



# Inter Alia

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## SJCL Inducts David Weiland into the Alumni Hall of Fame

**D**avid Weiland (Law '92) was all but overcome with emotion and gratitude at his Induction Ceremony on September 5th at the Sisk Courthouse. "My wife always teases me about tearing up," he said, as he wiped his eyes. "This is really embarrassing."

But the accolades kept coming for the partner at Coleman and Horowitz. Greg Norys (Law '02), another partner at the firm, told the audience "I would not be where I am today without Dave," who offered him a job at Dowling Aaron years ago. Before that, Greg had been study partners with David's wife, Lillian, who also graduated from SJCL in 2002. That led to the families becoming fast friends and future partners.

Like many graduates from San Joaquin College of Law, David did not choose law as his first career. He obtained a degree in Civil Engineering from Fresno State in 1972 and worked as an engineer for 20 years, sharing his expertise at the Kings County Public Works Department, a few civil engineering firms, and his own companies. Then, in 1988, he enrolled in law school, where he also excelled. He holds the distinction of becoming the very first managing editor of the *San Joaquin Agricultural Law Review*, which will publish its 28th volume this year.

The 28th Inductee into the SJCL Hall of Fame says he is "a long way from where I grew up in the sticks," comparing Hanford to the fictional Mayberry. David adds "growing up in a small town helped me find my way here. It allowed me to take chances." Leaving a successful engineering



**David Weiland** (Law '92) with his wife **Lillian** (Law '02) and daughter **Julia**

career to enter law school was certainly one of them.

Longtime SJCL staff member Lonzetta Hightower remembers how David was unaware he had passed the bar until she called to invite him to the Champagne Reception. His response was "I passed? Are you sure?"

David then opened his own practice in construction and real estate litigation, along with design professional liability defense. He later joined Dowling Aaron Inc. as a shareholder, became chair of the

litigation department, a member of the Board of Directors, and eventually President. He practiced at Dowling Aaron for 15 years before moving into his current role as head of the litigation department and executive committee member at Coleman & Horowitz.

Still, David defers the praise. "All of you had an effect on the success I experience," he said. He pointed to the many cheerleaders in his life, ranging from his Mom who was "surprised" but proud that he graduated college to the SJCL Dean Jan Pearson,

# Education Law Class



**S**an Joaquin College of Law is excited to announce Michael E. Smith, founding partner of Lozano Smith, is teaching a new Education Law elective. Smith, who has represented school districts for nearly 40 years, says he hopes the class will provide students with a broad overview of Education Law, along with some insights about what it's like to practice in this specialty area.

The topics will range from student and employee Free Speech issues to the Establishment Clause as it relates to religious teachings and practices in schools. In addition, the class will cover search and seizure laws in the school setting, confidentiality of student records, the role of unions in public education, an overview of Special Education, and more.

Lozano Smith employs about a hundred attorneys at eight different offices and specializes in representing not only schools, but also such public entities as cities and counties. In addition to his work in all aspects of Education Law, Smith also has expertise in collective bargaining, labor and personnel, and student discipline matters. He has been the speaker at national and statewide conferences, including the National School Boards Association and the California School Boards Association.

# Commissioner Ricky Tripp



**R**icky Tripp (Law '01) has been selected by the Tulare County Superior Court to become its latest Commissioner. Tripp fills a newly-created position, and will preside over the Court's assignment calendar, among other duties. He has spent the last 13 years with the Tulare County District Attorney's Office, most recently as Supervising Deputy D.A. Tripp. He is a graduate of College of the

Sequoias, Fresno State, and San Joaquin College of Law. Tripp is pictured above as Tulare County District Attorney Tim Ward (right) presents him with a plaque in appreciation for his years of service. Ward says "Ricky has been a great prosecutor and an even better friend." With Tripp's selection to the bench, SJCL now has 53 judges and commissioners among the alumni ranks.

# Governor Promotes Mary Thornton

**L**ess than two years after she became a Deputy Commissioner (ALJ) for the California Board of Parole Hearings, Governor Gavin Newsom has elevated Mary Thornton (Law '08) to the Board of Parole Hearings. Prior to her service there, Commissioner Thornton served as a Senior Deputy District Attorney at the Madera County District Attorney's Office from 2016 to 2017, where she was a Deputy District Attorney from 2009 to 2013. She served as a Deputy District Attorney at the Kings County District Attorney's Office from 2013 to 2015. This position requires Senate confirmation.



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# SJCL Opens Special Education Clinic

Last September, SJCL began a pilot program that would be the launching pad for a new clinic.



## SAN JOAQUIN COLLEGE OF LAW BREN CLINIC

The course, open to the community, was a 10-session class on Special Education Law. It was designed to offer tools and information regarding special education to parents so that they could become more knowledgeable advocates for their children. However, parents of children with disabilities were not the only ones to take the course. Various professionals who serve individuals with disabilities also attended the class.

Nichola G. Krebsbach (Law '16), an attorney with Gillett Green, was among the professionals who attended the course. "Parents of children with disabilities are at a disadvantage when compared to school administrators, because more often than

not, parents are unaware of the robust civil rights guaranteed under federal law to children who qualify for special education," Nichola explained. "The problem is that a parent shouldn't have to use their hard-earned money to pay for an attorney or advocate, and some don't have the resources needed to do so. This is why the BREN clinic is necessary — to educate parents, and to provide legal counsel and advocacy to those who need it. The amount of time we have to educate a child is short and fleeting, and there is no time to waste."

The mission of the BREN clinic is to help individuals with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities (I/DD) to obtain the education and community services and

related supports they need to reach their full potential. This is accomplished through a four-part focus:

- Bolster partnerships between families and schools
- Reform special education services within communities
- Empower families and individuals to self-advocate
- Network peer-to-peer advocates

BREN will provide special education law and advocacy training and community outreach programs designed to empower families and individuals to help themselves and one another. BREN aims to work in tandem with school systems and families and, through collaboration, maximize the services available to children who have disabilities.

During the Fall 2019 Semester, BREN is offering a free 10-session course in Special Education Law open to the community. Each class dives into a specific part of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA), the law which outlines the responsibilities of school districts in educating students with disabilities as

well as the rights of those students and their parents.

BREN is also working on other components that will roll out in Spring of 2020. For example, BREN is working with Centro La Familia Advocacy Services to have the printed materials translated into Spanish and hopes to offer the course in Spanish. BREN also plans to have law students, working under the Director's supervision, help families navigate the complex Individualized Education Plan (IEP) process, the process by which special education services are determined and delivered. The BREN clinic will also be facilitating a network of peer-to-peer advocates comprised of individuals who have completed the 10-session course and can provide support to other special needs families. BREN also hopes to organize an annual conference to keep the special needs community, both the individuals/families and professionals who serve them, apprised of the latest developments and practices in the Special Education field.

The BREN clinic is funded by a budding local non-profit agency, Growing Resources for Autism and Neurodevelopmental Disabilities (GRAND). Alissa Malakan saw firsthand the challenges facing families

who have children with special needs and the scarcity of resources in our community. In response, she founded GRAND with the mission to empower individuals with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) and Neurodevelopmental Disabilities (NDD) by improving resources, offering support, and promoting inclusion throughout the community. Recognizing the assistance a clinic at SJCL could offer to families

and the important learning opportunity it could provide for students, GRAND provided the funds necessary to establish the clinic. BREN is seeking future funding on an on-going basis, but is grateful to GRAND for their endowment that made the BREN clinic possible.

To learn more about GRAND, visit [www.grandcv.org](http://www.grandcv.org) and to learn more about the BREN Clinic visit [www.sjcl.edu/bren](http://www.sjcl.edu/bren).



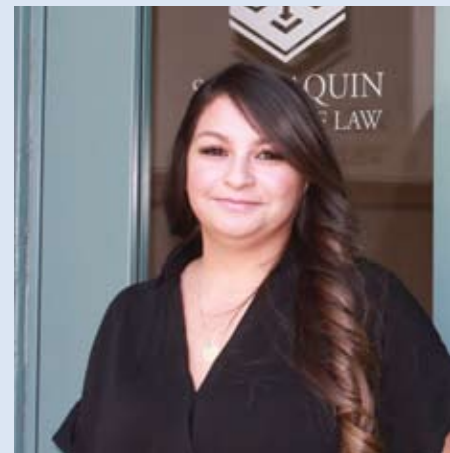
## Esmeralda, Jennifer, and Miriam

**N**ew faces to greet you! We're excited to welcome Esmeralda Felix and Jennifer Cedillo Arroyo, our newest Administrative Assistants/Receptionists for the front office. Both are attending Fresno State; Esmeralda is studying Criminology (with an option in victimology) while Jennifer is a Liberal Studies major.

We are also excited to welcome Miriam Ochoa as the latest addition to our New American Legal Clinic (NALC) team! She recently obtained her Associate's Degree in Paralegal and Business Administration and we're now putting her skill set to good use as an Administrative Assistant at NALC.



**Esmeralda Felix and Jennifer Cedillo Arroyo**



**Miriam Ochoa**

# Back to School Night

There was a whole lotta Aloha going on at the Student Bar Association's Back to School night on August 23rd! A huge, happy crowd enjoyed shaved ice, beach balls, leis, kids games, chicken katsu, teriyaki chicken, pineapples, and, of course, a tiki bar. SJCL Academic Dean, Justin Atkinson, and his band, "Rush the Fills," was back by popular demand. Mahalo SBA for a fabulous night!





# Welcome New Attorneys!

Ten Bar Passers took their oaths as Officers of the Court at the Fifth District Court of Appeal on June 5th, including seven from San Joaquin College of Law.

**A**lthough the ceremony took place less than three weeks after Bar results were released, all seven SJCL grads had already accepted full-time jobs as attorneys. Presiding Justice Brad R. Hill nodded at Associate Justice Herbert I. Levy as he advised the new attorneys to join the Fresno County Young Lawyers Association, which was where he “first met Bert,” adding “I won’t say how many years ago.”

Associate Justice Thomas DeSantos also had advice for the new admittees, telling them to put a photo on their desk “of your spouse or sailboat” to remind them of what they love.

Superior Court Presiding Judge Alan Simpson (Law ’83) pointed to the “many opportunities, large and small,” which will come with their new careers. “Sometimes you help someone in a way that was seriously important.”

U.S. Magistrate Judge Barbara McAuliffe welcomed the new attorneys to “a noble profession.” She reminded them that “Truth is justice,” while warning them to maintain their integrity, work ethic, and professionalism. “No billable hour is worth the effort it will take to clear a blemish from your reputation,” she said.

Mark Broughton, representing the State Board of Trustees, echoed that thought, warning that word about an indiscretion “will be around the courthouse and out the door before you are.”

Fresno County Bar Association President Deborah Coe (Law ’91) welcomed the new attorneys on behalf of the organizations nearly 1,300 members, reminding them they now “have the power to step in and make a difference.” She also acknowledged the many challenges still ahead. “When will you feel like a real lawyer?” she asked. “When you work with a client, face a tough opponent, or go before a judge and you actually don’t feel like you’re going to throw up, you’ve made it.”



NEWLY ADMITTED SJCL ATTORNEYS (L-R): Kyle Michael Zimmer, Jorge Gallegos Jr., Jennifer Michelle Arnold-Wharton, Brittany Elizabeth Hines, James “Preston” Castleman, Nicholas Raffaele Urgesi, and Marco Antonio Aguiar III.



**Jennifer Nguyen-Bui** was sworn in earlier by her former SJCL Professor, Judge Jon Conklin, so she could immediately begin her job as a Deputy City Attorney with the Fresno City Attorney’s Office. Many of her new coworkers joined her for this picture, including five other SJCL Alumni.

Not all of the SJCL Barpassers were at the Ceremony; some were sworn in earlier or elsewhere.

Congratulations to our newest attorneys, and to their new employers: Marco Antonio Aguiar III (Peel Garcia LLP); James Preston Castleman (Farley Law

Firm); Brittany Elizabeth Hines (Mark A. Broughton PC); Jorge Gallegos, Jr. (Stammer, McKnight, Barnum & Bailey LLP); Nicholas Raffaele Urgesi (Darryl B. Freedman, Inc.); Jennifer Michelle-Arnold Wharton (Arnold Law Group); Kyle Michael Zimmer (State Comp Ins. Fund)





# SJCL Hosts Two-Day Asylum Training

BY LINDA BARRETO, NALC DIRECTOR

In conjunction with UC Hastings' Center for Gender and Refugee Studies (CGRS), SJCL hosted nearly 50 legal professionals in a 2-day asylum training. CGRS is known as the leader in asylum law and asylum impact litigation throughout California and nationwide. The training provided attorneys in attendance with 8 hours of MCLE credit including 1 hour of elimination of bias. Attendees included several current SJCL students, staff from: Kids in Need of Defense (KIND), Education and Leadership Foundation (ELF), Centro La Familia and various legal pro-

fessionals from the private sector. Day one of the training covered asylum law fundamentals and effective screening techniques for potential asylum applicants. Day two of the training intensified with a substantive overview of asylum law in both affirmative and defensive scenarios. In day three of the training, attendees also participated in interactive hypotheticals and enjoyed a two-part mock trial, wherein they observed the line of questioning that both judges and opposing counsel will pose, as well as how to effectively

question a client in order to best present the case. In addition to their informative presentation, CGRS senior staff attorneys Christine Lin, Sayoni Maitra and Anne Petersen shared their wealth of knowledge answering questions throughout both days of the training.

Special thanks to California Department of Social Services for providing the funding to offer this valuable training free of charge and to Central Valley Immigrant Integration Collaborative (CVIIC) for supporting the training and providing lunch.

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# Hall of Fame

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who he credits as the Law School's cheerleader for the past 30-some years.

David gives his time generously to numerous community organizations, including previously serving as president of the Fresno State Bulldog Foundation, where he was instrumental in the quest to build the Save Mart Center. Former Fresno State Athletic Director Al Bohl has long since retired to Florida with his wife, but remembers David as more than just a Board figure. The Bohls sent flowers for David's Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony, and Al also sent a personal message. He not only recounted the friendship between the Bohls and the Weiland, but also, what happened after his wife fell, hit her head, had a seizure, and was hospitalized.

"This was on a Sunday. Monday morning I was sitting by Sherry's bedside at the hospital. Who walked in? David Weiland. Dave flew thru the night to Jacksonville Florida. Rented a car and drove to St. Augustine. In the afternoon, he drove back to Jacksonville and flew back to Fresno. That Monday was priceless to the Bohls."

Congressman T. J Cox also presented a surprise accolade to David in the form of a Congressional Resolution recognizing his Hall of Fame induction, which reads in part "David's track record as an attorney has earned him great respect in the Central Valley and throughout the State of California."

David has also served as an adjunct professor at Fresno State's School of Engineering as well as at SJCL, where he has been a member of the Board of Trustees for the past 20 years. Other SJCL Board members in attendance included Ross Borba Jr., Tony Mendes, Hon Robert Oliver, and fellow Hall-of-Famer Deborah Coe (Law '91). Other Hall of Fame members on hand to celebrate David's induction included Kathy Hart (Law '77), Rayma Church (Law '91), and the Hon. Houry Sanderson (Law '87). Additional support from the bench came from Hon. Robert Oliver, Hon. Geoffrey Sims (Law '93) and Hon. Adolfo Corona.

David and Lillian have three grown children, five grandchildren and one great-grandchild.





# BANKRUPTCYMANIA

## CCBA Invades Clovis

Over 26 speakers presented 13 sessions during the Central California Bankruptcy Association's two-day Institute "Bankruptcymania" in September.

Beginning with the Annual Golf Classic, which raises funds to support scholarships for SJCL students, the two day conference covered a wide range of bankruptcy related topics, with opportunities to acquire CLE or CPE credits.

With music from the British invasion of the '60s blasting between sessions in the ballroom at the Clovis Veterans Memorial District, some 79 attorneys and CPAs absorbed the latest developments in bankruptcy law. Discussions by expert panels and judges, and a retired law professor from The University of Duquesne Law School, (Pittsburg, Pennsylvania), who spoke with great animation on ethics, made for what attendees called a well-planned and valuable conference. One of the more popular presentations "10 Worst Things to Do in Your Consumer Practice" caused some in the audience to applaud wildly in commiseration with their colleagues who have made similar errors, while sharing best practices and resolutions.

The CCBA Bankruptcy Institute is presented in late September each year and is always a highly anticipated source of CLE credits. For information on attending next year or serving as a speaker please contact Diane Skouti at [dskouti@sjcl.edu](mailto:dskouti@sjcl.edu)



Attorneys and CPA's receive valuable updates in bankruptcy law at the 2019 Bankruptcy Institute



(L-R) David Jenkins, Hon. Stanley A. Boone, Douglas L. Gordon, and Charles T. Taylor speak on Effective Oral Advocacy.



SJCL Alumni (L-R) Russell Reynolds (Law '88), Kelsey Seib (Law '18), and Peter Bunting (Law '85)

# Warm Welcome to First Year Students

Seventy-two new students, from diverse backgrounds, have joined the ranks of the San Joaquin College of Law Family.



**S**eventy-two new students, from diverse backgrounds, have joined the ranks of the San Joaquin College of Law Family. They brought with them degrees from 27 different institutions of higher learning, including not only Fresno State and Fresno Pacific University, but also five different U.C. campuses, Cal Poly, and U.S.C. In addition, some degrees hailed from as far away as Arizona State, Lincoln University in Missouri, Texas State University, the University of Colorado, and foreign countries including Mexico, India, and South Korea.

They are a diverse group, ranging in age from 21 to 54-years-old, with pets ranging from cats and dogs to horses, a hamster, chickens, a turtle, and a frog named "IHOP." Some are married, and two of the incoming students are married to each other.

The August 12th orientation for the students may have left many SJCL alumni with ringing ears, as incoming students mentioned them as a major influence in their enrollment. Judge Houry Sanderson (Law '87), Madera District Attorney Sally Moreno (Law '95), Carol Moses (Law '92), Joseph Arnold (Law '02) and Michael Kerr (Law '17): we're looking at you!

## The reasons they enrolled were diverse

*"I was meant to do this."*

*"I am following in my father's footsteps."*

*"It's never too late to change your career."*

*"I want to be a judge."*

*"I want to help people unable to help themselves."*

*"My Dad said I was either going to be a doctor or a lawyer – I don't like sick people."*

*"I am really interested in Agricultural Law and this looks like the place to learn it."*

*"Everybody has rights and I want to protect them."*

*"A friend asked why I wasn't a lawyer, so here I am."*

*"I was a Victims' Advocate and I want to make a bigger difference."*

*"One of my professors gave me a kick in the rear."*

*"My wife made me do it."*

**Welcome to all. We can't wait to see how far your diverse dreams will take you!**

# Kayla Pace Wins Kharazi Book Scholarship



**K**ayla Pace has lived at a hectic pace for the past three years. As a single mom involved in a six-year custody battle, she managed to hold down five jobs. She also worked multiple jobs while attending U.C Davis, despite driving back to the Valley each weekend to be with her son.

The accomplishment is all the more noteworthy because she is the first in her immediate family to attain a bachelor's degree, let alone attend any sort of graduate school. Her father, along with all of her grandparents, never finished high school. Her mother, meanwhile, attended a year of bible college.

Still, she says becoming an attorney is a "lifelong passion." She remembers as a child running away to the library where she would hide out among the law books "because my Mom wouldn't look for me there."

She is grateful for the help of Ty Kharazi, a 1996 SJCL grad and the founder of the Kharazi Book Scholarship. Kharazi was a 16-year-old college student in 1977, studying in the Los Angeles area on a scholarship from his home country of Iran. Six months after he arrived, so did the em-

bassy takeover in Tehran. Ty found himself without finances and family. He managed to land a job at Jack in the Box where he worked all day and a job as a valet along the Sunset Strip at night. He eventually switched to working at McDonald's and tried to take at least one college course at night every semester. Ten years later, he achieved his Bachelor's degree in Biology from CSU Bakersfield, followed by his Masters in Health Care Administration. Kharazi has established both the Kharazi Bar Study Support Scholarship to offset the cost of a bar review course and this book scholarship, recalling those two expenses were outside the very tight budget which he lived by during law school.

Kayla has cut back to just two jobs as she begins her journey through law school. She says "I have fought hard to get here and will fight even harder to stay here and prove myself as a top-rate student."

# Zack Groothuyzen Wins Hollis Best Scholarship

**E**stablished as a memorial to the late Presiding Justice Hollis G. Best, the scholarship seeks to encourage and support outstanding academic achievement and commitment to service by law students. While strong preference is given to current Valley residents, the primary considerations are academic achievement and the breadth and depth of the applicant's extracurricular and community activities. Financial need and demonstrated leadership capabilities are also taken into consideration.



Congratulations to **Zack Groothuyzen**, winner of the 2019 Hollis Best Scholarship! The Scholarship was presented by **Judge Robert Oliver** (pictured on right) at the 29th Annual Bernie Witkin Luncheon on June 28th.



## “Let’s Impeach a President! It always worked before..”



**T**hat was the title of this year’s Constitution Day lecture at San Joaquin College of Law on September 19th. Professor Jeffrey G. Purvis examined what the Founding Fathers had in mind when they were considering which presidential behaviors merited impeachment, and how it was applied (or not applied) in impeachment proceedings against Presidents Andrew Johnson and Bill Clinton. In both of those cases, it appears impeachment was driven (and ultimately diffused) by political forces, rather than a standard code of conduct. Professor Purvis suggested that the possible articles of impeachment facing the current president are much more severe, but partisan votes would rule the outcome.

As is his habit, Professor Purvis welcomed several audience members by name, including his wife, fellow professors, an SJCL Board member, and the ghost of Supreme Court Justice Antonin Scalia.

For those who missed this year’s lecture, it will be replayed on KFCF (88.1 FM) and CMAC in the near future. It will also be added to the SJCL YouTube Channel.



# Your Alumni Association is Waiting

Is there a better time to join your Alumni Association than during its 50th Anniversary Year?

**T**hree seats on the Board of Directors will be vacant for the 2019-2020 term. If you have not yet joined this dynamic group, please reconsider.

The Alumni Association works to strengthen the ties of the vast SJCL Alumni network throughout the Central Valley, in addition to providing activities and events designed to enhance the alumni experience, provide community services, and support SJCL in a number of ways.

Your membership dues provide you with free entry to “Got MCLE?” in January, and a renewed connection to your alma mater. Look for the special membership table at the upcoming Re-me-mixer, the 50th Anniversary Celebration on Thursday, October 18, 2019, 4:00 – 9:00pm, here on campus.

If you are interested in board membership, please contact Diane Skouti at 559-326-1463 or [dskouti@sjcl.edu](mailto:dskouti@sjcl.edu). Board seats will be filled in December, 2019.

### Upcoming Events...

- **Alumni Association Board Elections** – December, 2019
- **Marjaree Mason Children’s Christmas Party** – Winter
- **Got MCLE?** – January 4, 2020
- **Paint Nite** – TBA
- **Senior Citizen’s Law Day** – June, 2020

# Senior Citizens Law Day Packs 'Em In

The SJCL Alumni Association lined up legal experts in the fields of Estate Planning, Medicare and Medi-Cal, and Identity Theft to present free informational sessions to local senior citizens in June.

**M**any of the 50 attendees present said they look forward to Senior Citizens' Law Day for the updated and invaluable information they receive each year. Deborah Boyett (Law '01) of Wanger Jones Helsley PC has served as a volunteer speaker for several years. She is always praised for her clear and concise presentations on the complex area of estate planning. Another frequent volunteer speaker, Joy Dockter (Law '10) of Central California Legal Services (CCLS), demystified the often-confusing landscape of Medicare and Medi-Cal, a common issue among seniors. Additional sessions were presented on Identity Theft by Scott Hoedt of the Fresno County District Attorney's Office, and Elder Abuse by Larry "Skip" Swain of the Fresno County Sheriff's Office.

Along with the sessions, a hearty continental breakfast was provided by sponsor Borton Petrini, and CCLS was on hand as always, to provide one on one, no cost appointments to qualifying individuals. CCLS Volunteer Legal Services Program Supervising Attorney Paul Mullen (Law '01) instructed student volunteers on conducting intake interviews and assisting with forms. The students said the experience was gratifying as well as informative. Senior Law Day is just one of the many events and services provided by the SJCL Alumni Association. We thank Alumni Board members Natalie Packer, Ashley Allred, Stefanie Krause, and all those who volunteered to help put together such a valuable community event.



Local Senior Citizens packed room 213.



Alumni Association Board members and student volunteers work together at Senior Citizens' Law Day.



An attentive crowd listens to **Deborah Boyett** (Law '01) talk about estate planning.



**Paul Mullen** (Law '01, Front) of CCLS instructs student volunteers on intake interviewing for Senior Law Day. (L-R): **Rosie Palomino** (2L), **Esmeralda Serapio** (4L), **Raul Magana** (3L), **Joslyn Hillberg** (2L), **Ashley Emmersen** (2L), and **Lorena Vargas** (2L)





**Debora Boyett** (Law '01) and **Stefanie Krause** (Law '00)



**Joy Dockter** (Law '10) and LSCA President **George Harris** (3L)

## We're Glad You're Here!

The first day of class for the fall term brought a return of the enticing aroma of fresh popcorn and the allure of cold brewed coffee in the grand hallway on the first floor. Sponsored by the Alumni Association, the quarterly goody days are meant to add a bit of fun to the serious business of law school. It's always cool to see the surprised responses from the first-years as they make their way to class, wondering why on earth the hallway smells like a movie theatre. Their comments range from: "What time does the movie start?" to "How much for a bag?" and then their delight (the quarterly goodies are always free!) mixed with a touch of disappointment (there is no movie). Many thanks to the SJCL Alumni Association for their kind (and tasty) contributions. Next up: Pie Before Finals in November.



# SJCL ON THE MOVE

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**Diego E. Andrade** (Law '16) is now a Deputy County Counsel for Kern County.

**Osmundo J. Arguello** (Law '18) is now an Associate Attorney at the Law Office of Jeremy Frost.

**Satnam “Sam” Brar** (Law '12) and Bryan C. Doss (Law '07) have opened the Law Office of Doss & Brar, LLP, specializing in Workers' Compensation Defense.

**Erica M. Camarena** (Law '02) is now Chief Assistant City Attorney for the City of Fresno.

**Andrea M. Chapman** (Law '17) is now an Associate Attorney at the Law Offices of Niklas K. Hugosson (Law '17).

**Megan K. Dutra** (Law '14) is now an Associate Attorney at Baker, Manock & Jensen.

**Jaskaran S. Gill** (Law '17) is now an Associate Attorney with Bradford Barthel, LLP.

**Mario A. Gonzalez** (Law '16) is now an Associate Attorney at Michael Sullivan and Associates LLP.

**Randell L. Harper** (Law '14) is now an attorney for the Kings County Minors Advocate Office.

**Matthew M. Lear** (Law '17) is now an Associate Attorney with Lozano Smith.

**Patricia Ziegler Lopez** (Law '11) is now a Madera County Deputy District Attorney.

**Kyle R. Martin** (Law '17) is now an Associate Attorney at McCunn Law in Granite Bay, CA.

**James N. McCann** (Law '13) is now an Associate Attorney at Lozano Smith.

**J. Brent Richardson** (Law '01) has opened the Law Office of J. Brent Richardson, specializing in consumer protection law.

**Christina A. Roberson** (Law '12) is now Fresno Assistant City Attorney.

**Mary E. Thornton** (Law '08) has been elevated to the Board of Parole Hearings by Governor Gavin Newsom. Previously, she was a Deputy Commissioner (ALJ) for that same board.

**Ricky Tripp** (Law '01) has been selected by the Tulare County Superior Court to become its latest Commissioner. He has spent the last 13 years with the Tulare County District Attorney's Office, most recently as Supervising Deputy D.A.

**Jason L. Trupkin** (Law '17) is now an Associate Attorney at the Caine Law Firm.

## *In Memoriam*

*San Joaquin College of Law notes with sadness the passing of*

**Karin Ruth Hunter** (Law '96) on January 18, 2019

**Keith W. Lusk** (Law '78) on August 20, 2019

Keith is survived by his wife, Martha; his three children, Amy, Abbie, and Jeremy; and three grandchildren. His son, Jeremy, is also an SJCL alum who graduated 25 years after his Dad.

**David F. Rendahl** (Law '95) on July 6, 2019

He is survived by his wife, Alison, and their two sons, Matthew and Ryan.

**Michael S. Weinberg** (Law '80) on November 21, 2018

He is survived by his son, Roger, and his daughter, Camille. He is predeceased by his wife, Donna, and his son, Russell.

**Robert S. Wynne** (Law '89) on August 4, 2019

He is survived by his partner, Mary Jane Perryman; his two children, Robert Keith and Christine; and his sisters Mary Wynne Madewell and Cathryn Oltman.

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