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Class of '91 Shows Excitement, Relief Following Bar Exam Results

Fifteen of the twenty San Joaquin College of Law graduates who took the California Bar exam last July have passed on their first attempt. Congratulations!

Results of the exam became available as early as November 27, prompting the usual deluge of anxious phone calls to the State Bar.

"Most of all I am glad that it's all over and that I don't ever have to go through it again," said William Gunn. "Four years ago I was not sure I would ever be at this point, but now it's nice to look back and say that I actually did it. I read the notification letter from the State Bar every day just to make sure I'm not dreaming."

According to the Committee of Bar Examiners, the overall statewide average for the exam was a pass rate of 54.8 percent—down 3.2 percent from last July. At the time of publication, individual figures for other law schools were not yet available.

Preliminary statistical analyses show that the pass rate for first-time applicants from ABA-approved law schools was 75.65 percent, while the pass rate for first-time applicants from non-ABA approved

schools was 42.8 percent.

A total of 7,255 applicants took the July, 1991 exam. The test this year consisted of three sections — a multiple-choice Multistate Bar Examination (MBE), six essay questions, and two performance tests designed to test an applicant's abilities to apply general legal knowledge to practical tasks.

Here is the official list of SJCL's 1991 graduates who passed the California State Bar exam taken last July:

Michel J. Bryant
Rayma Church
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SJCL Receives Donation To Install Instructional Computer Lab

The Law School would like to express a special thank you to Mr. Marcus M. Radin of Fresno for his recent contribution to establish an instructional computer lab at SJCL.

With the installation of the new lab, law students will be instructed on how to use computerized legal research as well as computerized case management and document drafting procedures.

"We feel that in the coming computer age, any law student who is not trained in

computerized research and related procedures will be less competitive," said Dean Janice Pearson. "Hopefully, because of Mr. Radin's generosity, the use of computers will help young lawyers to be more efficient and contribute to a reduction in the cost of legal services to the public."

The design plan initially calls for up to ten functional computer terminals, one instructional console and specialized training software. ■

MESSAGE FROM THE DEAN

"The results of this year's bar examination continue to reflect that the basic educational program at SJCL is sound."

JULY 1991 BAR RESULTS

What do you call a school whose students have an average Law School Admission Test score (LSAT) at the 50th percentile and a 75% passage rate for first time takers on the 1991 California Bar examination? Well, when you consider that the top ABA schools who will pass that same bar examination at an 85-90% rate, have an average LSAT at the 95th percentile, I think you call it remarkable!



The average of all first time takers at American Bar Association accredited schools was 75.6% - almost identical to SJCL's passing percentage. In comparison, the average for all non-ABA schools statewide was 42.8% -- more than 30% below SJCL's average. SJCL's first time passing percentage over the last four years is 85.4%.

Of course, we are never satisfied unless every student passes. But the results of this year's bar examination continue to reflect that the basic educational program at SJCL is sound.

We were all reminded of some bar examination truths, however. First, one always has to do the work. Just like any other legal setting, preparation is the key. Graduation from any particular institution is not a guarantee of success. Only about a third of practicing lawyers who took the exam this summer passed. Second, one cannot be employed during the 2 to 2 1/2 month bar review period. With one exception, all students who have continued to work during bar review over the last four years have failed on the first attempt.

We ought to be able to end that. For a student to study for four years, but be unable to amass sufficient savings or be denied a leave of absence and therefore have to working during bar review, thus making it "substantially certain" not to pass, is outrageous. Perhaps the friends of the law school could help SJCL to create a short term loan fund. Under this fund, a student could borrow the \$2,000 to \$3,000 extra he or she needed to survive the bar, to be repaid in 6 months to a year. To be put at serious risk of not passing the bar because of \$3,000 is criminal.

FEAR AND LOATHING AT SAN JOAQUIN

Any doubt as to what that could refer, aside from the above-mentioned examination? The dreaded Hopper Moot Court competition.

For the uninitiated, the Hopper Moot Court competition is the culmination of the Moot Court class required of all students at SJCL. Moot Court is a component of the seven unit required Research & Writing sequence. The competition requires each team of two students to research a problem, write an appellate brief (in proper format and citation style), and then argue EACH side of the issue at least once before a panel of jugular-prone judges.

On November 21, 22 and 23 of this year, 70 students endured this fate, the Finalists arguing five times. Their abilities were astonishing for second year students - even in the face of a final round panel consisting of Justices Best, show-no-mercy-Ardaiz and Dibiaso. More importantly, the exercise builds confidence, speaking skills, and an appreciation of preparation for all participants. If you can endure Moot Court, you can endure anything.

Professor Sarah Schmidt does an incomparable job every year in instructing, coaching, and coordinating this event. This year, the class size necessitated a competition spread over three days, utilizing 160 volunteer judges from the legal community. Sarah was ably assisted in coaching by Loretta Ramos and Kevin O'Casey, the 1990 Polsky National Moot Court championship team. The Hopper competition was coordinated by Jacqueline Schaad, a super-organized fourth year student at SJCL. Thank you to everyone associated with the event for all that invaluable experience for the students. ■

Janice L. Pearson
Dean

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Students Prepare To Publish Second Issue of Law Review

BY ALFRED GALLEGOS

The foundation is set and the walls are up. No, the school has not broken ground for a new campus. Rather, that is the description that has been given to the first issue of the *San Joaquin Agricultural Law Review*. The first issue was officially dedicated in June, 1991 and reader reaction has been quite favorable. However, the present Law Review members are not resting on their laurels. We are forging ahead, working to produce an even better second issue.

The Law Review is a student operated legal periodical which critically analyzes issues involving agriculture. It is currently managed by four student editors. The four editors are:

Alfred Gallegos
Editor-in-Chief
Barbara Greaver
Executive Articles Editor
Peter Cummings
Articles/Notes & Comments Editor
Juliana Gmur
Production Editor

Additionally, the four current editors are assisted by six past editors. The six past editors, who also serve as adjunct advisors are:

Rose Mohan Jim Dubbels
Dave Weiland Mark Blum
Marlene Hubbell Mary Rogers

Faculty Advisors also assist the Editorial Board with substantive issues of law and in establishing Law Review policy.

In addition to editors, the Law Review is comprised of "candidates." Candidacy invitations are extended to the top 20% of the incoming second year class. A blind writing competition is also held to enable other students to experience Law Review. The candidates for 1991-1992 are:

Miriam Cooper Steven Elberg
Robin Flowers Donn Furman
David Hogue Rissa Stuart

These candidates will be elevated to staff membership upon completion of a publishable comment or two publishable casenotes.

Participation in law review benefits a student in many ways. First the Law Review helps to refine and strengthen a student's research and writing skills. The student is also exposed to agricultural topics which are often covered in a cursory manner in most substantive classes. Further, the Law Review allows students from different classes to interact with one another, thereby keeping alive the SJCL sense of cama-

perishable Agricultural Commodities Act, treatment of agricultural issues in the U.S. Court of Claims, and the 1990 Farm Bill and loan origination fees. The Law Review also has several student comments under consideration for the next issue. The topics include corporate farming in California, oral lending agreements, underground storage tanks, agricultural disaster relief, migrant labor, reclamation law, tobacco subsidies, the selling of surface water in California, and the Clean Water Act.

The editors are also anticipating the possibility of publishing the win-

ning brief from SJCL's Agricultural Advocacy Moot Court Competition. The current target date for publication of the second issue has been set for June 1, 1992.

The Editorial Board is striving to maintain and build on the credibility which the Law Review is quickly fostering. This credibility is evidenced by the stories written in various agricultural magazines and newsletters about the Law Review. The Editorial Board will also maintain this credibility by continuing to address agricultural topics in a fair and unbiased manner.

As former candidates, the current Editorial Board recognizes the importance of keeping the lines of communication open with the current candidates. Monthly meetings are held to inform the candidates about items such as deadlines and topics of present interest. Also, the candidates are strongly encouraged to discuss any concerns, suggestions and criticisms with each of the Editors. The Law Review will not grow, and policies will be ineffective, without the vital input of those who will be affected most by Editorial decisions.

There were many doubters who refused to believe that a small law school could successfully publish a law review which focused on agriculture. Not surprisingly, they were wrong. Now, with a solid foundation upon which to build, there is no doubt that this year's Law Review staff will produce a second issue that is second to none. ■

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raderie. Finally, there is a great sense of accomplishment and pride when a student opens a copy of the Law Review and sees his or her composition published.

Papers under consideration for the upcoming issue include wetlands regulations, the Perishable Agricultural Commodities Act, treatment of agricultural issues in the U.S. Court of Claims, and the 1990 Farm Bill and loan origination fees.

Since the reading audience of the Law Review is national in scope, the topics considered by the Editorial Board necessarily are also national in scope. A conscious choice has been made to keep the Law Review from being stereotyped as a regional law review. However, the Editorial Board will not forsake Western, and especially California issues, simply to publish a Law Review that is national in scope. Rather, the Editorial Board will continue to strive for an even balance between national, regional and local issues.

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ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT

20th Anniversary Alumni Census Results

BY KAREN BESECKER

The results of the 20th Anniversary Alumni Census are in. We received a 22.4% response rate. Thank you to everyone who participated.

SJCL initiated the census for three main reasons: 1) to update our information, 2) to find out the needs of SJCL's alumni, and 3) to learn what our alumni think about the Law School.

Our 79 respondents included at least one member from each graduating class. 57% of those replying were men, 43% were women. 68.4% were married and 55.7% had children. The income of those surveyed ranged from 20.5% earning \$50,000 or less and 45.5% earning \$50,000-100,000. 24% reported an income in excess of \$100,000 a year.

We are happy to report that overall the respondents were pleased with SJCL's efforts. We also received very valuable information on what our alumni want to see in SJCL's future.

Regarding SJCL's bottom line performance, 66.2% felt that SJCL did prepare them well for the practice of law. The other 33.8% felt they were somewhat prepared for the practice of law.

We were glad to discover that 90.2% of our surveyed alumni had no trouble finding a job after graduation. (13.9% were in legal employment prior to graduation and 58.3% were employed immediately after graduation!) The remaining 9.8% had trouble or "somewhat" trouble finding employment.

Also, a large percentage of those surveyed (81%) felt SJCL's reputation had improved since they graduated. The remaining 19% felt SJCL's reputation had stayed about the same since they graduated.

Of those surveyed, 76% expressed an interest in helping with fundraising, alumni

activities or student activities. The leaders in this category were: alumni activities at 23.3% and a new building campaign at 20%. General fundraising and student mentorship tied at third with 18.3% each. Student recruitment and student placement rounded out the category.

Our last two questions, "What should SJCL be doing five years from now?" and "What is your vision for SJCL?" yielded answers from 62% of the survey's respondents. Although we received a variety of comments, a few general areas of interest emerged. 39.4% felt SJCL should work toward ABA accreditation. 21.2% felt SJCL needed a larger campus (including an expanded library). 19.2% felt SJCL should continue as it is.

We appreciate the time spent by those participating in our census. It's never too late to mail in your census form. The opinions of our alumni are very important as SJCL continues forward.

We are also pleased to report the results of the recent SJCL Alumni Association Board elections. Congratulations to the new Board members!

James Arendt ('89)
Michael Goldring ('89), Vice President
Douglas Haas ('82)
Steven Hrdlicka ('84)
Sheri Mount ('91), Secretary
Russell Pandukht ('88)
Jim Petrucelli ('89), President
Russell Reynolds ('88), Treasurer
Susan Simons ('90)

Steven Hrdlicka has also been appointed as Alumni representative to the SJCL Board of Trustees, replacing Douglas Haas. Thank you Doug for your years of service as Board Representative. ■

1992 MCLE Update

San Joaquin College of Law has been busy planning and coordinating various programs since MCLE credit became available in September. In addition to the Rutter Group videotape seminars co-sponsored with the Fresno County Bar Association, the law school has co-sponsored programs with several other organizations and has plans to provide live programs starting in 1992:

BIAS IN THE COURTROOM – Saturday, January 25, 1992, 9:00 a.m. to 11:15 a.m. at SJCL. Co-sponsored with the Fresno County Women Lawyers. This program will be moderated by Fresno County Superior Court Judge Sandra Snyder-Hylton and will focus on a videotape produced by California Women Lawyers. *Participants can earn 2 hours MCLE credit in Elimination of Bias.*

LEGAL MALPRACTICE – Avoidance and Defense – Saturday, February 1, 1992, 9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Ramada Inn. The panelists will be Stephen M. Blumberg of Blumberg, Seng, Ikeda & Minuth, Donald R. Fischbach of Baker, Manock & Jensen and Lawrence E. Wayte of McCormick, Barstow, Sheppard, Wayte & Caruth. They will discuss legal malpractice issues based on the book Preventing Legal Malpractice: California Case Studies (1989) co-authored by Mr. Blumberg and published by Lawyers' Mutual Insurance Company. *Participants can earn 3 hours MCLE credit in Law Practice Management.*

TOXICS/CEQA – March, 1992 at SJCL (date and time TBA). Panelists to include James C. Sanchez of the City Attorney's Office, Gary W. Sawyers of Bolen, Fransen & Boostrom and other speakers TBA. Topic highlights: Toxics Storage, NEPA/CEQA, Endangered Species Act, Lender Liability Issues, Underground Tanks, Solvents/Asbestos. *Participants can earn 3 hours MCLE credit.*

LEGAL TECHNOLOGY SEMINAR AND FAIR – Spring, 1992 at SJCL (date and time TBA). Co-sponsored with the Fresno County Bar Association Computer Section. Demonstrations of the latest legal technology with on-going seminars in computer software and hardware systems as they relate to Law Practice Management. *MCLE credit will vary for each participant based on the seminars attended.*

For additional information on these programs, or any questions regarding MCLE, please contact **Michele Creighton** at the law school at 225-4953. ■

City Of Fresno Proclaims "SJCL Day"

On Tuesday, August 20, 1991, Mayor Karen Humphrey issued the following proclamation during the Fresno City Council Meeting.

The Proclamation was accepted on behalf of the Law School by Dean Janice Pearson:

BY THE OFFICE OF THE MAYOR CITY OF FRESNO

WHEREAS, San Joaquin College of Law is celebrating its 20 Year Anniversary this year; and

WHEREAS, San Joaquin College of Law continues to maintain a high standard of excellence in providing legal education to individuals in the Central Valley who otherwise might not have the opportunity to study law; and

WHEREAS, it has always been a priority of the Law School to draw upon the vast expertise of local judges and attorneys to serve as an integral part of its adjunct faculty; and

WHEREAS, San Joaquin College of Law has now graduated 376 alumni, many of whom have chosen to remain in Fresno to serve the residents of the Central Valley and who comprise 20% of the Fresno County Bar Association; and

WHEREAS, over the past 20 years, graduates of San Joaquin College of Law have achieved a 91% overall pass rate on the California State Bar Exam — one of the highest in the nation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that I, Karen Humphrey, Mayor of the City of Fresno, do hereby proclaim Tuesday, August 20, 1991, to be:

"SAN JOAQUIN COLLEGE OF LAW DAY"

in the City of Fresno and urge the community to fully support San Joaquin College of Law and the efforts of the Law School to continue to provide a quality legal education to students of all ages and to maintain its commitment to this community.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Seal of the City of Fresno, this 20th day of August, 1991.

Karen Humphrey
Mayor

FACULTY NOTES

Professor Paul Herbert has completed an article on the nature and significance of precedent in constitutional adjudication, to be published by the ABA this winter. Recently, Professor Herbert has made several appearances as a guest on the KMJ Ray Appleton Show, commenting on various law-related topics. He also appeared on talk shows broadcast by KFJC in San Jose, KFAB in Omaha, Nebraska and the Roy Masters Show broadcast nationally from KOPE in Oregon. In January, Professor Herbert will address the Fresno Chapter of the American Association of University Women, discussing trends in the law and American legal education. In February, he will also address the Lincoln Day dinner of the Madera County Republican Central Committee on the topic of the Supreme Court nomination and confirmation process.

Professor Denise Kerner has just finished teaching the Legal Analysis/Research & Writing classes for the Spring, 1991 Paralegal class and for first-year law students. She is also organizing the first meeting of the newly-formed SJCL Academic Support Committee, of which she is the chairperson. The purpose of the committee is to develop ideas for helping students overcome obstacles to learning in order to increase their chances of success in law school.

Professor John Evans delivered a paper to the Colorado Bar Association in September entitled, "What is and What Ought to be, Advocating Agriculture in the 1990's" He also met with Mr. Burton Eller, President of the National Cattleman's Association, who has agreed to serve on the national editorial board of the San Joaquin Agricultural Law Review. In November, Professor Evans moderated a round table discussion on the topic of "What's Hot and What's Not for American Agriculture in 1992," with several national editorial board members of the Law Review. He also attended a national conference in San Diego on the subject of water law.

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Hopper Moot Court Competition Draws Record Number Of Participants

The 1991 George A. Hopper Moot Court Competition brought together the largest number of participants to date, featuring 70 students (35 teams) competing from the Law School.

The finals of the annual SJCL-sponsored event were once again held at the Fifth District Court of Appeal, with Justices Hollis Best, James Ardaiz and Nickolas Dibiaso hearing arguments.

This year, the Overall First Place award was won by the team of Mary Jarvis and Lloyd Carter, with second place honors going to the team of Bill Davis and Carl Henderson.

Top honors for the Best Oral Advocate went to Bill Davis. The team of Kathy Chandler and Pat Pinto were awarded Best Appellant Brief and the team of Jane Lapp and Valerie Jurkovich received the award for Best Respondent Brief.

Other notable results from the competition are as follows:

Semi-finalists: Jon Smith and Robert Kelso; Linda Bacon-Miles and Kathy Merrill.

Quarter-finalists: Jane Lapp and Valerie Jurkovich; Pat Pinto and Kathy Chandler; James Cipolla and Jim King; Donn Furman and Rick Runcie.

Second Place Individual Oralist: Sarah Widener-Brightwell.

Third Place Individual Oralist: Jon Smith.

Second Place Brief for Appellant: Paul Fairless and Diane Anthony.

Third Place Brief for Appellant: Donn Furman and Rick Runcie.

Second Place Brief for Respondent: Randy Risner and Eileen Fystrom.

Third Place Brief for Respondent: Kathy Merrill and Linda Bacon-Miles.

Congratulations to all the participants! ■



Finalist Mary Jarvis answers a question raised by Justice Ardaiz, while opponent Bill Davis looks on. Davis won the award for Best Oral Advocate.



Lloyd Carter makes a point in his opening statement during the finals of the competition. The team of Bill Davis and Carl Henderson is seated.

Paralegal Profile

For SJCL Paralegal graduate Berman Banks, a career in the paralegal field has given him the opportunity to bring together his broad background as well as the desire to run his own business.

"I wanted to capitalize on my past work experience and education," he said. "I felt strongly that the paralegal field could be an area in which I could link all of my background together."

His experience includes five years as a police officer in Tulare and some 13 years in the insurance industry, specializing in field claims and bodily injury.

Berman graduated from SJCL's Paralegal program in 1990 and has been very involved in the college's Paralegal Alumni Association. He said the decision to attend SJCL was a simple one.

"For what I wanted, San Joaquin College of Law made sense. The college gives you a better feeling about the law and I felt that if you are going to study law, you should go to the experts."

He added that many who are studying to become paralegals do not have the opportunity to study at a law school. "At SJCL we had all the research resources at our fingertips."

Berman was quick to point out that legal research, legal analysis and writing are areas that are particularly critical in his profession, calling them the "foundation of what you need to succeed in the field."

His professional experience as a paralegal includes working for Fresno attorney Ted Slinkard (while at SJCL), specializing in personal injury. After graduation, Berman opened his own paralegal business called Certified Paralegal Service, offering consumer-direct services. Much of his work includes the preparation and filing of divorce documents, custody modifications and bankruptcy filings. He has been in business now for 1 1/2 years.

According to Berman, word-of-mouth is very important in the paralegal business, therefore it is important to provide consistent, quality service. He also stressed that it's a people-oriented profession and you should expect to do a lot of listening.

Certified Paralegal Service is a true family business. Berman's wife works as office administrator and their daughter serves as secretary. He seems satisfied enough with the growth of his business and expansion to see it as a long term career.

"What I want is what I am getting—a family operated business in a profession that I enjoy working." ■

Paralegal Program Celebrates Tenth Anniversary

On November 1, 1991, amidst enthusiastic greetings, reminiscent conversation and the recounting of shared experiences of a year of struggle and ultimate success, San Joaquin College of Law Paralegal Alumni and guests gathered to celebrate the 10th anniversary of the program.

Throughout the evening, Alumni sought out former classmates and were introduced to members of other classes. The added mission of the evening was to also share the goals of the newly-formed Paralegal Alumni Association.

In addition to the graduates of the program and their guests, also present were SJCL Dean Janice Pearson and Director of Operations Linda Raiche. Paralegal Program Director Pam Ramirez honored Frank Butler with a gift for ten years of service and support of the program. She also acknowledged Kevin Swanson as having been involved with the program since its inception in 1981.

Dean Pearson later presented Pam with an Honorary Paralegal Degree for her con-

tribution to the program and to local development of the profession.

The celebration, held at the Smugglers Inn, was complete with photos from past events. Those in attendance were challenged to become active in the goals of the new Alumni Association, which include networking with other alumni and establishing a mentor program for current students. Many alumni also shared what they have accomplished as a result of their Paralegal training at SJCL.

Hearty thanks go out to the many members of the ad hoc committee of the Paralegal Alumni Association for their efforts in organizing the 10th anniversary celebration. If you were unable to attend or did not hear about it, please contact Pam Ramirez at 225-4953 or Lynda Williams at 298-7118 so we can update your address and phone number.

The next Paralegal Alumni Association meeting will be held at San Joaquin College of Law on Wednesday, January 22, 1992 at 6:30 pm. ■

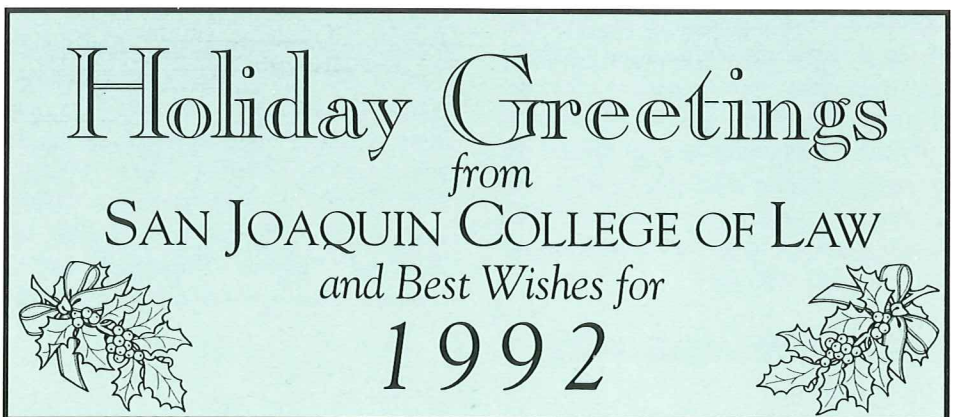
President's Dinner Caps Busy Year

Some 75 people attended this year's President's Dinner, hosted once again at Harland's Restaurant.

Each year, the President's Dinner is held to thank some of the individuals who have made contributions to San Joaquin College of Law and to encourage new donors to the Law School. The evening also provides an opportunity to inform attendees about the variety of activities and plans that are going on at SJCL.

Dean Janice Pearson gave a brief update on the Law School. She spoke of our moot court activities, namely the recently held George A. Hopper Moot Court Competitions and the upcoming National Agricultural Advocacy Competitions to be hosted by SJCL. Jan also gave the dinner guests the status on our second issue of the *San Joaquin Agricultural Law Review*, due to be published in the summer of 1992. Additionally, she spoke of our success in providing MCLE programs and also gave a final note on our current building search.

Stoughton Davidson donated the wine and champagne for the evening. Each guest also received a specially designed SJCL lapel pin. ■



NewsBriefs

LAW REVIEW COMMENT WINS AWARD

Congratulations to third-year student Karen Duncan, who received second place in the American Agricultural Law Association's annual writing competition, for her Law Review Comment on Lender Liability Law. Karen, who is on the three year program at SJCL, received an award of \$250. A summary of her article will appear in the Association's journal due to be published shortly.

NEW FIRST YEAR REPS

Congratulations to the new first-year SJCL Student Bar Association Representatives Jessica Lemp and Tom Saville. The average age of this year's incoming class is 32. They range from 21 to 57 years old, with an average GPA of 2.90 and LSAT score of 30.71. We also have graduates entering their first year at SJCL from as far away as West Point and the University of Connecticut.

SJCL THANKS ALL 1990-91 DONORS

Accompanied by wine, music and hor d'oeuvres SJCL hosted a reception in November for Annual Fund donors who contributed to the Law School over the past year. Board Chairman Hon. Oliver W. Wanger and Dean Janice Pearson unveiled a bronze plaque featuring the names of all 1990-91 donors. Thank you again for your support!

1992 ALUMNI FASHION SHOW

Plans for the 1992 Alumni Fashion Show are already in progress. Mark your calendar for the September 19th, 1992 luncheon at Roger Rocka's. Susan Anderson and Doug Haas have agreed to chair the committee again this year. Anyone who is interested in working with us behind the scenes is welcome. The next fashion show planning meeting is in mid-January. Call Karen Besecker at the law school for the meeting place and time.

LEXIS NOW AVAILABLE AT HOME

All second, third and fourth year law stu-

dents, including those currently working in a law firm, can now access LEXIS through their home computers. Contact Jill Waller at SJCL to get your access code and software.

PARALEGAL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

The next meeting of the SJCL Paralegal Alumni Association will be held at the Law School on Wednesday, January 22, 1992 at 6:30 pm.

All alumni are welcome.

TENNIS CHAMPS REPEAT

The doubles team of Professor Paul Herbert and Steve Paganetti ('78) retained their title at the 17th Annual Fresno County Bar Association Tennis Tournament in August with a 6-3, 6-3 verdict over Paul Hager ('76) and Jim Phillips.

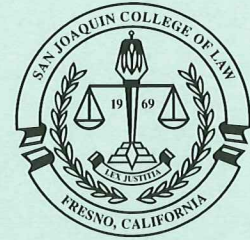
AG MOOT COURT COMPETITION

Plan to attend the first annual National Agricultural Advocacy Competitions, February 13th through 16th, 1992. Sponsored by SJCL, participants from law schools across the nation will compete in three categories: Moot Court, Closing Arguments and Persuasive Speaking—addressing timely issues facing the American Agriculture industry. The competitions are scheduled to be held in conjunction with the California Farm Equipment Show in Tulare. For more information, contact SJCL Moot Court Director Sarah Schmidt at 442-1150. ■

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Professor Lawrence M. Artenian taught courses in Contracts and Paralegal Research and Writing during the Fall term. He is currently preparing a revised curriculum for the advanced Legal Writing course which he will teach in the Spring. Professor Artenian also will be serving on the Curriculum and Academic Support Committees, and as mentor teacher in the Paralegal Program. ■



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