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Legal perspectives on the war on terrorism

San Joaquin College of Law offers a free forum for students and public.

By **Janice Pearson**, *Dean*

As in most offices, much less got done at SJCL on Tuesday, September 11, 2001 than on the typical day. Televisions ran continuously at three locations. People stopped periodically to hear the latest developments, then often stood to stare in shock and disbelief.

We felt there was little we could do to be of immediate help. Staff and faculty donated many pints of blood and many dollars. One thing we could do was make sure that law school operations went on as smoothly as possible.

Aside from sorrow for the victims, the recurring theme of conversation was how fortunate we were to live in a country that tolerated differences rather than eliminated them. The importance of the Constitution, embodying the rule of law, and the

role the law school plays in protecting the system was emphatically reinforced.

We were also in a position to contribute to the dialogue about the implications of the war on terrorism through the expertise of our faculty. On Wednesday, September 26, San Joaquin College of Law held a forum, open to students and the public, entitled "Civil Rights and the War on Terrorism", led by Professor Jeffrey Purvis.

Topics of discussion at the forum included the implications of adopting national ID cards, detaining of non-citizens for unlimited amounts of time without charges, allowing people to demonstrate public approval of the terrorist attacks, relaxing the standards for arrest from probable cause to reasonable suspicion, the appropriateness of singling out followers of Islam

for heightened surveillance, and the United States Supreme Court's holding that internment of Japanese people during World War II was constitutional.

SJCL plans to continue to hold public forums on legal issues related to the rule of law and the war on terrorism throughout the coming months. Isn't it nice that we can continue to do so without being shot or closed down because of the opinions expressed at these forums!

Keep an eye on SJCL's web page, www.sjcl.edu, for dates and times of future forums.



Professor **Jeff Purvis** leads the discussion.

Your old books are SJCL's treasure

Part Two: Building a legal resource in the Valley.

By **Kathryn McTigue-Floyd**

Library Director

SJCL continues to enhance its Library collection guided by the requirements of the American Bar Association. A previous article identified the three major areas in which the SJCL Library would have to develop to meet ABA standards: (1) a larger facility for the Library, (2) an enhanced staff and services for students, faculty, alumni, and the community, and (3) a greatly enlarged collection.

The collection has been improved in recent years as many local firms and libraries donated materials. Many of these titles were donated because the

owners no longer had use for them, tired of shelving them, moved to online resources, or no longer wanted to house and maintain them. Titles such as the Opinions of the California Attorney General, Statutes and Amendments to the Codes of California, and California Compensation Cases were donated and added important depth to SJCL's collection. SJCL now holds a rare collection of English case law rescued from poor storage.

Do you have books like these? Or know someone that does? Unusual books – not everyday practice ones –

that need a good new home? Perhaps a set of law journals from a friend's law school alma mater on the East Coast or in the Midwest? A gift of those volumes to SJCL would be a "win-win" situation; the law school enhances its library at no cost and the donor receives credit for an in-kind contribution!

If you have or know of books that would be appropriate for the law library, please contact Library Director Kathryn McTigue-Floyd to discuss the possibility of adding them to SJCL's collection.

Delta Theta Phi

Law Fraternity International

By **Erica Camarena**

Dean, Delta Theta Phi

The Hollis Best Senate of the Delta Theta Phi Law Fraternity, International was chartered at San Joaquin College of Law in 1982 and founded under Hollis Best, who currently serves as Magistrate for the United States District Court in Yosemite.

Many Central and Southern California attorneys, judges and civic leaders claim membership in the Hollis Best Senate. Nationally, Delta Theta Phi alumni include judges, governors, members of Congress, senators and other prominent attorneys. Student

members of Delta Theta Phi participate in Law Review, Moot Court, and leadership of the Student Bar Association.

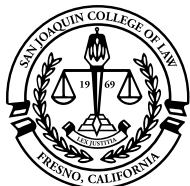
Delta Theta Phi gives members an opportunity to attend many social and academic events each year. The Hollis Best Senate sponsors the Mentoring Program, which is designed to enable students to learn directly from other students who have already experienced

the problems and questions that arise during law school. The Mentoring Program is just one of many ways the Hollis Best Senate seeks to accomplish its goal of promoting academic and



BACK ROW (L-R): **Erin Rhames**, *Bailiff*; **Gina Miller**, *Tribune*; **Debbie Blevins**, *Clerk of the Rolls*; **Michelle Sassano**, *Master of Rituals*
FRONT ROW (L-R): **Susan Gremminger**, *Clerk of the Exchequer*; **Lillian Macías Weiland**, *Vice-Dean*; **Erica L. Camarena**, *Dean*

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Moot Court Competition

San Joaquin College of Law congratulates the following winners from the annual George A. Hopper Moot Court Competition held July 11-13, 2001.



BACK ROW (L-R): **Stan Boone, Jon Conklin, Hon. Anthony Ishii, Hon. Steven Vartabedian, Greg Norys**, FRONT ROW (L-R): **Roland Soltesz, Ron Statler, Ed Johnson, Ana Maria Moore, Kim Madayag, Lillian Weiland**, FRONT CENTER: **Vong Mouanoutoua**

Awards

Best Oral Advocate
Lillian Weiland

Best Oral Advocate Finalists
Ed Johnson
Kim Madayag
Greg Norys

Best Oral Advocate Semi-Finalists
Regina Bradshaw
Abel Martinez
Vong Mouanoutoua
Ron Statler

Best Brief
Steve Koch &
Lillian Weiland

Best Brief Finalists
Chineme Anyadiegwu &
Vong Mouanoutoua
Ed Johnson &
Ana Maria Moore
Roland Soltesz &
Trisha Beckstead

Hopper Scholarship

The George A. Hopper Scholarship was awarded to (L) **Vong Mouanoutoua** (Law '02). SJCL Board Member **Hon. James Ardaiz** (Center), and Vong's dad were there to congratulate him.



Full-Time Faculty

Lawrence M. Artenian, Richard M. Cartier, Denise M. Kerner, Janice L. Pearson, Sally A. Perring, Jeffrey G. Purvis

Adjunct Faculty

Marc C. Ament, Hon. James A. Ardaiz, Jesse J. Avila, Barry J. Bennett, Salvador M. Blanco, Stanley A. Boone, Hon. Anthony Dennis Caeton, David M. Camenson, Lloyd Carter, Catherine J. Cerna, Jonathan Conklin, John P. Eleazarian, Christine Goodrich, Sara Hedgpeth-Harris, Kathi Kesselman, Michael P. Mallery, Hon. Vincent J. McGraw, William T. McLaughlin II, Mark D. Miller, Hon. Lawrence J. O'Neill, Douglas E. Noll, Deborah Davis Owdom, Rosendo Pena, Jr., Russell K. Ryan, Rose Safarian, Rene Turner Sample, Sarah A. Schmidt, Michael Seng, David J. Weiland, E. Robert Wright

Back To School Party



Marjorie Bookout (Law '03) serves Board Member **David Weiland's** (Law '92) daughter, **Julia Weiland**, a snow cone.



Hon. David Kalemkarian was the first victim of the dunk tank.



SJCL receptionist, **Lonzetta Hightower**, takes her turn dowsing the faculty.



Trisha Beckstead (Law '02), aka "on-target-Trish," took great pleasure in dunking the faculty.



Devon Darrow (Law '03) and **Trina Root** (Law '02) served up the wine, beer, and soda.



Matthew Peters and SBA President **Cadee Ohanesian** (Law '02)



Professor **Richard Cartier** knows how to be dunked in style.



After every detail is taken care of **Lillian Macías Weiland** (Law '02), coordinator of the event, and SJCL CFO, **Jill Waller-Randles** take time to enjoy it.



"**Tootie the Clown**" creates balloon animals for students and their children.



Associate Dean **Sally Perring** came prepared for her turn in the dunk tank with her trusty "Toucan."



Ron Nijmeddin (Law '04) looks on as his son enjoys the bounce house.

Professor **Denise Kerner** (Law '83) takes the plunge.

Alumni profiles

The year 2001 is the Tenth Anniversary of the graduation of the Class of 1991. Throughout the year, we will be letting you know “where they are now.”

1991

Neil L. Enmark

During law school, Neil worked as the Computer Systems Manager for the Standing Chapter 13 Trustee for the Modesto Division of the Bankruptcy Court for the Eastern District of California. Upon completing his degree, Neil continued with the Trustee, both as the Computer Systems Manager and Staff Attorney. In October 1995, he moved to the same position in the Sacramento Division where the caseload was nearly double.

Neil is a director of the Sacramento Valley Bankruptcy Forum. He sits on the Bankruptcy Court Clerk’s Advisory Committee, serving on the Chapter 13 and Electronic Notice subcommittees.

Neil and his wife, Pamela, have one son, Austin Lloyd, and two daughters Holly and Heidi, (from his wife’s former marriage.) At five years of age, Austin is more than four feet tall and pushing the scale at 65 pounds. Neil and Pamela spend their free time with their children. Antique hunting in Sonora and other gold country cities is a significant spare-time activity for them.

Neil remembers that almost all his professors at SJCL ultimately became judges!! His one clearest memory of law school is Hal Bolen’s end-of-the-

year class pizza party. Hmm--must have been some party!

William Gunn

Upon graduation, Bill worked for Ninnis & Cribbs representing Workers Compensation applicants. In January of 2001, he moved to Workers Comp defense with Levy & Morisi. As of July 15, 2001, Bill joined the staff of State Compensation Insurance Fund. In 1996, Bill served as President of the Fresno Chapter of the California Applicant’s Attorneys Association.

In March of 1997, Bill married Lena, a registered nurse. They have one daughter, Natarya, who was born in July of 1999. As a family, they love to take their fifth-wheeler to the California coast, particularly Pismo Beach and Monterey.

In law school, Bill says he had NO FREE TIME!!! All he did was read. He only made it through by taking one day at a time and never stopping. He also fondly remembers sitting in the back of Justice Ardaiz’ Evidence class with Glen Williford and Jeff Levinson and providing group answers.

Judith Hall

Judy initially joined the legal staff at the Employment Development Department, out-stationed in Fresno, to represent the State of California on a national plan to harmonize some 96

wage codes throughout the United States, including all states (many having two separate codes) and the Internal Revenue Code. This “working group” is trying to standardized wage code definitions in order to lessen the burdens on the employer community. Judy also represents the Department in administrative hearings throughout California on employer/employee issues of all kinds. Judy says she really loves doing this!

Judy says she was probably a construction worker in another life because she does remodeling of her home in her spare time. Since law school, she has put in hardwood floors in two bedrooms, the kitchen, the laundry room, and hallway, and a marble floor in one bathroom, not to mention refinishing the kitchen cabinets and replacing the wood panels with glass. She also does leaded glass work.

Judy is still married to the same man, Alan. They are now enjoying the empty nest syndrome. Their plans include a six-week trip to Europe this fall. Judy is very proud of her three sons, however. The oldest is now going to Hastings College of Law. The middle son is living and working in San Diego. The youngest, who graduated from high school when she graduated from law school, recently made her a grandmother for the first time.

While she was working, going to school, and raising three kids, Judy

Staff

Janice L. Pearson, Dean; **Sally A. Perring**, Associate Dean for Academic Affairs; **Tom Chacon**, Accounting Assistant; **Ken Coyle**, M.I.S. Director; **Mark Enns**, Director of Recruitment & Public Relations; **Maureen Hayes**, Assistant to Chief Financial Officer; **Lonzetta Hightower**, Receptionist; **Joan Lassley**, Law Program Coordinator / Facilities Administrator; **Pamela Matthews**, Assistant Director of Development; **Kathryn McTigue-Floyd**, Library Director; **Joyce Morodomi**, Admissions Director / Registrar; **Tara Crabtree**, Assistant Librarian; **Pam Ramirez**, Director, Paralegal Program / Director, Placement Services; **Rick Rodriguez**, Maintenance Supervisor; **Patricia Smith**, MCLE Coordinator; **Jill Waller-Randles**, Chief Financial Officer; **Gwen Watt**, Financial Aid Director

recalls law school as requiring total focus. The rest of her life had to be put on hold. She still fondly remembers her class, the study groups, the get-togethers, and the special projects. Over the four years, the class of '91 grew closer, more supportive and encouraging, and evolved to a very close-knit group. Judy believes her law school experience was the culmination of a long-held dream. "I always wanted to be an attorney and now I am and I'm still having fun!"

Kevin O'Casey

Kevin worked for James H. Watkins in Oakhurst until 1995 when he was injured in an automobile accident during his commute. Kevin decided he would rather spend his commute hours with his wife and former classmate, Loretta Ramos, and Alexandria, their then two-year-old daughter. Kevin did free-lance legal work in Fresno until 1998. Thereafter, he spent 15 months establishing and then euthanizing the Fresno Litigation Office of Eslamboli & Barlavi before returning to private practice. Currently, Kevin's practice involves personal injury, criminal law and bankruptcy.

Alexandria is now seven and a joy to both Kevin and Loretta. Kevin's other joy is his daughter (from previous marriage) Gabriela, a sophomore at Edison High School. Kevin says the most enjoyable aspect of law school itself was Moot Court. He was entranced by the formulation, refinement and presentation of arguments. Hinting at a hard won sense of perspective, Kevin added that the very best part of the law school experience was meeting Loretta.

Alumni Update

Allison Gong (Law '96) – DeLoitte and Touche transferred Allison to their Washington, D.C. office effective October 1st for a period of 2 years. Allison is going to enroll at Georgetown University's Law Center to complete her LLM.

Alumni Association

By: Michelle G. Oleksa (Law '99)

President, SJCL Alumni Association

SJCL's Alumni Association Board encourages you to participate in the following events:

Nominations for Board Members

Get involved by being on the Alumni Association Board. As a Board Member, you attend monthly meetings and help plan alumni functions. Call 323-2100 by November 7 to nominate alumni that would like to participate on the Board, including yourself.

2002 Membership Drive

When you receive your Membership Drive letter, please fill it in and return with your annual dues of \$30. The annual dues provide scholarships for SJCL students and other activities.

Eighth Annual Christmas Party

Watch for our flyer announcing we are hosting the Marjaree Mason Center. Please donate to help support this wonderful holiday tradition.



SJCL Alumni Association members (L-R) **Traci Fritzler** (Law '97), **Melissa White** (Law '96), **Michelle Oleksa** (Law '99), **Priscilla Craft** (Law '94), and **Patricia Harter** (Law '95), provided free Starbucks coffee and cookies for the law students. The students appreciated the treat and the opportunity to learn more about the SJCL Alumni Association.

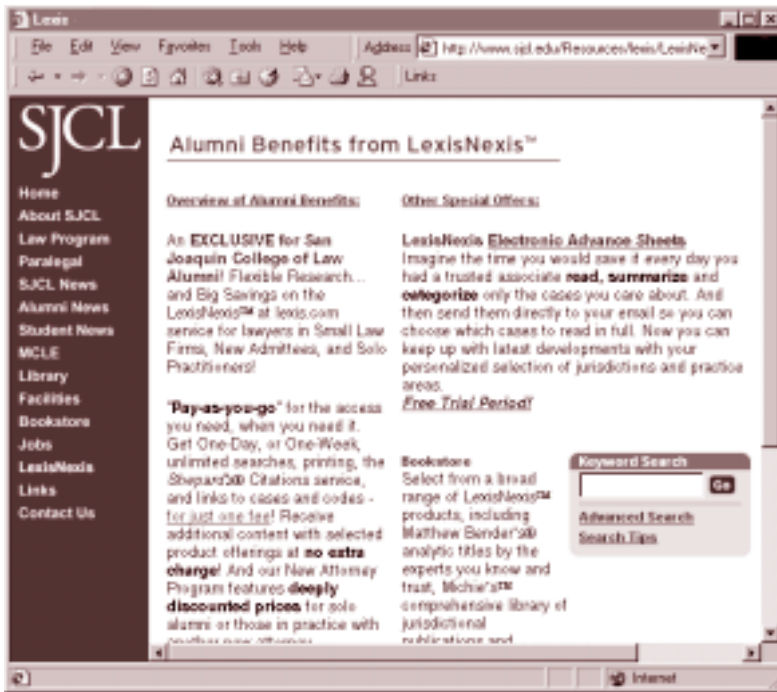
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professional growth, while enhancing the law school experience.

Initiation into Delta Theta Phi is a special ceremony to welcome new members into the Law Fraternity and to teach the Fraternity handshake, password, and history. Initiation takes place annually in the San Joaquin College of law courtroom located on campus.

Membership in the Hollis Best Senate of Delta Theta Phi Law Fraternity, International is open to all law students and alumni. Applications and information are available in the office of San Joaquin College of Law during posted office hours or you may contact Erica L. Camarena, Dean at: edycalaw@hotmail.com.

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