum review process and a hiring/retention policy. In addition, she will act as principal faculty advisor to the *San Joaquin Agricultural Law Review* as well as teach between six and 15 semester units each academic year.

Sally began teaching advanced research and writing at SJCL in 1983 as part of the School's adjunct faculty and currently teaches a course in real property. She has

served on the Law School's faculty committee since 1986 and has been chairperson

of the committee for the past year.

Sally's participation as an adjunct faculty member and her work on the faculty committee is a valuable prerequisite for her new duties.

"This new position and all its opportunities is really going to be an extension of the work being done previously on the faculty committee," she said. "I am excited that I can now devote my efforts on a full-time rather than a part-time basis."

Born in Los Angeles, Sally received her

undergraduate education at the University of California in Santa Barbara. She earned her Juris Doctor in 1983 at the University of San Diego School of Law. For the last eight years, Sally has worked as a research attorney for 5th DCA Justices Wickson Wolpert, Pauline Hanson and James Ardaiz.

Sally also added that she is looking forward to having more time to prepare for

teaching. She will be teaching two sections of Real Property this fall. ■



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## INSIDE...

*This issue of Inter Alia features a special recognition of all SJCL donors in 1990-91.*

## MESSAGE FROM THE DEAN

*A dollar is more than  
a dollar — at least when  
it is given to SJCL.*

Accrediting entities see that dollar as an assurance of the stability of the institution. For many years, SJCL's principal source of income has been tuition. Tuition is based directly upon enrollment. And enrollment is always cyclical. Accrediting entities want to be assured that an institu-



tion will continue to function at a certain level of quality even during low enrollment cycles. An Endowment Fund of some size, from which interest can be taken to support operating costs in the low cycles, is a hallmark of stability.

Foundations see that dollar as an expression of satisfaction with and commitment to the institution. Private donors and foundations look first at the level of the graduates' and the community's support for the school. Their interest is in participation - the number of the alumni who contribute to the school - and secondarily, the size of the contributions. Every dollar given to the school means \$25 or \$50 worth of impact on larger potential donors.

Faculty see that dollar as a commitment to the future. A degree from San Joaquin College of Law represents not merely a lot of student sweat and tears, but also a gift from all the adjunct faculty who taught that student. The adjunct faculty subsidizes the educational program at SJCL through their time in preparing, teaching, and examining. Tuition for a Juris Doctor degree at a typical institution, taught primarily by full-time faculty, would be double or triple that of SJCL.

When a graduate donates to the law school, it is a thank you to those faculty who gave their time, and a return of the favor to students yet to come.

Over the past six years, hundreds of special, dedicated people have given their time and more than \$300,000 to SJCL. These gifts have made possible library development, curriculum enhancement, furniture and equipment acquisitions, and the purchase of the adjoining building. We could not have done it without you.

As you know, SJCL has absurdly outgrown our current building. We will be asking you in the near future to help us build the real law school that SJCL deserves to have. But for now, think only of our appreciation, the difference you have made, and the ways that your dollars have done more than you may have ever known. ■

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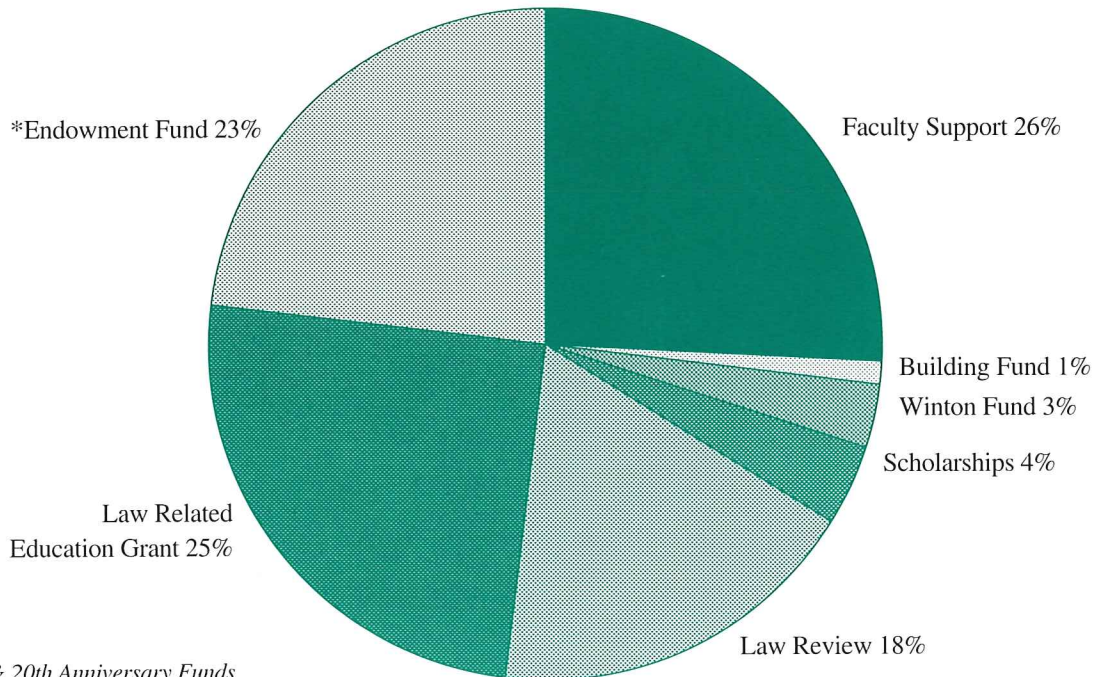
This issue of *Inter Alia* is dedicated to all the individuals and organizations that supported San Joaquin College of Law in 1990-91. We thank you for your generosity and your commitment to SJCL. The law school is pleased to report a 25% increase over last year in total contributions.

An assortment of fundraising activities and events highlighted the past year, some of which were new to SJCL. On June 14, the school launched the San Joaquin Agricultural Law Review with a debut reception at the Coombs Riverbend Ranch. On December 16, we hosted the annual President's Dinner, which is designed to acknowledge individuals who have given generously to SJCL and to introduce SJCL to those who may not be aware of all of the school's attributes.

A successful "Phon-a-thon" was also organized as part of the Annual Fund drive this year. We added a new twist by asking students to call on SJCL alumni to support the 1990-91 Annual Fund.

The Executive Committee of the SJCL Annual Fund has been busy over the past year. These alumni, often times with the help of SJCL staff, have personally contacted a large number of alumni and individuals through meetings and lunches. This gave an opportunity for other individuals and alumni to hear about what is going on at SJCL—directly through our active alumni. Members of the Executive Committee of the Annual Fund are: Michael W. Goldring ('89), Daniel L. Harralson ('82), Ima Jean Harvey ('75), James Michael Petrucelli ('89), Malcolm Stewart ('77) and Charles A. Wieland ('83).

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## FACULTY NOTES

**John Evans, Ph.D., J.D.**, will be teaching Business Organizations and Commercial Law II for the Fall semester. For his Commercial Law II course, he has researched and written two outlines, similar to the Nutshell series, on "Negotiable Instruments" and "Secured Transactions." He has also completed two articles: "America's New Schools: Avoiding Death by Judicial Construction" and "Biotechnology: The Issues Awaiting the Longer Lasting Tomato." Professor Evans is presently working on a chapter for a book being developed by the Institute of Rural Studies entitled, "Ag Law & the Common Good and Definition of a Farmer."

**Paul Herbert, J.D.**, taught a course during the Summer semester on "The Jury." Several guest speakers of diverse backgrounds and perspectives enlivened class, and the students had an opportunity to visit court and observe the jury recruitment and selection process as well as a jury trial itself. This year, Professor Herbert is teaching Constitutional Law, Criminal Law & Procedure and Legal History. He has made several recent local television and radio appearances commenting on various current legal issues. Later this year, he will publish an article on the First Amendment.

**Denise Kerner, J.D.**, taught a course in legal research and writing for paralegal students last semester. She was also a guest on a local radio call-in talk show in which she describing her work as supervisor of Small Claims Court and answered questions. Denise will be teaching her legal analysis-research and writing course to our incoming class this fall, while continuing her work training several new advisors this term for Small Claims Court. ■

## Paralegal Perspectives

SJCL Paralegal graduate Mona Sturgeon ('87) offered her perspectives recently about the experience of going through the Paralegal program offered at SJCL and what that has meant to her career.

"The knowledge of where to look for laws and information pertaining to small businesses—and how to read and interpret it after you find it—has been the most beneficial aspect of my education in the paralegal program," she says. "The ability to understand and complete important projects and know they are proper and professional gives you a sense of accomplishment and makes you a valuable asset to any organization."

Mona has a background in corporate affairs, in retail and in commercial real estate. She has held positions as an office manager, corporate officer, controller and director of human resources. Some of her work has included the negotiation of leases, credit and collections, personnel policies, federal, state and local tax and labor compliance and other business related projects.

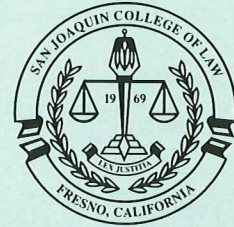
As a firm believer that you can't get enough education, Sturgeon adds that she "highly recommends the Paralegal program at SJCL to anyone of any age that holds a position of responsibility and who cares about the growth and development of their firm and their own personal and professional growth."

Mona is currently controller for eight "All American Sports Fan" stores across California.

The SJCL Paralegal Alumni Association held a new member reception on August 2, which drew nearly 40 alumni. Membership is growing fast. If you are interested in joining the group or would like to lend your support, call Lynda Williams at 298-7118.

### ALUMNI SURVEY

Next month, SJCL will be sending out to all law alumni a survey that will be used to help us update our files. We will be asking you what your individual needs are as alumni as well as your general impressions of the law school. Please take a few minutes to fill out the survey and return it to SJCL. ■



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