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## Back To School Luau

*On August 27, 2004, San Joaquin College of Law's Student Bar Association hosted its annual Back To School Night party.*

By Shannon Pell, SBA President

Back to School Night gives first-year students an opportunity to meet upperclassmen and, of course, enjoy a little fun after their first two weeks of legal education – a nerve-wracking experience for most students!

This year's theme centered on a luau. Fresno-based Love & Garlic catered the Hawaiian food, which was excellently prepared and presented.

Male and female Polynesian dancers from the performance group Pacifica, based in Merced, entertained with hula, Tahitian, Maori and slap dancing. These aloha-spirited professionals also saved the day by stepping in after

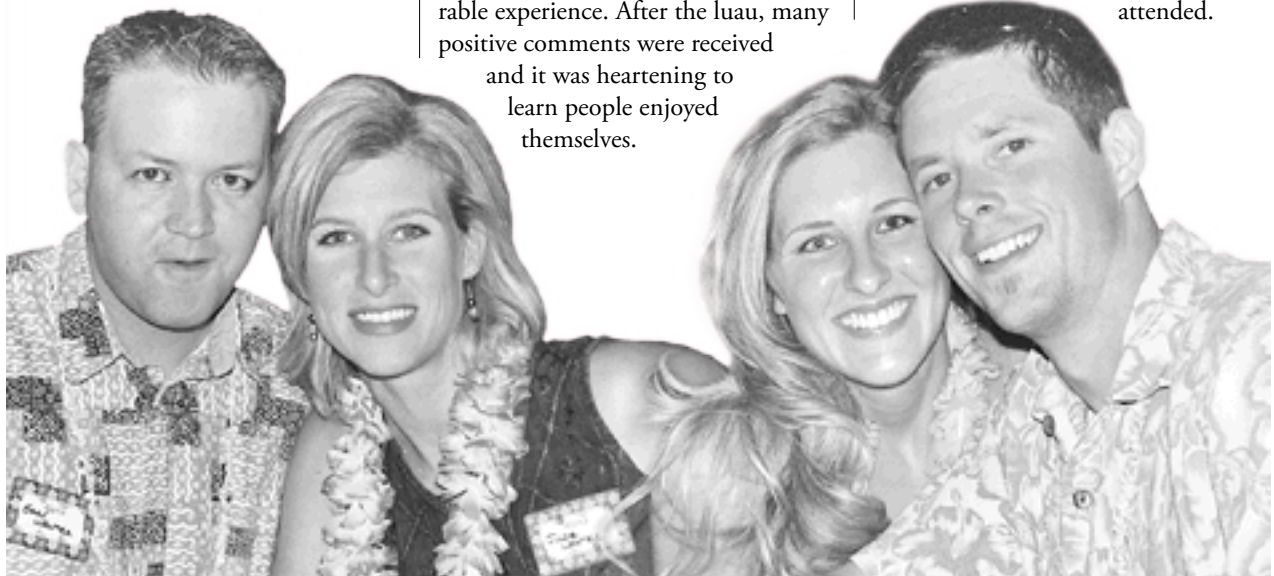


another dance troupe canceled days before the event.

For those good sports who attempted the hula – or a version thereof – thank you for participating. It was a memorable experience. After the luau, many positive comments were received

and it was heartening to learn people enjoyed themselves.

A great big, "Mahalo!" to the students and staff members who voluntarily assisted the SBA in set-up and clean-up. We couldn't have done it without you. Another thanks goes to Dean Pearson, and the SJCL staff and faculty who attended.



Gary Winter (Law '06) with wife, Julie Winter, and Vanessa Serpa (Law '05) and her guest enjoy the evening.

# George A. Hopper Moot Court Competition

San Joaquin College of Law hosts the annual George A. Hopper Moot Court Competition in July of each year. This competition is the highlight of the school's moot court program. It provides the students the unique experience of participating in oral arguments of a fictional Supreme Court case. Each student is also responsible for preparing an appellate brief prior to argument. This competition relies on participation by members of our local legal community for its continued success. We needed 66 judges, 17 timekeepers and 11 courtrooms for this year's competition and would like to thank our legal community for their continued support of this event. We are proud to announce the winners for 2004.



(L-R Back Row) Jon Conklin, Instructor; Annie Davidian; Michael Elder; Gary Winter; Timothy Bennett; Hon. Steven Vartebedian; Hon. Anthony W. Ishii; Hon. Sandra Synder; Stan Boone, Instructor.

(L-R Front) Joan Lassley, 2004 Moot Court Co-Chair; Andrew Aller; Gayle Rousey; Griselda Torres; Marcella Howk; Jody Winter; Kathy Maxwell, 2004 Moot Court Co-Chair.

## George Hopper Scholarship

On September 17, Shannon Pell (Law '06) was selected by the Fresno County Young Lawyer's Association as this year's recipient of the George Hopper Memorial Scholarship. Shannon is the '04-'05 SBA President.



(L-R) Shannon Pell, Hon. Marvin Baxter, Hon. James Ardaiz, and Hon. Brad Hill.

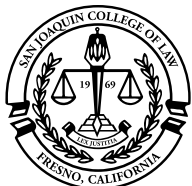
Best Oral Advocate  
**Michael Elder**

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**Back row (L-R):** Cindy Stanley, Katherine Maxwell, Denise Chaffee, Lisa Mukai, and Diane Gaudy.

**Front row (L-R):** Julieana Tromborg, Kathleen Cannon, Susan Wisniewski, Maritza Sides, Nora Salazar, Kathleen Garcia, Toni Scarborough, Gloria Garcia, and Krystal Coursey.

**Not Pictured:** Laurie Claus Yu, Leanne Ryner, Brynne Williamson.

## SJCL paralegal passes NALS exam

Congratulations to Brynne Williamson, paralegal graduate - Fall 2003-2004, for passing an exam given by NALS. NALS has been serving the legal services community for the past 75 years and leads the industry in professional development by offering continuing legal education, certifications, information, and training to those choosing the legal services industry as their career.



**Brynne Williamson**

Brynne received her certification from NALS after passing a four-hour, three-part examination which covered Written Communications, Office Procedures and Legal Knowledge, and Ethics, Human Relations, and Judgment.

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# Alumni Profiles

*The year 2004 is the Thirtieth Anniversary of the graduation of the Class of 1974, Twentieth Anniversary of the graduation of the Class of 1984, and Tenth Anniversary of the graduation of the Class of 1994.*

## 1974

### Edward W. Hunt

Ed went to work as a deputy district attorney after law school. He left his job at the DA's office and went into private practice for a couple of years. He was elected in January 1982 and served as the District Attorney for Fresno County until he retired in January 2002. He is currently in private practice.

Ed and his wife, Linda, will be celebrating 25 years of marriage in December of this year. Ed is also a pilot and enjoys flying whenever possible.

Ed was the President of the California District Attorneys Association, a member of the California Commission of Peace Officers Standards and Training Association, and served as chairman of the State of California for Policy for MAGEC (Multi Agency Gang Enforcement and Consortium). He also attended the FBI National Law Institute.

Ed has fond memories of the dog that Roger Vehrs always brought to class. The pet had puppy distemper that caused his teeth to rot; consequently the dog had the worst breath known to humans. "Shyote" always wanted to lay at the back of the room where Ed sat instead of by Roger, so each class night Ed would bring in a roll of Certs and feed them to the dog all evening so he could get through the class.

### Paul James

Paul is a man of few words. When asked about what he has been doing since graduation from SJCL, he used precisely eleven of those words. Paul, formerly with the IRS, became a tax and bankruptcy attorney. Who is now semi-retired. Currently single, he states that he has won no awards and has no community involvement. The latter is

not true, however, as he is a consistent supporter of the Soroptimist International of Clovis, the Clovis Chamber of Commerce and other note-worthy organizations.

Paul's hobbies are hunting and fishing in his spare time. He loves getting away to Bass Lake and other RV camps, especially in the snow when it's private and quiet.

Paul's special SJCL memory was that he actually graduated...and of course, all his friends there.

### Walter C. Johnson

After completion of law school, Walter worked as a Deputy District Attorney for four years. He currently is a sole practitioner, specializing in probate litigation, civil litigation, and personal injury litigation. He is also a managing partner in the operation of an office catering to law professionals. In a completely separate field of work, Walter is a cattle rancher.

Walter is married to his beautiful wife, Katy. The two are proud parents of three children and have two grandchildren. In his limited free time, Walter enjoys spending it with his family.

Walter has served on the Board of Directors and is currently a member of the Central Valley YMCA and Sheriffs Posse Search and Rescue.

Being the youngest in the charter class at SJCL, Walter looked up to all of his classmates and still does.

### Mio Quatraro

Following graduation from SJCL, Mio worked as a Fresno County Public Defender, Fresno County District Attorney Deputy IV, Assistant United States Attorney for the Eastern District of California in Fresno, and had a private practice with fellow SJCL

alumnae Peggy Liggett. In 1993 Mio opened her own practice in Old Town Clovis practicing family law, business litigation, and criminal law.

When not "RV-ing" to places like Camp Edison, Utah, and Las Vegas, Mio lives in Clovis with her husband, Daniel. Daniel and Mio have four children and nine grandchildren.

In her free time, Mio enjoys "RV-ing", reading, Bible study, hiking, travel, needlepoint, spending time with her grandchildren, and playing with her dogs.

Mio is extremely active in the community. She is a charter member and former president of Soroptimist International in Clovis. She is a member of the Rosecrest Guild, a Salvation Army women's program. She is active in Church groups, former president of the Volunteers in Parole advisory committee, former member of the Board of Directors of Clovis Chamber of Commerce, and a volunteer at Clovis Convalescent Hospital. In 1996 Mio was chosen as one of Fresno County's Top Ten Business and Professional Women.

When asked about her SJCL memories, Mio responded "We were the very first class of SJCL guinea pigs... first to have classes on the Fresno Pacific College campus, first to establish the Student Association, first to suffer through the Baby Bar, first to hear Mr. Loomis' love of 'Josephine,' first to learn that Mr. Wanger's Brooks Brothers wardrobe had been stolen, first to study Corporations with the next two classes and Roger Vehrs' dog, first to 'study' for long hours at the Outpost bar, and, of course, first to graduate and suffer through the big Bar. Mostly I remember making life-long friends... later to become 'stellers of the legal community.' We had a great class!"

# All-class 30-year Reunion

*San Joaquin College of Law celebrated the graduation of 30 classes at its All-Class Reunion, Friday September 10, 2004. SJCL alumni were treated to BBQ dinner with a red, white, and blue County Fair theme. Graduates reconnected with old friends and met fellow alumni from every graduating class, 1974 through 2004.*

The SJCL Alumni Association and the Reunion Committee created displays of pictures of each graduating class, triggering fond memories and a few good laughs. Many thanks to Charlotte Hylton who headed up that subcommittee. Each class board also included a list of the graduates of the class, identifying each's current legal employment. Music from the 70's, 80's, 90's and 00's surrounded each cluster of boards. The music CD's were put together by Kim Mayhew's husband, Don.

Other picture boards memorialized the 17 deceased SJCL alumni, the Board of Trustees – past and present, past and present faculty and staff, and children born while alums attended SJCL. A final board highlighted all the connections between SJCL alums – husbands and wives, brothers and sisters, parents and children, cousins and the like – all of whom had graduated from SJCL.

SJCL thanks the Reunion Committee and all the staff who worked so hard to make the event a reality. The Reunion Committee included Kim Mayhew '98, Kathy McKenna '99, Charlotte Hylton '00, Hon. Nancy Cisneros '80, Kathy Hart '77, Jeremy Lusk '03, Michelle Oleksa '99, Mio Quartraro '74, Rick Wolf '97, Steve Alfieris '97, and staff members Kasi Welte, Jill Waller, and Joan Lassley. SJCL also thanks Scott Moreno (husband of 2000 graduate Joann Morales) of Patrick Cerveilli Distributing who donated dessert – Haagen-Dazs ice cream bars for all!! Thanks to the rest of the SJCL staff who worked the day of the event to transform the parking lot into a county fair.



Kathy Hart (Law '77), Erik Peterson (Law '07), Tina Morgan (Law '07), and Sherrie Flynn (Law '05).



Amy Freeman (Law '03) and spouse, and Trisha Beckstead (Law '02) with her son and spouse.



Ron Nijmeddin (Law '04) and his family. Adjunct professor Allen Junker (Law '98) in profile.



Jeff Mendoza (Law '96) and guest, Susan Peranick. John Lopez (Law '08) and guest, Virginia Gutierrez.



Kathy McKenna (Law '99), Brenda Linder (Law '04), and Crissi Jelladian (Law '04).



Michelle Oleska (Law '99) and her daughters.



Dean Jan Pearson, and founder John Loomis reacting to having their picture taken. Full-time faculty Jeff Purvis (in sunglasses) speaking with Joan Levie (Law'95).



Erin Ormonde (Law'93) and Traci Fritzler (Law '97).



Sara Mirhadi (Law '00), Steve Hrdlicka (Law '84), Debra Mosley (Law '00), Al Rosa, and Charlotte Hylton (Law '00).

# 1984

## Steven Hrdlicka

After graduation Steve continued to work for Alumnus Glen Gates and Keith Lusk until late 1985. He worked with Bill Cowin for many years and also partnered with John Suhr. Since 1985 he has been a sole practitioner, maintaining the Law Offices of Steven R. Hrdlicka & Associates in downtown Fresno. He specializes in the representation of owners and managers of rental properties, homeowner associations and collections. With a partner, Steve also established the collections agency of Capital Collections, LLC. Steve credits a staff of 15 incredibly gifted people with keeping his sanity in a practice involving a high volume of cases.

Steve has been happily married to his wife, Debbie, for nearly 25 years. He has 3 wonderful kids including his daughter, Jamie, who is attending college in Fresno, his son, Brent, who is a senior in high school, and his daughter, Shannon, who is in the 8th grade. All three children are involved in a host of extracurricular activities, which seem to dictate where the next vacation spot will be.

Steve is a frequent speaker on collection and landlord-tenant issues. He is a long-time member and former chairman of the California Apartment Association, Greater Fresno Division. He is a recognized instructor for the California Apartment Association, the California Department of Real Estate, California State Bar, and number of city and government entities. He has enjoyed coaching numerous sports including many years of soccer. He particularly enjoys seeing past players excel on varsity teams throughout the Valley.

Steven started at SJCL in 1980 when the college was transitioning from Fresno Pacific to the facility at Shields and Bond. Books were purchased out of John Shehadey's car trunk and the first classes were actually taught at the Armenian Church at First and Dakota. Steve was a moot court "Best Oral Advocate", class representative, and student body president. After graduation, he was an alumni board member for many years. He is particularly thankful for the many close friendships that arose with fellow students, faculty and alumni.

# 1994

## Galatea DeLapp

Galatea is a solo practitioner. Her practice focuses primarily on federal and state criminal defense. She is a jury and trial consultant for both criminal and civil cases. Galatea has enjoyed working on a wide variety of high profile cases, including the Ewell trial.

Galatea's two sons have both graduated from high school. Her oldest son, John, has been attending college and working. Bo, her youngest son, just received a full scholarship to play football at a Division I school.

In her off time, Galatea enjoys photography and documentary film making for local athletic teams. She also owns and operates a commercial website with an active support forum. She has served on the board of directors for Catholic Youth Football, helping to operate and raise money for their athletic programs. She has done fund raising for various political campaigns and the YMCA.

In recalling her time at SJCL, Galatea says "Law school is a mental and

psychological gauntlet of sorts that seems to push most students at one time or another to the near edge. We all came from such a wide diversity of backgrounds. Most of us might never have been friends under regular circumstances, and yet, after being so intensely involved during those years and seeing each other at our very best and worst, there are bonds that are formed that are very special and endure long past the law school experience."

## Peter Dickrell

After graduation from SJCL, Peter started the law firm Dickrell & Associates in San Francisco and Washington, DC. The law firm provided legal services to businesses conducting international transactions. He consulted on business and market development projects. In 1999 Peter became Director of the Central American Dairy Development Program for Land O' Lakes in La Cieba, Honduras. There, he developed and managed the USAID funded dairy development program. Currently, Peter is Project Implementer for Central Asian Development Group. He implements financial and management systems for the USAID Afghanistan Cotton and Alternative Crops Program. Peter uses his skills as a lawyer to work on contracts and "legal stuff" and also utilizes his background in the dairy industry (Peter's father owns a cheese factory in Wisconsin.) to show people how to make cheese.

Peter currently lives in Europe, but his home and business are in San Francisco. He loves his home in San Francisco, being surrounded by fantastic food, music, and culture. Though located in the middle of the city, his home is surrounded by trees and his very own garden.

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Peter plays guitar with a small group of people. They play anything from spiritual songs to rock songs - whatever makes people happy so they can sing along. Peter enjoys hiking and biking. He has climbed the highest mountains in five countries. He is proud to say that he has lived, worked or played in 55 countries. He, however, will always be a cheesehead from Wisconsin.

## Steven Elberg

After not seeing Steven for a decade, it soon became obvious that he has not changed appearance-wise, nor has he lost his broad sense of humor and lively spirit. Professionally, Steven began teaching Political Science/American Government for State Center Community College District in 1997. He also teaches a course in the U.S. Constitution for National University. According to Steven, it is an honor and privilege to teach good people about America and its political culture. His peer and student evaluations over the years tend to reflect that the feeling is mutual. Steven also performs legal consulting work in a variety of areas for businesses and organizations, such as University of Phoenix. He has also written successful grants worth over a quarter-million dollars to assist Fresno County's disadvantaged population.

Steven's most vivid SJCL memories took place off campus. He most fondly recalls house-sitting for Dean Jan Pearson, charged with keeping the place safe, tending the vegetable garden, caring for the dog and riding herd on a seemingly endless stream of felines. He says it was quite a treat for a city boy and that the only reason he doesn't visit Jan more often is because he is afraid she will attempt to pawn off a dozen or so cats on him and he would find it hard to refuse her. Steven also recalled the successful trips to National Moot Court competitions in St. Petersburg, Florida and Madison, Wisconsin and splendid partners, Carla

Bourne Kahl and Mark Pasculli, along with Coach Kevin O'Casey. Steven related that due to space limitations and discretion, there would not be enough room to tell all the fun stories about the road trips and all the wonderful people he met along the way.

As a former SJCL Law Review Editor-In-Chief, Steven remains proud that Law Review was published on time, on budget and that the staff was expanded to an unprecedented level to keep the publication growing. He credits former Assistant Editor, Peter Cummings, with providing immeasurable help in understanding the process and for demanding the best from him as a staff writer. Favorite teachers (alphabetically): Justice James Ardaiz, Larry Artenian, Dean Jan Pearson. Steven thinks each was "unique, kind and extremely gifted".

Steven and wife Charlene, a registered nurse, will celebrate their 20th wedding anniversary in January 2005. Steven calls it "his greatest accomplishment". Their gregarious cat Santino is eleven years old and loves to say hello to people on the phone, though his vocabulary tends to be a bit limited.

Steven's hobbies haven't changed much: reading, writing, music, travel, animals, sports, movies. His collection of rare 1960's San Francisco rock and roll poster art (Fillmore West, Winterland, Avalon Ballroom) may be the largest in the Central California region and he has made his works available to museums and galleries for exhibition in addition to on-line sales.

Steven remains in touch with several SJCL alumni, though ironically, he says he has run into more grads in Las Vegas and San Francisco than here in town. He says he tends to be a homebody these days, but Elberg sightings have been reported at local bookstores, arenas, restaurants, libraries and wherever good live music is playing. You might even see him sitting in with a local band as a guest guitarist. Though

Steven and Charlene intend to relocate sometime soon, they will always remain close to many people in this area and intend to stay in touch. They wish all SJCL faculty, staff, alumni and grads-to-be, everything they wish for themselves.

## Carl Henderson

Carl sat for the bar a couple of times then decided he did not want to work that hard and opted for retirement. He had retired from the Highway Patrol before starting law school. He and his wife, Mary Jane, live in Modesto. They have 7 children between them and have been happily married for 28 years. Carl has used his legal knowledge to help his family and friends.

Carl and Mary Jane travel a lot to visit the kids and grandkids that live from Bremerton, WA to Santa Barbara, CA. He was on a recent trip to celebrate the graduation of his granddaughter from high school and community college at the same time. He truly enjoys retirement.

Carl's community involvement has been working with the State Voluntary Ombudsman Program for the Elderly. He is currently on the Stanislaus County Organization of Government Citizen's Committee for Transportation.

Carl finds it interesting that while in law school he interned in the Public Defender's Office since his career with the Highway Patrol was always on the other side of the law. He has fond memories of Bill Davis during Moot Court being so incredibly nervous while he remained so relaxed. They were the "AVIS" of the competition and came in second. He also recalls the time he found a classified ad for a job for his friend, Bill. He wonders if Bill is the only graduate who was hired out of *The Bee* newspaper.

## John Kemper Jackson

John went to work for the Tulare County District Attorney's office after graduation where he worked until July

of 2003. He worked on the homicide team and rose to supervisor in that department. He opened his own law firm last year where he does civil and criminal law.

John has been married to Lori for the last eight years and has a wonderful son, Logan. In his spare time, what there is of it, he enjoys traveling. Logan has already traveled to Costa Rica and Europe with Dad.

John's fondest memories of SJCL would be the professionalism of Judge Wanger and Judge Ardaiz.

## Eloise Dyck Janzen

During law school Eloise was an extern for Justice Ardaiz at the Fifth District Court of Appeal. After graduation she went to work at the Fifth as a research attorney and has been there ever since, working first for Justice James Thaxter, who has since retired, and now for Justice Betty Dawson.

Her husband, Herman, and she have been married for 29 years. They recently built a home on 40 acres near Humphrey's Station in the foothills, and have learned to enjoy the extreme peace and quiet of living in the foothills and having all three children away at college! Jake is at San Francisco State and Joseph and Naomi are both at Fresno Pacific University.

Eloise has stayed very active in church events and boards, and enjoys having extended family in the Fresno area.

Her favorite times in law school involved studying and training for moot court with her partner, Irma Carrera, but she hated actually participating in the event, which is why she is so happy doing research! She also remembers taking her four-year-old daughter with her to Evidence, due to a babysitting conflict, and having Naomi explain hearsay evidence to her after class! She did a pretty good job!

## James Francis King

Upon his graduation from law school, Jim joined Chicago Title as the Merced County Manager. He remained in that position until 2003. Jim currently is the Stanislaus County Manager for Chicago Title. He was selected by Chicago Title's parent company, Fidelity National Financial, to the Chairman's Roundtable from 2000-2003.

Jim has been married to Patricia for 15 years. They have two daughters, Allison (12) and Shannon (7). Patricia works as a nurse practitioner.

Jim competes in area bass fishing tournaments. In April 2003, Jim placed 8th of 98 amateur competitors in the BassMaster Tournament on the California Delta. He also enjoys watching his wife and daughters compete in horseback riding events.

Jim has been president of the McSwain Education Foundation for the past 5 years. He was one of the original two incorporating members of that organization. He has also been a director of the Greater Chamber of Commerce and several other community task forces.

While in law school, Jim often found himself reading ahead in class in case he was called to brief the next case. He spent many hours with Jim Cipolla, Rosie McGuire, and Priscilla Wright. He also fondly remembers the great staff at SJCL. After finishing law school, he was very relieved to finally have evenings back.

## Robert Long

Robert began working for the Law Offices of Richard J. Yruegui in October of 1997. In July of 2002 he became partner. He practices workers' compensation defense. Before his employment at the Law Offices of Richard J. Yruegui, Robert worked for Law Offices of Edward B. Chatoian, practicing personal injury and workers' compensation.

Currently Robert is paying off the debt incurred while not working when

he was a law student. He also spends time with new friends in Sacramento and the Bay Area. In 2003, Robert was president of Fresno Industrial Claims Association.

While at SJCL, Robert was a part of the conservative wing of his Constitutional Law class, taught by Jeff Purvis. Robert would like to thank Jeff for making it clear to him conservatives really do have it "right." Robert also remembers attending Civil Procedure at the church, with Judge Wanger at the "pulpit." He says, "Talk about commanding your attention!"

## Rod McClelland

After graduation, Rod continued working at the Law offices of Wagner & Jones. Rod remained there for the next three years, where he was allowed to try his first cases. Thereafter, Rod went to work for attorney Craig A. Davis. After two years, the firm name was changed to Davis & McClelland. However, not too long thereafter, Rod decided to open a firm with classmates David Hogue and Steven Crawford. In 2002 Rod went solo, and opened his own practice. Last year, Rod achieved his largest jury verdict trial to date of \$650,000. It was a case against the City of Visalia where the bus driver had been kidnapped and raped at knifepoint. The case was settled last year. Rod continues to prosecute personal injury and employment litigation cases.

Through his adventurous start at solo practice, Rod was lucky to meet his wife, Angela. Together they have produced a beautiful daughter named Victoria Rose McClelland. She was born August 10, 2003. They call her Tori for short. The family also consists of a dog named Samantha and a cat named Nelson.

Operating his own business consumes most of Rod's time. However, Rod does try to go to the gym to maintain some sort of physical shape given the fact that Angela is a very good cook.

Rod also likes to hunt and snow ski in his spare time. Rod is a member of the Central California Trial Lawyers Association, as well as the Consumers Attorneys of California.

Rod recalls a special memory in crim classes with Judge Caeton. After Caeton would write explanations on the board, he would have discussions. In those discussions he would lean back against the board. When he turned around in his black sweatshirt the writing from the board was across his back.

## Rosemary McGuire

Rosemary has worked at the same firm since graduation but many changes have been made during that tenure. The firm is now called Weakley, Ratliff, Arendt & McGuire. She is a partner there and practices in both State and Federal Court representing public and business entities in civil litigation. She worked full-time during law school with the responsibility of a husband and two children, who are both now in their 20's.

Rosemary has volunteered for the Buddy Systems Therapeutic Riding Program which provides individualized equine-related therapeutic activities to people with physical, developmental, and mental disabilities. She found that to be very rewarding.

Her fondest memory of SJCL was that she and her three study partners all passed the bar on the first attempt - Jim Cipolla, Jim King and Priscilla Wright.

## Frank Nunes

Following law school, Frank started at the Tulare County District Attorney's Office as prosecutor. He soon worked his way up to the state's first agricultural crimes prosecutor. While at the Tulare County DA's office, Frank tried roughly 20 jury trials in 16 months. In 1996 Frank joined the law firm of Marderosian, Swanson, Oren, and

Paboojian to practice civil litigation. There he primarily focused on construction defect and personal injury defense. In 1999 Frank started work with the Fresno County Counsel's office with the intention of practicing environmental, water, and land use litigation. Currently, Frank works for David J. Wells & Associates as an attorney in the claims litigation office of Farmers Insurance Group. He handles defense of persons insured with Farmers Insurance Group for claim venues in Kern, Tulare, Kings, Fresno, Merced, and Stanislaus counties.

Frank has been married to Shari for 8 years. They have two young sons, Robert (5) who just started kindergarten, and Ryan (2) who will be either attending pre-school or honing his monster truck racing skills this year.

Frank is a member of the Fresno County Bar Association Board of Directors. In 2002 he was the president of the Fresno County Young Lawyers. Frank is currently on the Red Mass committee, a member of the St. Paul Newman Center, Ag One Foundation supporting member, and a member of the Alpha Gamma Rho fraternity, Alpha Sigma Chapter Alumni board, and Fresno County Farm Bureau.

Frank enjoys cooking, especially anything that can be placed on a grill. He and his family make a monthly trip to the central coast. He also gets a thrill in buying tech stuff on sale, whether or not he has a need for it.

Frank remembers Sunday morning study session across the street from SJCL with Allen Bennett, Mark Pasculli, Steve Avery, Dennis Verzosa, and Kathy Chandler.

## Richard Dana Runcie

Rick has been a solo practitioner in Fresno since his graduation from SJCL. He primarily handles criminal appeals and civil litigation, with some business counseling. Rick also is a Cal-

ifornia licensed private investigator, a profession that helped finance his law school education. Rick's most interesting case to date is a medical marijuana case that was accepted for review by the California Supreme Court. The case is *People v. Mower* (2002) 28 Cal. 4th 457. Runcie's client's conviction was reversed by the Supreme Court and the rights of similarly situated medical marijuana patients were given protection in California.

In the late 1990's Rick served on the Board of Directors of the California Indian Legal Services, where he worked to represent individual tribal members as well as tribes as a whole. Rick also has served on the boards of several environmental and arts non-profits in the Fresno area.

Rick has been married to his wife, Colleen, for 25 years. He and Colleen went to Chiapas and Oaxaca in October to participate in the Dia de los Muertos ceremonies. He enjoys dancing (especially salsa and flamenco). He is an avid traveler, having taken several trips to southern Mexico, Europe and Africa since graduation.

Rick has great affection for most of his law school professors. He also has great respect for his study partners Art Baggett, Donn Furman, Thornton Davidson, Trish Nichols, Robert Kelso and Lloyd Carter. They have all remained friends and colleagues. Rick remembers his first night of torts with Jan Pearson. Jan had the students explain why they were in law school. For Rick, hearing everyone's reasons and dreams was very inspirational.

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