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## Diana Dooley and James Weakley Inducted into the Alumni Hall of Fame

*Five sitting judges, two district attorneys, and six previous Alumni Hall of Fame inductees came to honor California Health and Human Services Secretary Diana Dooley and Weakley & Arendt Senior Partner James Weakley on their induction at a ceremony held at the Robert E. Coyle Federal Courthouse.*

**W**e really do need to buy a red carpet. If paparazzi followed the local legal community, the perpetual camera flashing would have been blinding at the September 12th induction ceremony for the San Joaquin College of Law Alumni Hall of Fame.

But even the most seasoned and celebrated alumni in the crowd were still bedazzled by the SJCL treasure sitting near the front row. SJCL Founder John

Loomis. Master of Ceremonies and Hall of Famer Tom Campagne (Law '75) came fully prepared with a written speech, but immediately took a side road upon seeing Loomis in his audience. Departing from his script, he explained he hadn't seen Loomis in years. Looking Loomis dead in the eye, he exclaimed "You have no idea what you and the other founders meant to us students!" Aside from being "top, dynamic teachers," Loomis showed him "the love of the law."

Campagne also reflected on his success as an SJCL grad, telling the audience how he was one of eight attorneys applying for the same job shortly after his graduation. Some of his competition held J.D.s from Harvard or Yale. Still, the employer called Campagne, telling him he had never seen a newly minted attorney list three sitting judges as his references, adding he intended to call every one of them to check the veracity of Campagne's resume. He called Campagne back. He had called all three judges and was shocked when they all returned his call and proceeded to give Campagne glowing reviews. He was hired.

This year's first inductee into the Hall of Fame really needed no introduction, but Campagne took great pains to describe the \$25 billion in direct finding and \$60 billion in federal funding she oversees as California Health and Human Services Secretary. It took even longer for him to run through her storied list of employment, ranging from running her own ad agency to serving as In House Counsel for Valley Children's Hospital as it raised millions of dollars for its new facility. Diana Dooley brushed it all aside as she took the podium, explaining it meant she "cannot hold a job!"



Master of Ceremonies **Tom Campagne** (Law '75), with Inductee **Diana Dooley** (Law '95), Inductee **James Weakley** (Law 78), and Dean **Janice Pearson**.

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## Terrorism and Greece

*Professor Borgeas Publishes on Greek Security*

I am pleased to announce a recent publication by SJCL Professor of International Law Andreas Borgeas. He has authored an article entitled *The Evolution of Greece's Security Legislation and Policy*, and it is being published in the *St. John's Journal of International and Comparative Law*. At approximately 20,000 words (w/ 200 footnotes), this article examines the political fluctuations that have influenced Greece's security policies toward terrorism, both Middle Eastern based and indigenous, and the corresponding evolution of Greece's legal instruments amidst the changing nature of Greece's terrorist threats.

Andreas conducted research for portions of this article in Greece, including consultations with U.S., British and Greek security services and rarely granted interviews with Michalis Chrisochoidis, former Greek Minister of Public Order, and Yianni Diotis, former Special Prosecutor of the infamous Greek terrorist organization November 17. I have provided a direct link (below) for your review along with a short synopsis for your convenience. In addition to this article, Andreas' recent record of scholarship includes publications in international journals from Columbia University and Yale University.

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### The Evolution of Greece's Security Legislation and Policy

Greece's economic crisis forecasts a bleak future for those already referred to as the "lost generation." This generation came of age during the optimism of Greece's European prosperity, yet now is regarded as a casualty of the Eurozone debt crisis which has shattered the country's prospects and psyche. Under

such traumatic conditions it should come as no surprise that political violence in the streets has become a common occurrence. Nor should the leap from political violence to resurgent terrorist activity be unexpected under these circumstances, especially given the revolutionary strains so recognizable in Greece's political culture.

Few European countries have internalized the political and cultural forces of terrorism as much as Greece. On a popular level, Greece has experienced dramatic fluctuations in its security legislation and policy toward an assortment of indigenous and foreign resistance causes. Greece today, especially as it struggles with its financial turmoil, reveals the strains of its historically expressive populace. That is why Greece's history, and the manner in which its laws and policies have evolved, make Greece unique to the study of terrorism. This article examines the political fluctuations that have influenced Greece's security policies toward terrorism, both Middle Eastern based and indigenous, and the corresponding evolution of Greece's legal instruments amidst the changing nature of Greece's terrorist threats.

Professor Borgeas conducted research for this article in part while a Fulbright Fellow in Greece, a Contributing Scholar for the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars and a Visiting Fellow at the Hellenic Centre for European Studies. He would like to extend deep appreciation to his beautiful family, the Fulbright Foundation in Greece and to Professor Kosta Ifantis of the National and Kapodistrian University of Athens. He says without their support and encouragement, this article would not have been possible.

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## PG&E Grant Bolsters SJCL



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**S**JCL is pleased and grateful to announce a \$10,000 grant from Pacific Gas & Electric (PG&E). The money helps the Law School fulfill its Vision of providing legal education, scholarship and service, which in turn, feeds the economic engine of the Central Valley.

Jeanette Ishii, PG&E Senior Government Relations Representative, said the grant was another example of PG&E's continued commitment to education, which has included over 40 million dollars in donations over the past decade. She indicated the money "comes from shareholders and employees, not from rate payers."

Dean Jan Pearson points to the numerous studies which show those holding law degrees in the Valley earn nearly double compared to those who hold only a bachelor's degree and more than three times as much as those with only a high school diploma. SJCL provides a local option for those seeking to become attorneys, helping staunch the

so-called "brain drain" where bright students move elsewhere to seek their degree and don't return. Many, in fact, are able to continue working and supporting families while they attend law school locally.

In addition, the lower cost of tuition at SJCL means its graduates are not compelled to work simply to service student loan debt; they are able to choose to work with lower income clients or in public service in the area. Dean Pearson says "SJCL is not only a wonderful value for those seeking to become attorneys, but also for the Valley as a whole, which profits from their increased income and contributions to the local community."

Others who agree with that statement and have already given major financial support to SJCL include Granville Homes, Baradat & Paboojian, Inc., Walmart and hundreds of alumni whose support over the years has nurtured, maintained, and helped SJCL reach the vision imagined by its founders in 1969.

### Full-Time Faculty

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## CCBA Gift Honors Dean

Riley C. Walter presented Dean Pearson with a \$1,500 gift to SJCL's Annual Fund on behalf of the CCBA, in recognition of her many years of service to the organization. Dean Pearson was one of the founding members of the CCBA, along with Hon. Richard Ford, Riley Walter and Michael Wilhelm.

The 27th Annual Central California Bankruptcy Institute (CCBI) was held on September 19-20th at the Radisson Hotel in Downtown Fresno. The CCBI is a collaborative event between the Central California Bankruptcy Association (CCBA) and SJCL. Bankruptcy professionals, including attorneys, judges, CPAs, paralegals, trustees, and bankers were in attendance. This year's theme, "Down on the Farm," covered a multitude of topics such as the National Mortgage Settlement, Chapter 11 Protein Cases, Marketing for Bankruptcy Practitioners, and Ethically Representing Clients with Mental Health Issues. Many of the U.S. Bankruptcy Judges from the Eastern District of California were in attendance for the Judges' Panel and many stayed throughout the conference, including Chief U.S. Bankruptcy Judge for the Eastern District of California Christopher Klein, who offered his input and understanding on new developments in the law.

Recognition was also given to Albert Berryman, who passed away less than a year ago and was a long time CCBA member and bankruptcy practitioner in Fresno, and Gay Parker, who after 32 years of working for the U.S. Bankruptcy Court, Fresno Division, retired in September.

The Central California Bankruptcy Association also provides several generous scholarship to students with an interest in bankruptcy law each year.

# How to Make a Hopper



(L-R): Hon. Stanley Boone, Hon. Stephen Kane, Harout Bouldoukian, Angelica Ambrose, Sally Vecchiarelli, Wesley Carlson, Candace Clark, Elizabeth Kozycki, Catherine McLaughlin, Justin Vecchiarelli, Megan Brown, Hon. Anothy Ishii, and the Hon. Jonathan Conklin.

What is the recipe for a successful Moot Court? In the case of the Hopper Moot Court Competition, it looks like this:

## Ingredients

- 12 Sitting Judges Plus 1 Justice
- 27 Other Prominent Attorneys
- Dozens of Law Students

Add ingredients together with great energy and enthusiasm, whip up excitement, and let it rise in a packed courtroom. But Hopper Moot Court is more about growth and mentoring of law students than it is about the “show.” For example, Justice Stephen Kane praised the finalists for a “Job well done,” but also offered to meet with them individually afterwards to talk about their courtroom presentations. Hon. Jonathan Conklin, SJCL Moot Court Director, noted that the student who eventually won “Best Oral Advocate” was one of the shyest individuals in the class when he began preparing for Moot Court, but blossomed into a fierce advocate for his case.

Judge Anthony Ishii seemed to sum it up, pointing out that there are “very few opportunities like this” for law students, where they are “put into the fire” defending their position.

And while he noted the students did “an excellent job,” he also pointed to those behind the program at SJCL, adding that Judge Conklin and U.S. Magistrate Stanley Boone are owed “a debt of gratitude.”

## Best Oral Advocate

Wesley Carlson

## Oral Advocate Finalists

Harout Bouldoukian  
Elizabeth Kozycki  
Sally Vecchiarelli

## Best Brief

Angelica Ambrose & Conlin Reis

## Best Brief Finalists

Jonas Parr & John Simonson  
Megan Brown & Elizabeth Thomasian  
Sally Vecchiarelli & Justin Vecchiarelli

## Best Oral Advocate Semi-Finalists

Linda Barreto  
Candace Clark  
Catherine McLaughlin  
Conlin Reis

## Thanks to all our judges!

Robert Abrams  
Dede Agrava  
Hon. Brian Arax  
Mark Blum  
Deborah Boyett  
Timothy Buchanan  
Thomas Campagne  
Michael Elder  
Carl Faller  
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## Two Views in One on Capacity

**D**r. David Margolin has a rare perspective on the issue of Mental Capacity; he is not only an attorney, but also a medical doctor who holds a Ph.D. in Psychology. He graduated from San Joaquin College of Law with Distinction in 2011, passed the bar on his first try, and is currently on the faculty of SJCL, where he hopes to teach an elective focusing on decision making capacity and informed consent. He has recently published an article on the possible individualization of The Capacity Declaration, and gives us a quick synopsis below.

*The California Capacity Declaration—Conservatorship and Dementia Patients: A Physician’s Perspective* (California Trusts and Estates Quarterly, Volume 18, Issue 2, 23-25, 2012)

By **David I. Margolin**, M.D., Ph.D., J.D.

When evaluating a conservatee/proposed conservatee’s ability to make informed medical decisions a court relies in part on The Capacity Declaration—Conservatorship (Judicial Council Form GC-335). This form is usually completed by a physician who has evaluated the



**Dr. David Margolin** (left) and Deputy D.A./Clovis City Council Member **Bob Whalen** share a moment backstage before commencement ceremonies on June 1st. Margolin took to the stage as one of several faculty representatives while Whalen was among the SJCL Board members in attendance.

conservatee. The Declarant’s two choices on the form are absolute and opposite: either the conservatee has the capacity to give informed consent to any form of medical treatment, or lacks the capacity to give informed consent to any form of medical treatment.

These two choices are not adequate because many conservatees have dementia, and most patients with dementia have decreased capacity to give informed consent, but not total incapacity. In the interest of accuracy and fairness,

a physician might choose to make a qualified, individualized statement about the patient’s capacity, rather than declare the patient as either fully capable of giving informed consent to medical treatment, or completely lacking in that capacity. Other suggestions are made for improving the form. Several patients with different levels of dementia severity are described in order to illustrate how a treating physician might approach completing the Capacity Declaration in an individualized fashion.

## Ethics and Immigration at Fresno State



Professors **Jessica Smith Bobadilla** (R) and **Justin Atkinson** (L) were honored by an invitation from the Director of the Ethics Center at Fresno State, Philosophy Department Chair Dr. Andrew Fiala, to speak on ethics and immigration for the Leon S. Peters Ethics Lecture Series. The Series is focused on promoting understanding and research about ethics and contemporary ethical dilemmas. Professors Bobadilla and Atkinson’s lecture in September touched on a wide range of issues revolving around immigration, from the philosophical underpinnings of immigration policy to the current legislative attempts at comprehensive reform.

# Dear Faux Amici

By **Jeffrey G. Purvis**, *Constitutional Law Professor*

There are write-in advice and answer columns in hundreds of newspapers, magazines, and blogs, addressing every conceivable topic. But how many of these openly address fabricated e-mails from “audience” members who are admittedly imaginary? Only one! *Valley Views on the Law*, SJCL’s monthly legal information radio show on FM 88.1 KFCF. In the “Dear Professors” segment, I answer the pressing and topical legal questions generated by my own perfervid imagination (along with one actual e-mail from an actual listener) every month, for the edification of the audience. You can also send me an e-mail to [jpurvis@sjcl.edu](mailto:jpurvis@sjcl.edu).

Here is a recent one preceding my Constitution Day lecture on September 17, 2013, titled *How the Gays Seek to Destroy us all by Getting Married; or, Recent Developments in the Law: Human Rights for the LGBT Community*.

## Dear Professors

I’ve never listened to your radio show, Professor Purvis, but I know some students who have been in your constitutional law class. Some of them say you are a crazy liberal, but most of them say you are a fair person. So I thought I would write and tell you why I am opposed to gay marriage, and see if you give me a fair hearing. I’m not a bigot, and I don’t hate anyone. I am deeply religious, and I believe that being a homosexual or behaving as a homosexual is against God’s law. There are plenty of sinners in America, and I’m not saying homosexuals should be put in jail or anything, but marriage is a sacred covenant blessed by God, and is the foundation of the family unit. I cannot in good conscience support challenging how God thinks about marriage. I’m also afraid that allowing homosexuals to marry would send the wrong signal to our children, who won’t understand when it seems that the government is endorsing sinful behavior. If homosexuals have to have civil unions, so be it, but why must the blessed insti-

tution of marriage be changed from its traditional meaning?

—Josephine Dodge  
New York City

Ms. Dodge, today is Constitution Day, so I want to answer you in a serious way by talking about law, our constitutional system, and the relationship between law and morality. One of our most fundamental political values is equal treatment under law, what the Constitution calls “the equal protection of the laws.” If the government, which purportedly represents a majority of voters, treats one group of people differently from another group, that requires justification, and depending on the basis for the different treatment, that justification may have to be very powerful. The principle justification you offer for denying homosexual couples the right to marry, which is permitted to heterosexual couples, is your moral belief that homosexuality is wrong, derived from your religious views. Moral values, including religion-based moral values, can be given the imprimatur of law, and many are, for example, the moral view that is wrong to steal, or to intentionally kill another without justification. But the Constitution does not permit the legislature to choose any moral or religious values to make into law. For a very long time, it was a widespread religious view that African-Americans were “cursed with the mark of Cain,” by which was meant that their skin was darker than that of European-Americans. This belief was offered as justification for differential treatment of African-Americans, and was codified in many oppressive ways, including slavery, segregation, denial of the right to vote, to hold jobs, to obtain an education, and denial of the right to marry anyone who was not African-American. For a very long time, women were believed to be inferior in important ways to men, and were not permitted to vote, to hold public office, or a variety of jobs, and were subordinated by law in the marital relationship to their hus-



bands. Here is an example of how one religious leader put it in 2004:

“Has God ordained women to be civil leaders, or has He reserved this authority for men only? I believe that the Bible gives a definitive answer to this question: women are not permitted by God to hold political office and rule over men in the political sphere.”

[William Einwechter (Th.M.) is an ordained minister and an elder at Immanuel Free Reformed Church in Ephrata, Pennsylvania.]

The United States Supreme Court has held that these laws based (in part, at least) on religious views are illegal, because they unconstitutionally deprive African Americans and women of the equal protection of the laws. Despite the fact that people living today may still have as deeply held religious beliefs the views that I describe, views that led to the unspeakable horror of American slavery and the blighting of uncounted lives of African-Americans and women, we recognize that laws based on those views are incompatible with the fundamental right of equal protection. So your religious beliefs about the wrongfulness of “being homosexual” or “behaving as a homosexual” are not a constitutionally acceptable justification for doing the

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# SJCL Grad Makes Good

Which one? Which one? The answer to that question is a happy dilemma; there are so many SJCL grads doing so many great things just since our last Inter Alia that it's impossible to pick which one deserves this headline most. So, here is a rundown of just a few of our favorites since July:

Congratulations to Scott Levy (Law '10) and Ian Wieland (Law '12) who were just named as members of the Business Street "40 Under 40" Class of 2013! Considering the average age of a student at San Joaquin College of Law is 33, it isn't easy for grads to achieve notability in the community before the age of 40. And yet, for the fifth time, SJCL grads have made the list. This is just the sixth year for the list, which previously included Lisa Bennett (Law '03), Adam Stirrup (Law '08) and Sevag Tateosian (Law '08).

Congratulations to SJCL Alumnus David Rendahl (Law '95) whose comment in Volume 4 of the San Joaquin Agricultural Review was cited in an August 2013 Ninth Circuit published opinion! The SJALR is the oldest agricultural law review in the country. Its articles and comments have previously been cited in judicial decisions, case briefs and other legal journals, along with over 250 citations within the editorial notes of code sections on Westlaw and Lexis Nexis.

Congratulations William McComas (Law '08), who has been hired as the Director of the Local High Speed Rail Business Support Program. The Program, designed by the Economic Development Corporation along with Fresno City and County, is an attempt to assure the concerns of local businesses affected by the California High-Speed Rail Authority Right of Way Alignment are addressed. McComas leads a team of five new hires.

Congratulations Dennis Mederos (Law '77) on his induction into the Tulare Western High School Wall of Fame! Mederos has practiced law in Tulare County for more than 30 years, with an emphasis in the field of agriculture. His service to the local community includes stints on the boards of the Tulare County Branch of the American Cancer Society, the Tulare City Historical Society, the College of the Sequoias Foundation and the Tulare County Bar Association.

Congratulations to Warren Paboojian (Law '85) and SJCL founder Ret. U. S. District Court Judge Oliver Wanger, both of whom made the 2013 "Top 100" lawyers list by Northern California Super Lawyers Magazine. Other SJCL Grads making the list include:

## 2013 Northern California Super Lawyers

Thornton Davidson (Law '93)  
Katherine Hart (Law '77)  
Michael Marderosian (Law '77)  
David Moeck (Law '98)  
David Mugridge (Law '85)  
Rene Turner Sample (Law '88)  
James Weakley (Law '78)  
David Weiland (Law '92)

## 2013 Northern California Rising Stars

Jason Bell (Law '00)  
Steven Dias (Law '07)  
Marcus DiBuduo (Law '08)  
Robin Hall (Law '07)  
Mary Lerner (Law '02)  
Mary Moshrefi (Law '05)  
Christopher Noyes (Law '09)  
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Brent Woodward (Law '04)

## 2013 Washington State Rising Stars

Steven Avery (Law '94)

Are there more? Certainly. Promotions, partnerships, and a potpourri of other honors are a constant source of pride and prestige at SJCL. Thank you for making us proud to work here every day!

## Champions of Justice



On October 2, 2013, Central California Legal Services ("CCLS") had its "Champions of Justice Fall Reception." **Christina Skaf Hathaway** (Law '08) was awarded the 2013 Champions of Justice Staff Award. Christina is pictured with **William E. McComas** (Law '08), CCLS Board President, and **Chris A. Schneider**, Executive Director of CCLS.

# Enrollment and Spirit Soars at SJCL

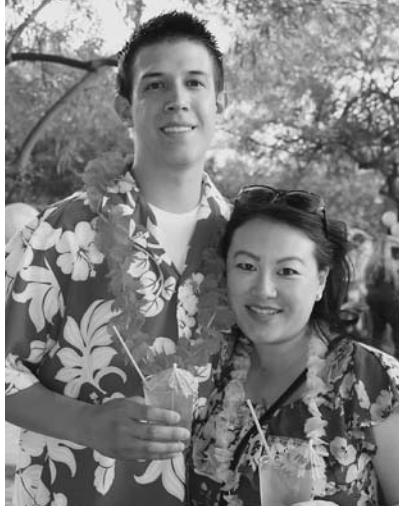
*On Friday, August 23rd, the Student Bar Association welcomed first year students to law school with a Back to School Luau.*

In case you missed KFSN Channel 30's coverage of our incoming class, enrollment is up ten-percent at SJCL, compared to the opposite trend nationwide. Reporter Linda Mumma quizzed Dean Jan Pearson as to the reason for the trend, asking what had changed.

As the Dean explained, nothing has changed within the Law School, but perhaps people are actually starting to realize what we have been all along. What are we? Maybe part of the answer can be found in some of the statements made by our incoming class members at orientation, as each stood for a couple minutes to explain why they are here:

"San Joaquin has an excellent reputation... it is an excellent value."  
"I've always known I want to be an attorney"  
"I never really thought it was possible until I heard about this place"  
"I want to be a prosecutor for..."  
"I'm recently single and thought this would be a great start to my new life"  
"I want to be part of San Joaquin"  
"I've never had passion for anything else"  
"I am so honored to be here today."

While the new class hails from six different CSU campuses, five U.C. campuses and elsewhere, and while some come from different states or even different countries, their statements echo what we have heard over the years from our alumni. Soon, most of them will join our alumni ranks, the same gallery of prestige and glory which makes us what we are.



First year student **Alexandra Vang** and guest



First year student **Timothy Stockton** and guest



First year student **Brittany Bonilla** and guest



First year student **Jessica Leon** and guest



Students **Justin & Sally Vecchiarelli**



Students **Ashley Mohammadi** and **Catie McLaughlin**



# SJCL Alumni Motivate Fresno State Engineering Majors

*Lisandra Carrasco, Admissions Counselor and Diane Steel, Director of Admissions attended the Fresno State Business and Liberal Arts Job Fair on Wednesday, October 2nd, and the Ag, Engineering and Science Job Fair on Thursday, October 3rd.*

Showing our alumni at the Fresno State Career Fair prompted Engineering students to consider a career in law. The law school was one of 85 organizations informing Fresno State students of career options following completion of a bachelor's degree.

The event, hosted by the Fresno State Career Services Department, attracted over 800 Fresno State students. "Students across the board in a variety of majors just do not realize they can obtain a juris doctor degree with a bachelor's degree in any major," stated Steel. "Students with a degree in engineering do not consider obtaining a law degree after completion of their bachelor's degree as they commonly believe they have missed the educational pre-requisites to pursue law and automatically dismiss the possibility."

Upon seeing photos and quotes showcased from three SJCL alumni, Raul Uribe (Law '11), Chester Walls (Law '12) and Sherrie Flynn (Law '05), who prior to law school had obtained engineering degrees, job fair attendees from the Engineering Department were shown how to pursue this path themselves. "My undergraduate degree in Mechanical Engineering has unquestionably been instrumental in my law career as a patent attorney" stated patent attorney and SJCL graduate Sherrie Flynn.

Thank you to our alumni who continue to be our greatest referral source and inspire others to pursue a juris doctor degree.



Admissions Counselor **Lisandra Carrasco** talks with one of the many students at Fresno State's Engineering and Science Job Fair

## UPCOMING SJCL EVENTS

### Law School 101 Forums

Tuesday, November 12, 7-9PM, Presented by Professor Perring

Thursday, January 9, 7-9PM, Presented by Professor Atkinson

SJCL invites prospective law students to attend monthly informational forums to learn about law school, from courses offered to admission requirements. The first hour is a presentation by faculty followed by a panel of currently enrolled students to answer questions.

### LSAT Forums

Monday, October 28, 7-9PM

Monday, January 6, 7-9PM

This forum is a free session on the Law School Admission Test (LSAT) led by San Joaquin College of Law's Dean Jan Pearson on strategies for deciphering the logic and analytical thinking questions that comprise the LSAT.

## Internships Yield Jobs

Maybe you've heard that 90-percent of our Class of 2012 bar passers are already working full-time as attorneys. Maybe you're part of the reason why!

We'd like to thank those individuals, firms, and government entities who have offered our students endless hours of mentoring, guidance, and all the other details that go into our many internships. They enable our students to leave law school with experience, connections, confidence, and, in many cases, jobs!

Most recently, those on-campus interviews have included representatives from Lozano Smith and both the Fresno and Madera County District Attorney's offices.



The Fresno County District Attorney's Office joined us for on-campus interviews. (L-R) **John Savrnach**, Chief Deputy D.A. of the Misdemeanor Department; **Noelle Pebet**, Deputy D.A. and Lead Attorney for MAGEC (Multi-Agency Gang Enforcement Consortium); and **Rudy Carrillo**, Chief Deputy D.A. of the Juvenile Department.



The Madera County District Attorney's Office is excited to welcome SJCL students to its brand new internship program. (L-R) **Todd Spangler**, Madera County Senior Deputy D.A.; **David Petersen**, Deputy D.A.; **John Thackeray**, Deputy D.A.; **Ashley Allred** (Law '11), Deputy D.A.; **Rachel Cartier** (Law '11), Deputy D.A.; **Noah Marshall**, Deputy D.A.; **Benjamin Levy**, Deputy D.A.; and **Michael Keitz** (Law '91), District Attorney.

## Dear Faux Amici (From page 6)

same thing to homosexuals as was done to African-Americans and to women, as well as to other groups of people throughout history.

I want to remain civil, given the context and the fact that you addressed me in a civil manner. But your thinly veiled assertion that homosexuality presents a danger to children is dishonest and dishonorable. First, it assumes, wrongly, that being homosexual is bad, so that anything that might cause a child to be homosexual would be hurtful to that child. Other than being denied human rights, suffering pervasive discrimination, and risking serious injury or death at the hands of the intolerant, there is nothing bad about being homosexual,

any more than it is bad to be a particular race or a particular gender. Second, in the anti-science, anti-reason America that has emerged in the 21st Century, I recognize this may not be convincing to you, Ms. Dodge, but to my knowledge science has not discovered why one person is heterosexual and another is homosexual. Examine your own experience; ask yourself this: at what point in your development from child, to adolescent, to young adult, did you decide whether you would like to have sex with men or would prefer to have sex with women? If you have an answer for that question, then you might be bi-sexual, and might want to re-think your abomination of homosexual people. In reality, human sexuality with regard to gender prefer-

ences appears to be complex and probably better described as a continuum than as a dichotomy, but the likelihood that someone who would otherwise be heterosexual can be persuaded to choose homosexuality is so close to zero as to be indistinguishable. Thus, a political majority that chooses to punish or treat persons adversely based solely on their sexual preferences or gender orientation, simply because the majority's religious beliefs regard homosexuality as sinful, are being unjust. "Bigot" is an emotionally charged term, and may have no place in a reasonable discussion, but do you want equality of treatment, do you seek justice for yourself, Ms. Dodge? If so, then behave justly towards others.

# Professor Borgeas at The Hague

*Professor Andreas Borgeas had an exciting experience recently at The Hague Academy of International Law.*

Located in the Netherlands, The Hague is the global center of international law, which headquarters, among other legal entities, the International Criminal Court, Tribunals for Iran, Rwanda and Yugoslavia, and the United Nations' International Court of Justice at the Peace Palace.

The Hague Academy of International Law at the Peace Palace is the premier program for the practice and study of international law, for which Professor Borgeas was competitively admitted. "Among so many accomplished professionals and scholars, I am honored to have participated in this amazing program," Borgeas said. The Academy attracts jurists, scholars, diplomats and practitioners from all over the world to advance their knowledge of real time developments in global law and affairs. In this particular program over one hundred nationalities were represented. The program's format enabled participants to undertake work on a number of compelling international legal matters, including projects involving the inter-

national courts and judiciary. "Through assignment details, directed studies and symposia I was able to focus on the prosecution of individuals accused of genocide, crimes against humanity and war crimes at the International Criminal Court," Borgeas said. "In particular, I focused on the jurisdictional consequences of a recalibrating political order in a multipolar world."

On a personal level this was a very special experience for Professor Borgeas. When he was a student at Georgetown Law School he had the unique opportunity in 1998 to attend the United Nations Conference in Rome, Italy for the Establishment of a Permanent International Criminal Court. At the time the United States had serious reservations about becoming a signatory to the Rome Conference, understandably concerned that America might be subject to politically motivated prosecutions. "I remember the entire conference held its breath during the vote, unsure whether the U.S. would vote affirmatively for the creation of the court." Eventually the U.S. did



Professor **Andreas Borgeas** with **James Crawford**, current nominee to the International Court of Justice.

support its creation, thus legitimizing the court's jurisdiction, and then "... here I was years later, preparing materials on an accused war criminal being prosecuted at the International Criminal Court. From its political inception to its legal implementation, the connectivity between law and politics never seemed closer to me than at that moment," Borgeas said.

Professor Borgeas' experience at The Hague contributes to the scholarly environment at the San Joaquin College of Law. Dean Jan Pearson commented, "SJCL is proud to have supported Andreas' work at The Hague. This type of experience demonstrates the intellectual vibrancy of our academic community, and the quality instruction students receive when they study law at San Joaquin College of Law."

Andreas Borgeas is the SJCL Professor of International and Comparative Law. He lectures and conducts research on topics of international law and global security affairs. Borgeas' record of scholarship includes, among other articles, publications in international journals from Columbia University and Yale University.



Demonstrations at Peace Palace against accused war criminals.

# Alumni Profiles

*SJCL congratulates our alumni celebrating 10, 20 and 30-year anniversaries in 2013. It has been a wonderful opportunity to contact all of our alumni to write their amazing stories. Thanks to all for reading and participating.*

## 1993 Linda Bacon

Since 2005 Linda has been employed by the Fresno County Office of Education in the Legal Services Department where she is General Counsel. Linda feels lucky to have found a job that blends her interests in law and education.

Linda's daughter, Franny, just graduated from high school and will be attending the Culinary Institute of America in Hyde Park, New York, so Franny is earning tuition money now. Linda travels as often as she can afford, both near and far, with husband Tom Miles, a 1987 SJCL graduate, and Franny. Linda still reads in a cycle of one serious book (philosophy, history, biography) followed by any two by Austen, LeCarre, or English-style mystery.

After the wonderfully hard experience of hosting an AFS exchange student, who continues to visit summers, Linda has worked as a liaison for the organization.

Linda misses her SJCL buddies - Carla Bourne, Rissa Stuart, and Mary Jarvis - who have all settled in the Visalia/Hanford area. She doesn't remember studying so much as laughing during study group. She has one regret - she never photographed Judge Caeton's whiteboard at the end of class - it always reminded her of a work of modern art.

Life is good.

## Dorothy Carroll

Dorothy obtained a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science in 1987 from California State University, Fresno; Master of Public Administration in 1989 from California State University, Fresno; Juris Doctorate with High Honors in 1993 from San Joaquin College of Law.

She worked for David J. St. Louis, a truly kind and generous mentor and person, as a law clerk and then in her first position as an attorney. Dorothy has been a sole practitioner since 1995, practicing in the Fresno area. Her practice initially concentrated in the areas of personal injury and family law. From 2004-2010, she represented a Chapter 7 bankruptcy trustee in adversary proceedings and found another terrific core group of practice professionals. Dorothy is now focused on maintaining a small group of family law clients and managing her and her husband's personal real estate investments.

Dorothy is a member of the State Bar of California, Fresno County Bar Association (former Treasurer, First Vice President, President Elect, President, Past President 2006, board member 2001-2006) and Judicial Evaluations Special Advisory Committee (approximately 2005 to the present time). She was formerly active in the following organizations: Fresno County Women Lawyers (former Vice President), Consumer Attorneys of California (former member of Board of Governors), Central California Trial Lawyers Association (former Vice President, President and Past President for 2006), Volunteers In Parole (Advisory Committee 2005-2006; Chair of Advisory Committee 2007) and Central California Bankruptcy Association (1st Vice President 2009; board member 2007-2010).

Dorothy married Richard Moors, an ophthalmologist with Eye Q Vision Care, in 2004. He has shown her what a true partnership could be. Encouraging her to pursue her practice in whatever way she wanted and expand to areas in which she has an interest. His spirit of adventure led her to scuba diving and flying their small single engine airplanes.

Together they are enjoying the family adventure of seeing adult children succeed and their first grandchild. Dorothy also enjoys her Akitas, gardening, hiking and reading.

Her SJCL memories include work and study with the most amazing relief when all you had to do was just work. She remembers study groups and moot court with Kimberly Nystrom-Geist and Kimberly's young son dropping in where they were studying. Kim's young son is now remarkably a married adult and teaching others. Time flies!

## Thornton Davidson

For the first 15 years of his practice Thornton worked as a plaintiff's lawyer in the fields of personal injury, employment litigation, and various small business problem resolution and litigation. Since approximately 2008, he has been a partner with Robert Rosati in the ERISA Law Group, LLP, a firm specializing in claimants' group disability and life insurance appeals and litigation. Their practice is Internet-supported and they appeal disability and life insurance denials all over the U.S. They've litigated numerous Federal trials and appeals, again preempted by ERISA, in all of the 11 Federal jurisdictions. They also handle bad faith insurance claims in California.

Now that Thornton's children are grown (or growing) -- Bo is a lawyer, Cameron an engineer, and Jamie a student -- he is married to the law and his clients' struggles. ERISA is a very narrow chasm of the law into which one can fall headlong, with only a reed for air and one's neuroses for amusement. Thornton does write very amateur plays and cooks nearly professional food.

Thornton has been designated a Northern California Super Lawyer several times, but beyond appreciation for the awards, doesn't set much store by such things. He is honored every year to participate as a speaker in the CAOC Annual Review of California Law, for which he appears in several California cities, presenting with a forum of speakers.

Thornton has served as the President of the Woodward Shakespeare Festival, a 501(c)(3) which produces Shakespeare and American plays in Woodward Park which are free to the public. Otherwise, he is an avid supporter.

Thornton powerfully remembers Jan Pearson's take on torts and will never forget, and hopefully has not forgotten, her emphasis on the good practice of good law, in all its social, psycho-social, and economic ramifications. He appreciated those classes taught by Professors Artenian, Perring, Wanger, and Durbin. He also recalls – though his attendance was spotty – a certain Constitutional Law professor's lecture based on Dead Kennedy's lyrics.

## Lourdes Espinosa

Lourdes has been at the Fresno County Public Defender's Office for 20 years this December. She has been assigned misdemeanor, felony, delinquency, dependency and major crime cases in her tenure, as well as currently supervising all investigators, misdemeanor attorneys, and internships. Her current assignment is one of her most rewarding because it has allowed her to work with many new attorneys as they begin their legal journey and attempt to guide them in what she fundamentally believes is the foundation of their work- providing quality and compassionate legal representation.

When Lourdes is not working, she focuses her time on her family. She is blessed with four beautiful children, Gloria (29), Felicia (29), Gabriela (15), and Vincent (13). Gloria is a pharmacist in Philadelphia. Felicia is the local Directing Attorney at California Rural Legal Assistance. Gabriela and Vincent are still home with her. They are both diagnosed with a rare disease named Sanfilippo Syndrome which keeps her on her toes between work and being a single mom to two special needs children, but she wouldn't trade it for the world! Free time is spent going to Fresno Grizzlies games, the Chaffee Zoo, or anywhere else one loud lady with two loud kids can be tolerated.

When she thinks of SJCL, several memories stand out. First was her loyal study group of Kimberly Hall, Kathleen Talens, and Kenneth (Psycho) Mendoza. From their first year to the end, the four of them studied many hours together, sharing notes, food, laughter and tears many times. Lourdes knows if it wasn't for their friendship she wouldn't have been as successful as she was in school. Lourdes also remembers Jan Pearson's lectures not coming together until the very end and feeling that Ed Oeser's never did. Lastly, the first day of law school for her was also her twins' first day of kindergarten. She will never forget how ironic that was.

Whenever Lourdes speaks of SJCL, she does so with pride because of the truly wonderful, quality education she received and the great support provided to help her succeed through school, the bar, and subsequent career guidance.

## Carla (Bourne) Khal

Carla currently works as the Self-Help Managing Attorney for Tulare County Superior Court. This includes being the Family Law Facilitator (FLF). She is the original FLF for Tulare County and one of a slowly decreasing number of the "originals" from around the state who started when the program began in 1997. It has been gratifying to watch the program grow in her county from a single desk and phone in an unused jury room to a full center with classroom and a team of paralegals and clerks to assist self-represented litigants. This month they are opening a second full service center in the new South County Justice Center in Porterville.

When Carla graduated from SJCL, she was lucky to already have a job with Wilson, Altschule & Wittig in Visalia. She started working for them as a law clerk on a death penalty case a few weeks into her first year at SJCL – which was her second year of law school after transferring from Florida. Carla has always been certain that her success in law school was largely due to the real world experience she got every day at work.

Carla has also returned to her original career of teaching. (She was a high school English teacher before law school.) She has been on the adjunct faculty at College of Sequoias for many years. She currently teaches several classes in the paralegal program.

When Carla remarried in 1998, she became the mother of a blended family of five girls. They were joined a year later by the lone boy, Noah. The teen years were a challenge, but having survived that, they are enjoying watching all of the girls in their college and career pursuits. Noah is a freshman in high school, and she and husband, Andre, find themselves actually contemplating being "empty-nesters" in a few more years. Hard to imagine!

Carla is currently the second Vice-President of the Tulare County Bar Association. She has been on the Board of Directors for a number of years.

Once they moved to the rural part of Tulare, it was natural that Carla would become a World Ag Expo volunteer. WAE – still fondly called the "Farm Show" – occurs each year during the second week of February. She explained you can't be a true citizen of Tulare without volunteering in some capacity. So, she pulls on her mud boots and orange jacket each year to chair the media committee where they play host to media from around the world as they come to check out all that's new and exciting in agriculture. It is definitely a change of pace. Carla serves as the Vice-President of the International Agri-Center Board of Directors. The IAC is the parent organization that puts on WAE and a number of other events throughout the year. It really is a year-round obligation.

Carla has also recently agreed to serve on the board for the new Crime Victims Advocacy Center which will be launched in November to help crime victims assert their rights under Marsy's Law. Meanwhile, all the hobbies she used to enjoy are going to have to wait for retirement – whenever that may be!

Carla's best memories of SJCL all involve her study group – Rissa Stuart, Mary Jarvis and Linda Bacon. They always managed to laugh through the panic! And speaking of panic always makes her remember the tension in the room at the beginning of every Evidence class with Justice Ardaiz. He always made them sweat!

## Trudi Manfredo

Trudi started her legal career in January 1992 as a law clerk and then after graduation an associate at the Law Office of Judith L Lund, practicing family law and bankruptcy. In 1998 she became a sole practitioner practicing in family law and bankruptcy representing debtors, creditors and trustees in Chapters 11, 7 and 13. Since March 2011 she has been a Chapter 7 Bankruptcy Trustee.

Trudi taught Family Law and Bankruptcy courses in the SJCL Paralegal program in 1994 and 1995. She is a lecturer in multiple venues including Fresno Pacific University. Trudi was a delegate to the State Bar for Fresno County Women Lawyers in 1995 and has held offices in that association.

Trudi has also held offices for the Fresno County Bar Association, the Central California Bankruptcy Association and chaired numerous events for them. She has been a lecturer for the Central California Bankruptcy Association Institute in 1997, 1999, 2006, 2008, 2010, and 2011. Trudi has been a Judge Pro Tem for the Juvenile Court from 1999-2001. She also was Judge Pro Tem for Family Law Court from January 2001- 2006. Trudi co-chaired the Eastern District Judges conference in 2000. She is a member of the Fresno County Bar Association, American Bankruptcy Institute, Central California Bankruptcy Association, Federal Bar Association and National Association of Bankruptcy Trustees.

Currently Trudi is maintaining a bankruptcy practice and is a Chapter 7 Trustee. Her interests and hobbies outside of work are running, backpacking

and gardening. Trudi shared her SJCL memories by saying she spent the majority of her time at SJCL in a state of panic. She was terrified that she could not learn to "think like a lawyer." Trudi is really grateful to Jan Pearson for her excellent teaching abilities. She recalls wandering around her acreage reciting all of the hearsay exceptions, arguing the law in hypotheticals with her study partner Patti Williams, and lastly, committing to fellow law student, Carol Moses, (she was a year ahead of Trudi) to run Trudi's first marathon with Carol after graduation from law school – it seemed a long way off at the time.

## Victor Salazar

Since graduation Victor has been Staff Counsel - California Department of Fair Employment and Housing; Assistant General Counsel - California Agricultural Labor Relations Board; Associate Attorney - Law Firm of Forrest and McLaughlin; Managing Attorney - Central California Legal Services; and, County Clerk/Registrar of Voters - County of Fresno. He retired in January of 2011.

Victor has been an avid runner for the past 50 years; however, he certainly slowed down of late. He does exercise daily. Running 6 miles a day helped him make it through law school and has been a major source of stress release as an attorney. Now in retirement, he enjoys traveling, bicycling, running, walking, playing golf and spending time with his five grandchildren.

Victor is the recipient of the Reedley College Distinguished Alumnus Award, Democracy Through Action Outreach to Youth Award, School of Unlimited Learning Award, Special Recognition by California Association of Clerks and Election Officials and Secretary of State Great Seal awarded for Operation Youth Vote. He is also a member of Law Raza Lawyers Association.

Victor currently serves on the Board of the Poverello House and Kings River Conservancy. He is a Pro Bono Attorney

for the Resource Center for Survivors of Sexual Assault and Family Violence.

Victor recalls as a student, working full time with a family, it was very difficult finding enough time to meet all of his obligations. However, he was fortunate to have had the support of family, friends and SJCL staff that helped him make it through law school. During the first night in class, Jan Pearson told them "you'll learn to manage your time like never before." She was right. It certainly was a struggle with extra long days and little sleep.

The difficulty of law school made the accomplishment so much more significant. The successful completion of law school and passing the bar have provided Victor with opportunities that would not have availed themselves but for the law school degree. He is grateful to the founders and dedicated staff at San Joaquin College of Law for offering this opportunity to so many from this local community.

Now in retirement, Victor looks back at the achievements made possible by a legal education and feels fortunate to have had the support of so many individuals while in law school, as an aspiring attorney and as an elected official.

## 2003 Chineme Anyadiegwu

Chineme started working with Children's Hospital Central California in 2000 as a Clinical Laboratory Scientist, and continued doing so while she was in law school. She continues working there currently.

Chineme's husband, Bronson, and she have been married for 23 years. Bronson also works at Children's Hospital Central California as a Respiratory Care Practitioner. He is a member of the leadership group, and enjoys his responsibility of helping children of Central Valley breath easily. They are blessed with two wonderful boys. Enyinna, age 23, is a biology major and Uchenna, age 20,

is a chemistry major at UC Riverside. Chineme and her husband are happily looking forward to the children's graduation from college next year. The two boys and Bronson love sports so they enjoy traveling to team parks within California and several other states. When the boys were in high school, they participated in track, pole vault, and high jump. Chineme's main passion is working with her family to help in any way possible in their quest to find their niche in this community. She also loves dancing and wishes that she could find time to actually participate more often in the one hobby she enjoys so very much.

Chineme is affiliated with the American Society for Clinical Pathology (ASCP). She is a member of a couple of community organizations including the UDCA USA, a charitable organization that focuses on the enhancement of the livelihood of those who are in need. She served as the Secretary for the Association for four years. Its members are mainly sons and daughters of Uzuakoli, a town in southern Nigeria. They have participated in several charitable ventures, but the two that are dear to her heart are the medical mission undertaken by the group this summer to Uzuakoli, her home town, and the successful construction of a water delivery system that will serve the motherless babies home in Uzuakoli. Unfortunately, Chineme was not able to travel with the group this time, but they have been working hard for the past ten years to ensure that these ventures are successfully accomplished.

Chineme also belongs to the Igbo Women Association of Central California (IWACC), a group of women of Igbo origin that are interested in helping their fellow women and other members of the Nigerian community during happy or sad occasions. Recently, they have decided to explore the possibility of acquiring property for use as a cultural center. This center will be used mainly for educating their children and interested members of the community about their culture.

Chineme has many memories about her SJCL days. She will never forget her experience as a Small Claims Advisor. Her participation in that program taught her how to patiently listen to complaints, analyze the complaint and render relevant advice. She also enjoyed civil trial practice, mediation, moot court, and law review. Chineme has fun memories of the students she met at SJCL. They include her study group comprising of Maribel Hernandez and Vong Mouanoutoua. She also fondly remembers Jody Woodsmith, the 2001 managing editor of the *San Joaquin Agricultural Law Review*, and all the students she worked with during their law review candidacy.

Chineme will never forget her first day in Constitutional Law class because she was amazed to hear Professor Purvis pronounce her name perfectly with such ease. Chineme had never heard a non-Igbo pronounce it the way he did. That experience was highly instructive to her, because it meant that Professor Purvis expected her to take his class as seriously as he had done in learning how to pronounce a name that was foreign to him and, of course, to everyone in that class.

### **Tara C. Brady**

When Tara graduated from SJCL she was working full time at Pelco in Clovis. Pelco is a worldwide leader in the video security equipment industry. Having taken the California Bar Exam but not passing, she was looking for employment opportunities where she could utilize her law degree without practicing law.

Fellow classmate and SJCL 2003 alumna Nitza Coleman, was working at Kaiser Permanente Medical Center in Fresno at that time and contacted Tara about a newly created position. In 2005 Kaiser Permanente Northern California Region created Corporate Compliance and Privacy Departments at their 14 medical centers, including Fresno. Tara was hired in June 2005 as the Fresno Compliance Manager & Privacy Officer.

In early 2005 Kaiser Permanente's NCAL Region Privacy and Security Officer asked Tara to apply for a Privacy Compliance Manager position located at the regional offices in Oakland, California. Tara was promoted into that role in April 2008. Her primary responsibilities are investigating and responding to HIPAA complaints filed with the Office for Civil Rights, managing patient privacy incidents for the region, investigating privacy violation allegations involving regional employees, and providing consultations for their 14 medical centers regarding patient privacy issues. Because California privacy laws are the most stringent in the country, she utilizes her legal education on a daily basis and interacts with their in-house counsel at least weekly.

While in law school Tara's *San Joaquin Agricultural Law Review* article in Volume 13 was published. It was titled 'The Argument for the Legalization of Industrial Hemp.' Tara has been following this topic for over 15 years. Recently, Governor Brown signed legislation that would allow California farmers to grow industrial hemp. ([www.sfbg.com/politics/2013/09/27/industrial-hemp-legal-california](http://www.sfbg.com/politics/2013/09/27/industrial-hemp-legal-california))

While some day Tara would like to obtain her bar card, passing will only be icing on the cake for her at this point in her career because she uses the knowledge and skills she obtained in law school on a daily basis and has never regretted obtaining her law degree from SJCL.

Health care compliance and privacy is a very complex field from a legal perspective. There are many career opportunities available every day to people who have their law degrees. At some point in the future she would like to be able to teach a legal class on health care compliance and privacy.

# Giving Back

*“Unless someone like you cares a whole awful lot, nothing is going to get better. It’s not.”*

-Dr. Seuss

Thank you to all of our very generous donors for contributing to one of the best years in San Joaquin College of Law’s fundraising history. We have so many things to be thankful for, but most importantly we are thankful for you.

We are excited to report that we had our most successful Annual Fund to date, surpassing our next highest Annual Fund year by 5%. Our increase in Annual Fund giving is not the only figure that encourages us. For the first time in the history of SJCL, we received 100% participation from our Board of Trustees. This not only demonstrates that SJCL has strong leadership, but also that our leaders strongly believe and support the mission and direction of the school. SJCL staff and faculty also came through in a big way, contributing collectively over \$11,000 to various projects, including the New American Legal Clinic, Technology, the SJCL Endowment Fund, Scholarships and the Law Library. SJCL staff come to work each day and give of their time and talents, but also give of their treasure, because they have a passion for the work they do, SJCL students and the important role San Joaquin College of Law plays in their community.

Some of you may wonder why gifts to SJCL are important. You may even ask “Doesn’t tuition cover the cost of running the school?” Simply answered, no. Tuition alone does not cover the cost of adding new full time faculty, developing clinics (such as the New American Legal Clinic), keeping up with the cost of new technologies, increasing our outreach efforts, publishing the *San Joaquin Agricultural Law Review*, providing scholarships to deserving students, or maintaining our beautiful building. The financial support of our generous donors ensures SJCL continues to thrive.

In the words of the late, great Dr. Seuss, it is because “someone like you cares a whole awful lot” that things will continue to get better.

Thank you again, to our donors and future donors. There are a whole awful lot of you who care.

Best,



Kasi Welte  
Annual Giving Coordinator

## Classathon

### Winning Class for Total Contributions

Class of 1985 ..... \$12,425

### Winning Class for Total Participation

Class of 1975 ..... 40%

## Annual Fund Recap

### Fiscal Year 2012-2013

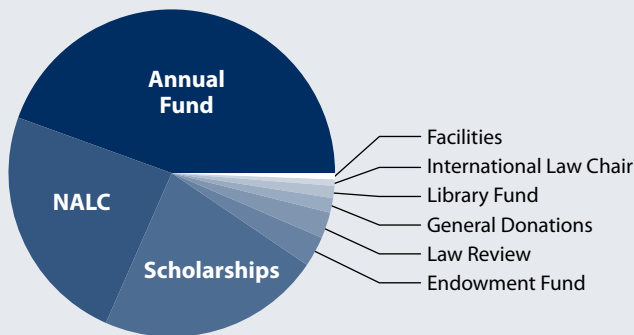
Total Contributions ..... \$87,613  
 Total First-time Alumni Gifts ..... 10  
 Total Alumni Donors ..... 130  
 Total Alumni Participation Rate ..... 10.13%

## Total Giving Report

### Fiscal Year 2012-2013

Total Contributions to all Fund Categories ..... \$196,918  
 Total Percentage of Funds Contributed by Alumni ..... 40%

## Total Giving



August 1, 2011 – July 31, 2012	Amount	Percentage
Annual Fund	\$ 87,613	44.5%
New American Legal Clinic (NALC)	\$ 47,040	23.9%
Scholarships	\$ 43,630	22.2%
Endowment Fund	\$ 5,910	3.0%
Law Review	\$ 5,050	2.6%
General Donations	\$ 2,850	1.4%
Library Fund	\$ 2,375	1.2%
International Law Chair	\$ 1,250	.6%
Facilities	\$ 1,200	.6%



# Classathon

## Class of 1974

Participation – 18.18%

Mio D. Quatraro  
Judith Ward

## Class of 1975

Participation – 40.00%

Thomas Campagne  
Ima Jean Harvey  
Hon. Ralph L. Putnam  
Robert G. Williams

## Class of 1976

Participation – 20.00%

Hon. Gary S. Austin  
C. William Brewer  
James J. Mele

## Class of 1977

Participation – 12.50%

Katherine L. Hart  
Malcolm H. Stewart

## Class of 1978

Participation – 13.95%

Robert Broughton  
Marvin Helon  
Gary J. Hill  
Timothy V. Magill  
Hon. Stephen Sefton  
Hon. Georgia York

## Class of 1979

Participation – 20.00%

Fran Christiansen  
John Mesrobian

## Class of 1980

Participation – 35.00%

Hon. Nancy A. Cisneros  
Michael Condry  
Gerald R. Farrington  
Ronald Henderson  
Karen Kern  
James Sanderson  
Nancy Silacci  
Hon. Nancy I. Smith

## Class of 1981

Participation – 18.18%

Dr. Robert L. Garabedian  
John Shehadey

## Class of 1982

Participation – 27.78%

Julia Brungess  
Deborah A. Byron  
Douglas Haas  
Thomas Snyder  
Peter Wasemiller

## Class of 1983

Participation – 18.18%

Timothy R. Hart  
Denise M. Kerner

## Class of 1984

Participation – 11.11%

John F. Garland  
Steven F. Salazar

## Class of 1985

Participation – 39.29%

Anonymous  
Peter B. Bunting  
Joby E. Dupuis  
William R. Frank  
Donna Korotie  
Hon. W. Richard Lee  
Pamela McFarland  
David Mugridge  
Warren Paboojian  
Sharon Stull  
Kimberly R. Sweidy

## Class of 1986

Participation – 20.00%

Randolph Ataide  
Kevin D. Gunner  
William Hazen  
Sara Hedgpeth-Harris  
Linda Kelly

## Class of 1987

Participation – 14.81%

Harry G. Brown  
Flora Istanboulian  
Hon. Houry A. Sanderson  
James P. Witherow

## Class of 1988

Participation – 12.50%

Anonymous  
Peter Cowper  
Rene Sample

## Class of 1989

Participation – 4.76%

Sue Cercone

## Class of 1990

Participation – 12.50%

Clinton A. Cummins  
Gregory Tanner

## Class of 1991

Participation – 18.18%

Deborah A. Coe Hood  
Judith F. Hall  
Mary K. Rau  
Maureen C. Wolf

## Class of 1992

Participation – 15.00%

Mark A. Blum  
C. Michael Carrigan  
Robert Lindsay  
Carol Moses  
Scott VanWagenen  
David Weiland

## Class of 1993

Participation – 5.45%

Michael A. Dias  
Margaret Shainberg  
Thomas Zynda

## Class of 1994

Participation – 6.67%

David Alderson  
James Cipolla  
Dennis Speer  
Sara Widener-Brightwell

## Class of 1995

Participation – 8.79%

Lance Armo  
Miriam Cooper  
Gregory S. Powell  
David Rendahl  
Linda Richardson  
Eduardo Ruiz  
Lisa Smittcamp  
Regina Tanner

## Class of 1996

Participation – 9.80%

Karen Buck  
Allison Gong-Dummitt  
Robert Hirth  
Nancy Stegall  
Melissa L. White

## Class of 1998

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Taking a much more serious tone, Dooley picked SJCL Dean Jan Pearson and Professor Sally Perring out of the crowd, pointing to the experience and legacy of learning that continues at the Law School, adding the fact that Dean Pearson “continues to draw people here is a testament to that.”

Dooley also spoke affectionately of her Valley roots, saying she often referred to herself as “Hanford Hannah,” in a nod to her degrees from Fresno State and SJCL.

Inductee James Weakley was equally humbled by the honor, telling the crowd his first words to Dean Janice Pearson when she told him he was nominated were “Obviously, you made a mistake!”

His introduction by Campagne made it clear there was no mistake. He described Weakley as the “consummate litigator,”

serving as president of organizations ranging from ABOTA to the San Joaquin Valley Chapter of the Federal Bar Association, along with serving as an arbitrator and mediator for Fresno County, where his opinions are highly respected by other litigators.

Weakley spent little time talking about himself, pointing to his mother in the audience, who was also present for his graduation from SJCL back in 1978. He also pointed to his former partner and fellow SJCL Alumna, the Hon. Rosemary McGuire, who started as his paralegal. And pointing to SJCL founder John Loomis, he thanked him for his “love of the law.”

Along with Judge McGuire, other members of the bench in attendance included the Hon. Anthony Ishii, the Hon. Stanley Boone, the Hon. Sheila Oberto, and the

Hon. Don Penner. Judge Penner is already a member of the SJCL Hall of Fame, as are Fresno County District Attorney Elizabeth Egan and retired Tulare County District Attorney Phil Cline, who were also in attendance. Other Hall of Fame Alumni who came to honor the latest inductees included Kathy Hart and Michael “Mick” Marderosian.

Another contingent of the crowd included Weakley’s current partners and associate attorney. Both of his partners, James Arendt (Law ’89) and Leslie Dillahunty (Law ’97) are SJCL alumni, as are three of his four associate attorneys, including Brande Gustafson (Law ’09), Michelle Sassano (Law ’04), and Erick Rhoan (Law ’11). After introducing them to the crowd, he added San Joaquin College of Law is “the best thing that has happened to us.”

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