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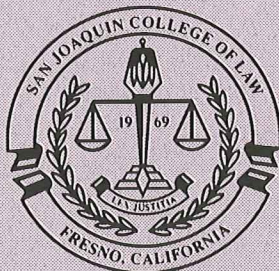
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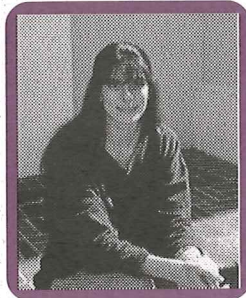
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Congratulations to the 1998 Chela Financial Scholarship Winners!

San Joaquin College of Law would like to congratulate Cynthia Arroyo, Kristine Kelly, and Paul Rodriguez Jr. on being awarded \$1,000 Chela Financial Scholarships! Chela Financial is a nonprofit public benefit corporation dedicated to assisting students in financing their higher education. Over the past 13 years, Chela Financial has helped more than 525,000 students realize their educational dreams. After receiving hundreds of responses from

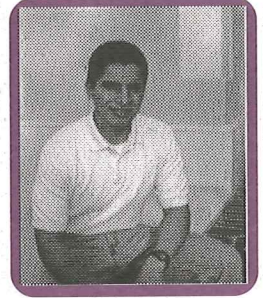
schools throughout eight states in the Western Region, the Chela Scholarship Committee used three criteria in reviewing candidates: level of indebtedness, perseverance, and school/community involvement. In addition, students who excelled academically while overcoming extreme hardship earned special consideration. We are thrilled that our students were chosen to receive three of the 150 scholarships available. Congratulations!!



Kristine Kelly



Cynthia Arroyo



Paul Rodriguez, Jr.

SJCL awarded grants from Garabedian Foundation and Peter P. Peters Foundation

The San Joaquin College of Law recently received a \$2500 grant from The Bertha and John Garabedian Charitable Foundation and a \$5000 grant from The Peter P. Peters Foundation. The Garabedian grant will help create an automated library system. The law library has purchased cataloging software to catalog materials electronically. When this project is complete, patrons will be able to search the

catalog from terminals in the library and from computer lab terminals. The Garabedian grant allowed us to purchase a computer for the librarian to view an entire catalog record, and a modem which allows the librarian to connect to on-line cataloging resources.

The Peter P. Peters Foundation grant will be used to purchase an integrated software system for administration of the law school.

MCLE Information

Another MCLE Marathon Month has raced by . . .

At the start of every new year, Marathon Month is ready to take off. From January 12 to January 23, SJCL offered ten Rutter Group videotaped seminars ranging from 1 hour to 4 hours of MCLE credit.

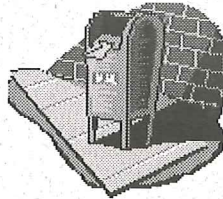
Marathon Month actually got its name because it is literally a race for both the SJCL MCLE department and attorneys needing to fulfill their MCLE requirements before the end of their compliance period.

A special thanks to David Hollingsworth and Nancy LeVan for their assistance in helping make the programs run smoothly and successfully.

Check your mail in March for upcoming MCLE programs at SJCL.

We Want to Know . . .

Even after you've completed law school, education continues. The MCLE department of SJCL wants to better fulfill your continuing legal education needs. If you're a law alumni and live in the Central Valley, a survey will be on its way to you soon. Please tell us the type of programs that you would attend and that best meet your legal needs. The MCLE department strives to provide quality and pertinent continuing legal education programs to our alumni and the legal community of the Central Valley.



Questions or comments?

Contact MCLE Coordinator, Mary Felkner, at 323-2100.

John Conklin earns national recognition

SJCL adjunct professor, Jonathan B. Conklin, received the prestigious "Director's Award" for successfully prosecuting a case that involved the attack on Stanislaus County Recorder Karen Mathews. Conklin, 38, was presented with the award by Attorney General Janet Reno during ceremonies October 31 in Washington, D.C. It was the first time the award was given to a prosecutor in the Fresno office.

Conklin has been a federal prosecutor in Fresno since 1990 and previously served as a deputy district attorney in Kern County for five years. He has been an adjunct professor at SJCL for 5 years and was hired last year as the SJCL moot court director.



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Law Alumni Profiles

This year is the Twentieth Anniversary of the graduation of the Class of 1979. This was a small class—only ten people. Throughout 1999, Inter Alia, will highlight their lives.

GERALDINE BROWN

Upon graduation Geri worked as a law clerk and then an associate for Smurr & Henry. From the Kerman office she focused on family law, probate, and business matters. In 1987 she opened her own practice in Merced and has been going strong ever since. Her practice consists of family and probate matters. Geri's sister is her secretary and Geri says she's great!

Geri is still married to the same guy, Richard. They love to garden and travel. Recently they've become devotees of cruising. They have cruised to Alaska, through the Panama Canal, down the coast of Mexico, and even up the Amazon River. Geri also serves on the boards of A Woman's Place, the domestic violence shelter in Merced, and the Hines Hospice.

Law school went faster than Geri expected, although the first year was difficult and scary. It amazed her that it had been so easy to get A's and B's in undergraduate school but all of a sudden she was working like crazy to get a 75. She has always felt, however, that she got a good education and she enjoyed it.

KATHERINE COOLIDGE

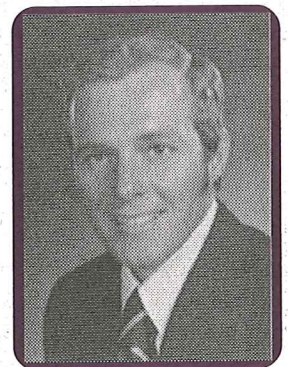
Immediately out of law school, Katherine worked for Bennett, Ostroff & Capozzi as the head of their group legal services program. Then, she, John Suhr, and Paul Hinkly formed Hinkly, Suhr & Coolidge. She then served as SJCL's Small Claims Advisor before joining the firm of Eldredge, Anderson & Weakley for several years. In 1985, Katherine took a one-year hiatus to give birth to Andrew. Thereafter, she worked with Dietrich, Glasrud & Jones before joining the staff of California Continuing Education at the Bar.

Andrew, now 13, and Katherine are currently remodeling their house. Katherine also enjoys sailing and reading.

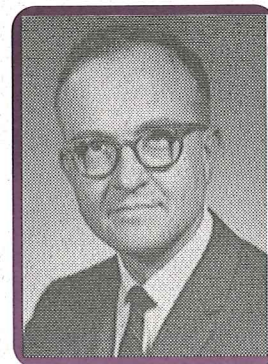
Katherine remembers law school as fun. She remembers John Loomis' duck dinner hypothetical, Judge Best scaring everybody, and James K. Herbert admonishing students in bar review to think about the banana daiquiris they would be drinking in Cabo San Lucas as soon as the bar was over.

Remember These Faces ???

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Oliver W. Wanger



John E. Loomis

Message from the Dean . . .

For the WASC Self-Study in 1997, SJCL surveyed alumni, students, and faculty. An overwhelming percentage of them (95% or more of each) felt that SJCL should ultimately apply for ABA accreditation. Wishing to be ABA accredited and accomplishing it are two very different things.

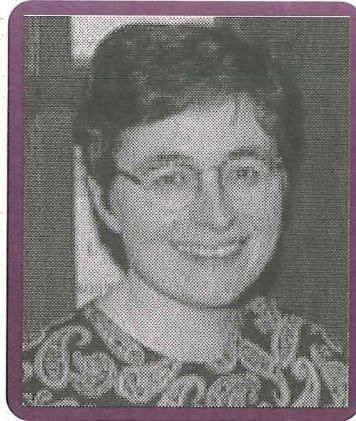
In late 1998, SJCL invited two ABA consultants to the school. Professor Jack Grosse of Northern Kentucky University, Chase College of Law, focused upon SJCL's general readiness to apply for ABA accreditation. Professor Joan Howland, Professor of Law and Director of Information and Technology at the University of Minnesota Law School, focused upon development of SJCL's law library.

Both were very impressed with SJCL and urged us to consider applying for ABA accreditation sooner rather than later. But their reports demonstrated that SJCL has some very high mountains to climb to get there. The two major hurdles are development of the library and the addition of full-time faculty.

First, there must be at least one full-time faculty member for every 22 full-time equivalent students. All full-time faculty must be actively involved in institutional governance and research with restricted teaching loads.

SJCL will need to build an additional building to house a library with at least four to five times more hard-bound volumes than we currently possess. Although the practice of law is increasingly computerized, ABA standards still require a substantial hard-bound collection. In addition, library services must be expanded. A trained librarian must be on-site every hour the library is open. This requires at least three full-time librarians and an additional full-time staff of 4 - 6 people.

Of course, this all involves money—probably multiple millions of dollars to get the job done. Fresno is the only major metropolitan area in California without an ABA-accredited law school. San Joaquin Valley residents deserve the opportunities that ABA-accreditation would offer. Over the next year all SJCL constituencies will be discussing the advantages and disadvantages of ABA accreditation. In the meantime, we need to get started on the fund-raising. Two vacancies currently exist on the SJCL Board of Trustees. If an alumnus or alumna, or other friend of SJCL, is interested in serving on the Board specifically to assist in fund-raising for the future, now is the time to give the ol' Dean a call.



Jan Pearson, Dean



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Law Alumni Profiles

Class of 1989

This year is the TENTH Anniversary of the graduation of the Class of 1989. Throughout this year, in no particular order, Inter Alia will highlight the accomplishments of these graduates.

JAMES ARENDT

After graduating from law school, Jim remained with the Fresno County Sheriff's Department until August of 1990. He worked in the District Attorney's office until November of 1990, when he joined Eldredge, Anderson & Weakley. In 1997, that firm became Weakley & Ratliff, a firm of six attorneys all of whom are SJCL graduates. Jim represents public entities—principally law enforcement agencies—in civil litigation.

Jim continues to serve in the Fresno County Sheriff's Reserves and is an instructor at the Fresno City College Police Academy. He also works with the Fresno County Sheriff Department's Youth Foundation. He has served repeatedly as

judge pro tem in Small Claims Court.

Jim and his wife have a 14-month old daughter with another due in June. They spend as much time as possible in the mountains and especially enjoy Jim's parents' cabin near Kings Canyon.

Jim remembers studying law while working the graveyard shift for the Sheriff's Department in Riverdale. Law school is a blur of driving, working, and studying, but Jim distinctly remembers sitting with Jim Petrucelli (now Judge Petrucelli) and Michael Goldring for four years.

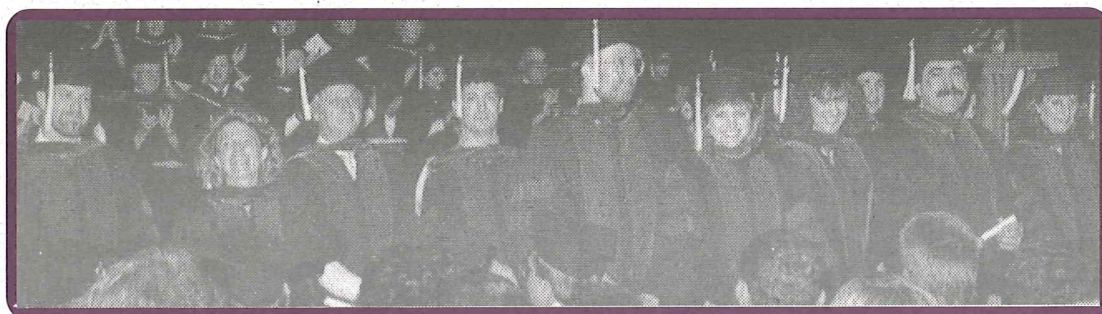
THOMAS ARMSTRONG

Tom worked with Bennett & Sharpe immediately after taking the California Bar exam. From 1989-1994 he served as clerk to The

Honorable Richard T. Ford, Judge of the United States Bankruptcy Court. In 1994, he left the governmental sector to open his own practice, specializing in bankruptcy.

Tom has been both Vice President and President of the Central California Bankruptcy Association (CCBA). He is the Education Chair for the year 2000 for the annual educational program presented by the California Bankruptcy Forum. Tom has also served as Chair of CCBA's annual Fundamentals of Bankruptcy Program and as Adjunct Professor of Bankruptcy in the Paralegal Program at SJCL.

Tom is married to Catherine Wille, M.D. They have one daughter, Kelsey, who loves to play the piano and wants to be a veterinarian. Tom also has a daughter, Brittany, and Catherine has two children—Art, who is attending the University of California at Berkeley, and Maya, the number one student in her class



Above: Thomas Armstrong, Sue Ann Cercone, Dr. Bud Ellis, Michael Goldring, Woodrow Nichols, Casey Oliver, Elizabeth Parker, Hon. James M. Petrucelli, and Cynthia Scully on graduation day in 1989.

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