



# DICTA

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## DICTA RETURNS

The SCJL Student Bar has rejuvenated the student newspaper, the "DICTA". From the limited records available, it appears that Dicta has not been published since 1981. Dicta will report on school activities, as well as feature profiles of students, teachers and events. Dicta will be published approximately five times per year. Student volunteers to write articles or assist with production are welcome. Please see Ellen Jahn, Tamera Trindade, or your Student Bar representative if you are interested

-Ellen Jahn

## FINANCIAL AID NEWS

By now, most everyone is aware that, effective this fall, financial aid is available to SJCL students. Though new financial aid options are a welcome development, law and paralegal students may wonder how this boon impacts upon them personally. Students wishing to explore the relative merits and conditions of the various programs should obtain the informational booklet at the front desk and schedule an appointment with Jill Seible, Financial Administrator/Accounting Coordinator.

It should be noted that financial assistance may be either in the form of a grant or a loan. The Pell Grant is only available for paralegal students and is based on financial need computed by federal standards. As the name implies, no repayment is required. Student loans come in two categories: the GSL (Guaranteed Student Loan) or the SLS (Supplemental Loan for Students.) These loans are available to both law and paralegal students.

There are numerous differences between the GSL and the SLS. Some of these include differing rates of interest, deferment of loan principal and repayment plans. Ms. Seible indicated that students should meet with her personally to discuss questions they may have. It is expected that SJCL as a whole will benefit from this new resource. As Ms. Seible puts it, "We are very pleased to be able to offer our students financial aid for the first time. It is extremely rewarding to help students explore their potential without the added stress of financial worries."

-Maureen Spangler

## WELCOME NEW SJCL PROFESSORS

The following attorneys are now teaching at SJCL. Welcome!

### EDWIN OESER -Contracts:

An Assistant Fresno City Attorney since 1982, Mr. Oeser is a graduate of U.C. Davis. He has also worked as a District Attorney and as a clerk at the U.S. District Court in Fresno.

### DOUGLAS NOLL -Remedies:

Mr. Noll received his J.D. from Mc George School of Law. He is a principal in the firm of Fullerton, Lang, Richert and Patch. While in law school, Mr. Noll was on the Pacific Law Journal Board of Editors.

### JAMES HURLEY -Civil Litigation:

Mr. Hurley is a partner with McCormick, Barstow, Sheppard, Wayte & Carruth, which he joined in 1980. He received his J.D. from U.S.C.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**HELP WANTED:** We need law and paralegal students to assist with Dicta. Please see Ellen Jahn.

**HELP WANTED:** Student Advisors for Small Claims Court. Please leave your name with Betty at the front desk or see Anne Kinzel.

**DICTA MEETING:** September 21 at 5:30 pm, SJCL - all are welcome.

**CLASS ACTION PARTY:** September 11 at 5449 N. Woodson, Fresno, beginning at 6:30 pm. Join us for food, drink and fun.

**CONGRATULATIONS:** Scott Johnathan was born on July 11, 1987 to fourth-year student Rene' Sample and her husband, Scott "Capt. Scotty" Sample.

## TEACHER PROFILE

Name: Oliver W. Wanger

Professor of: Civil Procedure, Federal Courts

I enjoy teaching at SJCL because: Our students are uniquely motivated and have demonstrated their capability to remain awake in most classes after 9:00 p.m.

The funniest thing that ever happened in class is: The canine crisis - an ultimate confrontation among Judge Dan Eyman, Roger Vehrs, Roger's three-legged dog, "Spot" who was asserting its liberty interest to attend class every night with Roger, and Marshall Hopkins, with tension, for the student body. It is untrue that either Roger or Marshall came to blows with the Judge, despite rumors to the contrary. It is true that Roger & Spot won and that both Spot and Roger snored through my entire criminal law class.

It really irritates me when students: Lose their enthusiasm.

If I couldn't teach Civil Procedure/Federal Courts, I'd like to teach: A comprehensive course in the history of the world and the knowledge of mankind; only if I could team teach with Jim Ardaiz and upon the further condition that he for once and all acknowledge that his ego is the biggest of them all.

The best advice I can give SJCL students is: Be honest, diligent, resourceful and keep smiling.

I knew I wanted to be a lawyer when: I couldn't get Spot or Roger out of my classroom.

Before I went to law school I worked as: A semi-pro baseball player (with emphasis on the "semi".) This endeavor provided significant motivation towards the law.

Being a lawyer has taught me to: Keep smiling.

The craziest thing I ever did as a lawyer is: To teach law Tuesday nights.

If I couldn't be a lawyer, I'd like to be: The Terminator.

The best advice I ever got from a judge is: Judge Denver C. Peckinpaugh, who told my co-counsel, the D.A., to sit down and "shut up." (You know we don't have to do it.)

If I won the California Lottery I'd: Endow this school, with your help

Biggest asset: Ability to comprehend, appreciate and selectively comply with the traffic laws of this great state and nation

When I retire, I plan to: Try more cases.

Nobody knows I: Enjoy teaching.

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**Help us fill this space. Be a Dicta reporter.**

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## STUDENT PROFILE

Name: Casey L. Archer

Class of: 1989

School activities: President, Student Bar Association

During/before law school I worked as: A waitress. (Currently employed as a law clerk at Canelo, Hansen & Wilson, Merced)

Favorite class: Civil Procedure

The class I found most difficult was: Real Property

One thing that has really helped me in law school is: Gilberts, casenotes and working as a law clerk

SJCL would be a lot better if: It were located in Merced.

Biggest regret: Not being able to spend more time with my daughter, Dinah Marie.

Best asset: My 4 year-old daughter, Dinah Marie.

(Second) favorite form of relaxation: Reading Real Property and Contracts cases.

Nobody knows I: Can sleep with my eyes open.

If I won the California Lottery, I'd: Relocate the law school to Merced.