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Thirty-Two SJCL Grads Admitted to the State Bar of California

Congratulations to the 33 San Joaquin College of Law graduates from the class of 1993 who passed the California State Bar Examination held last July.

This year, exam results began arriving as early as November 20 to an anxious group of graduates and the good news once again prompted the traditional Champagne Celebration at SJCL on November 22.

On December 9th, the official swearing-in ceremony was held for all new local members of the State Bar of California in a joint ceremony of the California Fifth District Court of Appeal and the U.S. District Court, Eastern District of California. Victoria Hernandez, Chief Deputy Clerk of the Court, administered

the Oath of Admission to SJCL's grads and their new colleagues.

The ceremony also featured brief presentations by Robert H. Oliver, Former Member of the State Bar Board of Governors; Associate Justice James A. Ardaiz of the Fifth District Court of Appeal; Francine Kanne, President of the Fresno County Young Lawyers Association; Susan Coberly, President of the Fresno County Women Lawyers; and Judge Oliver W. Wanger of the United States District Court.

Family and friends joined the new admittees in a reception following the ceremony, co-sponsored by the Fresno County Young Lawyers Association and the Women's Law League. ■



SJCL graduates receive the Oath Of Admission to the State Bar of California at the swearing-in ceremonies held in December.

Here is the official list of SJCL's 1993 graduates who passed the California State Bar Examination:

Linda Bacon
Carla Bourne
Dorothy Carroll
Ken Cavin
Steven Crawford
Thornton Davidson
Jeffrey Davis
Lourdes Espinoza
Angela Frampton
Donn Furman
Juliana Gmur

Kimberly Hall
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Trudi Manfredo
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Karen McCarter
Moses Mendoza
Erin Ormonde
Rosemarie Rusca
Victor Salazar
Susan Shampianier

Catherine Sharbaugh
Jon Smith
Cheryl Stollar
Rissa Stuart
Sandra Swilley
Kathleen Talens
Stan Teixeira
Patricia Williams
Wanda Willis
Thomas Zynda

MESSAGE FROM THE DEAN

I always have mixed emotions sitting at the December swearing-in with the SJCL graduates who passed the July bar examination - excitement for those who succeeded coupled with empathy for those who did not. The first-time bar passage rate was not as high as we all would like this year - 57% - but it also was not a surprise. For two years we have known that the rate was likely to be lower this year. A number of factors were at work, the impact of each of which we can never know with accuracy. All we can do is work to eliminate them all.

First, the results did draw a very clear line. Over the last two years, a student graduating with a cumulative law school grade point average of 72.5 or better had an 80% chance of passing the bar examination on the first attempt. For students graduating with a GPA below 72.5 the chance of passing on the first attempt fell to 25%. Clearly, if one masters the material in law school, one's chances of passing the bar are very high, which certainly makes sense.

The results in that sense are a wake-up call. Students who do not prepare for class or don't attend and therefore do poorly, are

very likely also to do poorly on the bar examination. There has been some increased reliance on commercial outlines and canned briefs over the last few years. These results send a clear message that such short-cuts don't get the job done.

Second, there has been some subtle grade inflation in the first year over the last few years. This could have resulted in some students advancing to the second year who should not have. However, grade inflation is more significant for another reason - it misleads students into thinking they have mastered subjects and that their study techniques are working. The faculty now have been sensitized to effects of grade inflation and it is hopefully at an end. SJCL students are fully capable of meeting high expectations if we set them.

Third, there is accident. Half a dozen of the first-time takers missed passing by 10 points or less. They, and many others, will pass on the second attempt. The Committee of Bar Examiners indicates that an important statistic is the percentage of students who pass the Bar within three attempts. For SJCL, this remains at more than 90%, which is much higher than any other state-accredited school.

Fourth, the subject matters in which the class did the poorest on the average on the essay examinations were in subjects taught by several individuals who are no longer part of the faculty of SJCL.

All of this is a matter of balance. An argument can be made that a continuous

first-time pass rate of 95% would be over-excluding students, especially when 90% pass within three attempts. For example, in the class of 1993, if we factor out an assumed 5 point grade inflation, 26 students would have been disqualified from the class at the end of their first year. However, 11 of those ultimately passed on the first attempt.

SJCL has always been an opportunity school. The first-time pass rate has fluctuated from 26.3% to 95%, always remaining near the top of the state-accredited schools. From my perspective a balance point is a first-time pass rate somewhere between 80 - 85%. Some of the conditions that affected the class of 1993 exist for the class of 1994 as well. We are gearing up to give them as much additional assistance on the bar as possible. And on the longer term, SJCL should return to the 80 - 85% pass rate within two to three years.

So I sat with a mixture of happiness and sadness at the swearing-in. Happiness prevailed because I know most of those who did not pass will ultimately succeed and we know the changes that have been and will be made to put more people back in the success column on the first attempt. It also made me proud of SJCL that of the six minority students sworn in, four were SJCL graduates, and of the fifteen female students sworn in, twelve were SJCL graduates. That reaffirms in yet another way the very important role SJCL plays in the Central San Joaquin Valley. ■



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SJCL Library Update: A Call For Journals

The SJCL Library has experienced some significant growth over the past few years, due in large part to the ongoing work of Law Librarian Diane Johnson.

“Our continuing plan at SJCL is to expand our library collection in newer areas of the law as well as in areas in which we don’t currently have materials,” she said. “One of our immediate goals is to develop and expand areas in the Treatise section of the library.”

The size of the SJCL library is 3,300 square feet and has a seating capacity of 68. It’s a non-circulating collection and currently houses approximately 23,300 books and 60 Law Reviews, of which 19 have been added through an exchange program initiated by the first publication of the *San Joaquin Agricultural Law Review* in 1991.

There is another room within the library that houses two copy machines, which operate on copy cards. The library also provides a Lexis terminal and a Microfiche Reader/Printer. Currently, our microfiche collection includes the California Code of Regulations and Congressional Record. The Code of Federal Regulations on microfiche will be added soon.

A new Computer Lab has also been recently added to the library. It is available to students for Lexis research, personal projects and homework assignments. Using the Novell software system, the lab has 10 student stations, one instructor station and one service processor. Programs that are currently available are: WordPerfect 5.1, Harvard Presentation Graphics, Summation 2 and Grandview. Thanks to a donation from Bancroft-Whitney, Law Desk is now available in the lab. Lexis has also been added to six of the stations in the lab.

As part of the library’s continuing efforts to expand its collection, we have compiled the following wish list. If you have extra copies of any of the following volumes and would like to donate them to the law school, please contact Diane Johnson at 225-4953. ■

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| Administrative Law Review - Volume #1 through 43, 1940-1991. | Hamline Journal of Public Law & Policy - Volume #1 through 12, 1980-1991; Volume 13 #2, 1992; Volume 14 #2, 1993. | Probate Law Journal - Volume #1 through 4; Volume 6 #'s 2, 3. |
| American Association of Law Libraries - Volume #1 through 10, and 14 through present. | Harvard Law Review - Volume # 1 through 68-B, 1887-1980; Volume 100 #2, 1987. | Public Law Review - Volume #1 through 8; Volume 10 #2. |
| American Bar Association Journal - Volume #1 through 48, 1915-1962 and 69 through current. | Hastings Constitutional Law Quarterly - Volume #1 through 20, 1974-1991. | Santa Clara Lawyers - Volume #1 through 13, 1961-1973; Volume 23 #3 to present. |
| California Bankruptcy Journal - Volume #1 through 16, 1972-1988; Volume 17, #'s 2, 4, 1989; Volume 19 #'s 1, 3, 4, 1991; and Volume 20 #'s 1, 3, 1992. | Hastings Law Journal - Volume #41-A #'s 1,4. | Southern California Law Review - Volume #55 #'s 5, 6. |
| California Lawyer - Volume #1 through 4, 1981-1984; Volume 5 - #'s 2, 6, 11, 1985; Volume 10 through 13, 1990-1992. | Issues in Law and Medicine - Volume 1 #'s 2, 3, 4, 1985; Volume 2 #2, 1986; Volume 5 #3, 1989 to present. | Southwestern University Law Review - Volume #1 through 9. |
| Cardoza Law Review - Volume #1 through 5, 1979-1983. | Journal of Agricultural Taxation & Law - Volume #1 through 13, #1, 1979-1992. | Stanford Law Review - Volume #34 #5; Volume 43 #6; Volume 44 #1. |
| Columbia Law Review - Volume #1 through 49, 1901-1949. | Journal of Legal Education - Volume #1 through 23, 1949-1972; Volume 28 #3, 1977; Volume 36 #1, 1986. | Temple Law Review - Volume #1 through 63, 1927-1992 |
| Cornell Law Review - Volume #1 through 69-B, 1915-1983. | La Raza Law Journal - Volume # 1 through 6, 1983-1994. | UCLA Law Review - Volume #21-A; Volume 30 #5; Volume 38 to present. |
| Creighton Law Review - Volume #1 through 23-B, 1968-1990; Volume 25 #1, 1992. | Land Use & Environmental Problems - Volume # 1 through 48. | University of Chicago Law Review - Volume #1 through 36, 1933- |
| Dickinson Law Review - Volume #1 through 94, 1897-1992. | Legal Assistant Today - Volume 1 # 2; Volume 4 #'s 2, 6; Volume 5 #'s 1, 2, 3; Volume 6 #6; Volume 7 #'s 1, 2, 3; Volume 8 #'s 5, 6; Volume 9 #2 to present. | University of Colorado Law Review - Volume #1 through 56, 1938- |
| Drake Law Review - Volume #1 through 41 #1, 1951-1992. | Lousiana Law Review - Volume #1 through 51, 1938-1990. | University of Pennsylvania Law Review - Volume #1 through 132-B, 1852-; Volume 134 #'s 1, 4, 5, 6; Volume 138 #1. |
| Environmental Law - Volume #1 through 20-B, 1970-1990. | Mercer Law Review - Volume #1 through 41, 1949-1990. | University of San Francisco Law Review - Volume #22 #4. |
| Georgia Journal of International and Comparative Law - Volume #1 through 20, 1970-1990. | Michigan Law Review - Volume #1 through 47-B, 1902-1949. | Vanderbilt Law Review - Volume #1 through 37-B, 1967- |
| Florida State University Journal of Land Use & Environmental Law - Volume #1 through 6, 1985-1990. | Montana Law Review - Volume #1 through 51, 1940-1990. | Virginia Law Review - Volume #1 through 71 #6, 1913-; Volume 76 #8. |
| Hamline Law Review - Volume #1 through 16, 1978-1992. | Pacific Law Journal - Volume #19 #1, 1989. | Wayne Law Review - Volume # 1 through 37-A, 1954-1991. |
| | | Yale Law Journal - Volume # 1 through 58, 1891-; Volume 92 # 1. |

The Benefits of Membership in Delta Theta Phi

BY JUDITH TUTTLE

Member, Delta Theta Phi

Law students have many questions and concerns about entering the profession of law. One might hear a student say, "As a student, how can I show excitement, enthusiasm and a willingness to benefit the legal profession, student body, school and community?" One answer is that you could become a member of a student organization like the Delta Theta Phi law fraternity.

The Student Senate of Delta Theta Phi here at San Joaquin College of Law is only one of 80 similar Senates nationwide. Membership consists of a cross-section of students and practicing attorneys throughout the world.

The focus of the local Senate (the Hollis Best Senate) has been to benefit the community, the student body, the school, the legal profession and our members. In an attempt to benefit the community, the Best Senate, in cooperation with the Student Bar Association of SJCL, sponsored a blood drive last September in which 20 pints of blood were donated.

In another community-focused activity, we recently coordinated a canned food drive to benefit the Marjaree Mason Center. More than a dozen boxes of food were delivered to their sparsely stock cupboards. Special thanks to all who brought

Becoming a member of Delta Theta Phi provides fellowship with other members at large.

food, and to Ivan Altamura, who organized the food drive. As finals approached for this year, the Best Senate and the La Raza Law Students Organization helped make Christmas more joyful for many children by setting up a collection point for the Toys for Tots program.

As a benefit to the student body, Delta Theta Phi, in cooperation with the SJCL Placement Office and with the assistance of Pam Ramirez, presented a seminar to assist students find employment. The speakers were Robert H. Oliver of Wild, Carter, Tipton & Oliver and M. Jacqueline Schaad of Stammer, McKnight, Barnum & Bailey. They provided not only general information about employment in the legal field, but also specific practical tips on how to get your foot in the door. Topics that

were also covered in the seminar included how to organize and direct an employment search, the preparation of resumes and what to expect during a job interview.

To demonstrate support for our school, the Best Senate donated a complete set of the *Adelphia* to the library. The *Adelphia* is a law journal published by the Delta Theta Phi national office. We hope that it will become a valuable asset to the law school.

There are also direct benefits to the Fraternity members. Scholarships are

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available to current members. Last year, our scholarship award was given to Patricia Harter. This year, we hope to increase the number and the amount of the scholarships available to the members of the Best Senate.

Since SJCL is not currently accredited by the American Bar Association, members of the student body are not eligible to receive high scholastic achievement recognition in the form of the Order of the Coif. But members of Delta Theta Phi do have the opportunity to receive recognition by being awarded the Certificate of Scholarship, which is a highly regarded award. Members are also eligible to submit articles for publication in the *Adelphia*.

Becoming a member of Delta Theta Phi provides fellowship with other members at large, and with other students at social events. Also, members are allowed the opportunity to develop their leadership skills within the Senate. Accepting these opportunities is a positive way to show commitment to the community, the school and the profession. The invitation to join Delta Theta Phi always stands open to all law students on the SJCL campus.

Members of Delta Theta Phi welcome the chance to answer any questions regarding the fraternity. Our officers include:

Steven J. Bolm, Dean
Linda Richardson, Vice-Dean
Patricia Harter, Clerk of the Exchequer
Bonnie Bitter, Tribune
Rebekah Diehl,
Gil Latta, Bailiff
Lynette Mehrten, Master of the Rolls

San Joaquin Law Review: Growing Stronger

BY STEVEN A. ELBERG

The *San Joaquin Agricultural Law Review* occupies a unique niche in the universe of law school publications. *SJALR* is a student-operated, legal periodical which provides an objective national forum for issues affecting agriculture. *SJALR* is currently the only publication of its type in the United States.

The purposes of *SJALR* are threefold:

1) To provide self-motivated students with an opportunity to further develop their professional legal research and writing skills;

2) To serve the legal and agribusiness communities through a national forum for analysis of issues affecting agriculture;

3) To enhance the national reputation of SJCL.

Thanks to the generous assistance of our donors, subscribers, Advisory Board, and numerous supporters throughout our area, *SJALR* is now experiencing its most profound growth stage. We anticipate approximately 30 students will participate for the 1993-1994 academic year. We gratefully acknowledge the assistance of SJCL's Administration and Faculty Advisors whose efforts have been instrumental in strengthening our organization through this exciting and challenging period.

SJALR publishes articles written by experts in the fields of agriculture, business, or law. Student-authored Comments and Casenotes reflect the unique and original legal scholarship undertaken by our own staff members. SJCL Faculty and Alumni are strongly encouraged to submit articles for consideration.

Your Editorial Board evaluated more student Comments for publication this year than in the prior three years combined. Moreover, in order to best serve the intellectual and academic needs of our membership, *SJALR* has accepted and will continue to accept an increasingly broad range of issues for publication.

Student-generated articles under consideration for the upcoming issue feature such diverse topics as First Amendment protection for commercial speech, the impact of the Takings Clause upon farmland, the

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News Briefs

1994 SPRING BANQUET

Plan to attend this year's Spring Banquet on March 25th at Torninos. We are going to highlight the Law School's 20th anniversary commencement at this year's Banquet and are pleased to bring back our co-hosts Hal Bolen and Dave Camenson for another evening of laughs. Invitations should be in the mail by early March. Remember to make your reservations early!

CALLING ALL ALUMNI... TEACH A CLASS AT SJCL

We would like to invite all SJCL alumni who are interested in teaching a class at the Law School to present a course outline to Associate Dean Sally Perring for evaluation. A growing number of SJCL grads are joining our adjunct faculty, so if you have ever been interested in teaching a class or have some ideas in mind, contact Dean Perring for more information.

CONGRATS TO SJCL STUDENTS FOR SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS

We would like to congratulate the following SJCL law students who recently received non-SJCL related scholarships to help with their expenses: Cynthia Frost received \$1,000 from the California Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators; Michelle Green was awarded \$1,250 from the Virginia Smith Trust of Merced; and Leslie Monson received an award from the Dorothy Welles PEO Scholarship fund in the amount of \$1,500.

IN SEARCH OF OLD SJCL CLASS PHOTOGRAPHS

Do you have any of your old SJCL graduating class photos lying around gathering dust? If you do, then contact Catherine in the Office of Institutional Advancement. In particular, we are looking for group photos of SJCL classes that graduated prior to 1985 to add to our hallway photo display of grads.

FINANCIAL AID HOTLINE

SJCL students can now obtain information and leave inquiries regarding their current financial aid status by dialing the SJCL Financial Aid Hotline at 225-6198. (See article on page 5) ■

Law Review

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Gary Colbert
Joan Levie
Gitta Merrill
Sheryl Noel
Rex Williams

The following students are completing their candidacy periods:

Third Year:
Tim Bertalotto
Kristine Cerro
Galatea DeLapp

Second Year:
Sara Blanchard
Steven Clark
Dennis Gaab
Elizabeth Kams
Nina Krauth
David Leath
Amy Lopez
Susan Murray
Ron Perring
Ofra Pleban
Constance Roberts
Roberta Rowe
Bo Wilkes

The primary goal of our organization this year is to produce a fourth issue that is second to none. We wholeheartedly encourage each of you to purchase a subscription.

Thanks to the support of so many generous persons, increasing numbers of our students now benefit from the invaluable educational experience provided by *SJALR*. ■

ACADEMIC CALENDAR FOR 1994

SPRING TERM

Martin Luther King, Jr.'s Birthday	January 17 (No Classes)
George Washington's Birthday	February 21 (No Classes)
Easter Recess	March 28 - April 1
Instruction Ends	May 6
Final Exams	May 9 - 20
Graduation	May 28

SUMMER TERM

Registration	May 23
Instruction Starts	May 23
Memorial Day	May 30 (No Classes)
Final Exams (2 Unit)	June 16 & 20
Independence Day	July 4 (No Classes)
Final Exams (3 Unit)	July 5 & 11
Summer Term Ends	July 11



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MCLE Marathon Month Calendar

JANUARY 1994						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						Holiday 1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8 9-12:15 Alternative Sentencing (Live)
9	10	11	12 6-9:15 WordPerfect for Attys. (Trng)	13 6-9:15 Computer Mgmt. (Trng)	14	15
16	Holiday 17	18	19	20	21 9-12:15 Summary Judgment (Video) 9-4:30 Deposition Skills (Video) 9-5 First Party Bad Faith (Video) 1:30-4:45 Probate Alternatives (Video)	22 9-12:15 Rules of Professional Conduct/Legal Malpractice (Live) 9-4:30 Civil Procedure Part 1 (Video) 1:30-4:45 Law Practice Mgmt. (Video) 1:30-4:45 New Federal Rules (Video)
23	24	25	26 6-9:15 WordPerfect for Attys. (Trng)	27 6-9:15 Computer Mgmt. (Trng)	28 9-12:15 Law Practice Mgmt (Video) 9-12:15 New Federal Rules (Video) 9-4 Courtroom Evidence Skills (Video) 1:30-4:45 Professional Resp. (Video) 1:30-4:45 Advising Corporations (Video)	29 9-12:15 Employment Law (Live) 9-4:30 Civil Procedure Part 2 (Video) 1:30-4:45 Professional Resp. (Video) 1:30-4:45 Law Practice Mgmt. (Video)
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(Live) - Live Program (Trng) - Computer Training (Video) - Video Program

January, 1994

MCLE Marathon Month - January, 1994

Attorneys will have the opportunity to earn as many as 36 hours of minimum continuing legal education (MCLE) credit by participating in San Joaquin College of Law's first annual MCLE Marathon Month during January, 1994.

In total, 24 seminars will be offered, with more than 90 hours of MCLE credit to choose from. Seminars will include live programs, computer training, and "no frills" video marathon weekends. Several of the seminars include credit in Legal Ethics and Law Practice Management to assist attorneys with meeting the special MCLE requirements.

Attorneys in Compliance Group 2 (whose last name begins with H-M) should be particularly interested in this offering. Attorneys in this group are required to report to the State Bar that they have completed at least 24 hours of MCLE credit, including 5 hours in Legal Ethics/Law Practice Management, during the period of February 1, 1992 to January 31, 1994.

So, for those of you who waited for the last minute, or for those of you who want to get a head start on your MCLE requirements, the following is a listing of the upcoming programs for January, 1994:

LIVE PROGRAMS

Why Does the Hearse Horse Snicker: The California Rules of Professional Conduct, Legal Malpractice, and You, the Practicing Attorney

Speakers: C. Russell Georgeson, Private Practice; Michael J. Seng, Blumberg, Seng, Ikeda & Albers; Marshall C. Whitney, McCormick, Barstow, Sheppard, Wayte & Carruth

Saturday, January 22, 9:00 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.

MCLE Credit: 3 hours in Legal Ethics

Cost: \$130 attorneys/\$90 non-attorneys

New Directions in Labor and Employment Law: The Americans with Disabilities Act and Wrongful Termination and Employment Lawsuits

(Co-Sponsored by the Labor and Employment Law Section of the State Bar)

Speakers: Joanne Frankfurt, Employment Law Center, San Francisco; James K. Katen, Director of Human Resources for the City of Fresno and various

Saturday, January 29, 9:00 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.

MCLE Credit: 3 hours

Cost: \$130 attorneys/\$120 Section members/\$90 non-attorneys

COMPUTER TRAINING*

Computer Management for Attorneys

(Co-Sponsored by Computer Skills Institute)

Session I. Using WordPerfect (5.1 or 6.0) to Increase Productivity

Wednesday, January 12 or 26,

6:00 p.m. - 9:15 p.m.

Session II. Utilizing Computer Management to Save Time and Money

Thursday, January 13 or 27,

6:00 p.m. - 9:15 p.m.

MCLE Credit: 3 hours in Law Practice

Management (per session)

Cost: \$159 per session/\$289 for both sessions

**Please contact Computer Skills Institute at (209) 447-4755 to register for the computer training classes.*

VIDEO PROGRAMS

Summary Judgment and Summary Adjudication

Friday, January 21, 9:00 a.m. - 12:15 p.m. or

Sunday, January 30, 9:00 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.

MCLE Credit: 3 hours

Cost: \$90

Deposition Skills: Better Results Through Better Questioning

Friday, January 21, 9:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

MCLE Credit: 6 hours

(includes 1.5 hours in Legal Ethics)

Cost: \$100

First Party Bad Faith Cases - The Shernoff Approach

Friday, January 21, 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

MCLE Credit: 7 hours

(includes 1 hour in Legal Ethics)

Cost: \$180

Probate Alternatives

Friday, January 21, 1:30 p.m. - 4:45 p.m.

MCLE Credit: 3 hours

(includes .75 hours in Legal Ethics)

Cost: \$90

Civil Procedure Before Trial - Basic Training for Litigators

Saturdays, January 22 and 29, 9:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

MCLE Credit: 12 hours

(includes 1.5 hours in Legal Ethics)

Cost: \$280 (deduct \$100 if you own the CA Practice Guide)

Law Practice Management for Sole Practitioners and Small Firms - Basic Training

Saturday, January 22, 1:30 p.m. - 4:45 p.m.

or Friday, January 28, 9:00 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.

or Saturday, January 29, 1:30 p.m. - 4:45 p.m.

MCLE Credit: 3 hours in Law Practice

Management

Cost: \$160 (deduct \$40 if you own the CA Practice Guide)

New Federal Rules and Other "Hot Topics"

Saturday, January 22, 1:30 p.m. - 4:45 p.m.

or Friday, January 28, 9:00 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.

MCLE Credit: 3 hours

Cost: \$90

Courtroom Evidence Skills

Friday, January 28, 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

MCLE Credit: 6 hours

(includes .5 hours in Legal Ethics)

Cost: \$100

"Hot Topics" in Professional Responsibility

Friday, January 28, 1:30 p.m. - 4:45 p.m. or

Saturday, January 29, 1:30 p.m. - 4:45 p.m.

or Sunday, January 30, 9:00 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.

MCLE Credit: 3 hours in Legal Ethics

Cost: \$90

Advising Corporations in Financial Difficulties

Friday, January 28, 1:30 p.m. - 4:45 p.m.

MCLE Credit: 3 hours

(includes .5 hours in Legal Ethics)

Cost: \$160 (deduct \$60 if you own the CA Practice Guide)

Law & Motion in the "Fast Track" Era

Sunday, January 30, 9:00 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.

MCLE Credit: 3 hours

(includes .5 hours in Legal Ethics)

Cost: \$90

For more details about seminar topics, registration information and fee discounts, please check your mail for the MCLE Marathon Month flyer or call San Joaquin College of Law at (209) 225-4953. ■

1993 Hopper Moot Court Competition Results

Congratulations to all the participants in this year's George A. Hopper Moot Court Competitions, which featured 16 teams from the Law School. In keeping with tradition, the finals were once again held at the Fifth District Court of Appeal.

The Overall First Place award was won by the team of Jackie DeLeon, Roberta Rowe and Ty Kharazi. Second Place honors went to the team of Dennis Gaab and John Rorabaugh.

Semi-finalists in this year's competition were the teams of Brian Alvarez/Colin Kooyumjian and Joe O'Keefe/Scot Ginther. The award for Best Petitioner's Brief was given to the team of Joe O'Keefe and Scot Ginther. The award for Best Respondent's Brief was won by the team of Larry Friedman and John Sheehan.

We would also like to give special

thanks to the following local attorneys and members of the Bench, who served as judges during the 1994 Competitions:

Round 1A: Julia Brungess, William Hancock; Round 1B: Charles Wieland, Russell Reynolds, Lawrence Meyer; Round 1C: Kenneth Hahus, Francine Kanne, James Swanson; Round 1D: James Oplinger, Douglas Haas, Hon. Stephen Kane; Round 1E: Robert Gilmore, Sharon Madsen, Dennis Neudek; Round 1F: Daniel McCloskey, Phillip Tavlian, Hon. Edward Sarkisian; Round 1G: Houry Der Simonian, Hon. Gary Austin; Round 1H: Joseph Davis, Keith Lusk, Peggy Liggett; Round 2A: Sheri Mount, Hon. Dennis Scott; Round 2B: Don Neufeld, James Makasian; Round 2C: Michael Splivalo, Steven Salazar, Jim Petrucelli; Round 2D: Charles Dreiling, Douglas

Nelson; Round 2E: Jim Dubbels, Benjamin Ratliff, Tim Buchanan; Round 2F: Marla Lynn Swanson, Kimberly Nystrom Geist, Sally Perring; 2G: Jim Faust, Linda Kelly, Hon. H.N. Papadakis; Round 2H: Alan Roberts; Round 3A: Thomas Giovacchini, Hon. Vincent McGraw.

Quarter Final Rounds A (Held at the Fresno County Courthouse): Alan Yengoyan, Linda Zachritz; Quarter B: Patricia Williams, Curtis Sisk, Hon. James Thaxter; Quarter C: David St. Louis, Bud Ellis, Christine Goodrich; Quarter D: Winifred Brewer, Gary Smith, Darla Duerkson.

SemiFinal Rounds 1 and 2 (Held at the Fifth District Court of Appeal): Larry Donaldson, Victoria Hamilton, Hon. John Fitch; Final Round: Hon. Nicholas Dibasio, Hon. Hollis Best, Hon. James Ardaiz. ■

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Clean Water Act, Federal Crop Insurance, valuation of farming corporations, and seasonal worker benefits. Because lead articles are selected on a rolling basis, the Editorial Board will announce its choices in early February.

Although we have published only three issues to date, *SJALR* is beginning to achieve the recognition that its founders anticipated. In each of the last two years, the National Law Journal has recommended articles published in *SJALR* to be "Worth Reading", including last year's Central Valley Project Symposium. Given that the "Worth Reading" column emanates from the New York University Law Library, it is gratifying to know that we are not perceived as merely regional in scope.

Law Review currently operates under the stewardship of six student editors:

Steven Elberg
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In order to achieve Law Review staff membership, each candidate is required to participate in the production process and must complete an original Comment which meets with the approval of both a majority of the Editorial Board and a Faculty Advisor. By doing so, successful candidates are given three units of academic credit and a waiver of the official school requirement for Advanced Legal Research and Writing class.

Further benefits to the staff member include a publication credit for participation, eligibility for future Editorial Board positions, which are accompanied by academic credit and scholarships, the opportunity to publish one's original work, and the satisfaction of assisting *SJALR* in meeting its goals. Moreover, participation on Law Review carries its own cachet in the marketplace.

The following students have achieved staff membership:

Fourth Year:
Jane Lapp (Staff Editor)
Liane Lucietta

Third Year:
Lana Birdsong

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You can also leave a personal message on the Hotline in the form of a question, which will be researched and answered promptly.

Please use the Hotline instead of calling the front desk so your financial aid concerns can be handled more effectively. ■