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# End of the Year Activities Continue the Traditions

## 1995 Commencement

On Saturday, May 27, 1995, San Joaquin College of Law added to its growing list of alumni. The Law School was honored to have U. S. Magistrate Hollis Best deliver the commencement address to approximately 1,000 friends and families of the Class of 1995 at the William Saroyan Theatre.

Ninety-four students received the degree of Juris Doctor. Special academic recognition was given to the following individuals: High Honors: Jeremias F. DeMelo, Jr., Jeffrey Heeren, Elizabeth Karby, and Joan Levie; Honors: Gilbert Wilkes; and With Distinction: Steven Clark, Miriam Cooper, Diana Dooley, Patricia Harter, Nina Krauth, Karen Mathes, Christopher McLain, David Rendahl, John Rorabaugh, Lana Tyler, and Rex Williams.

1995 Valedictorian, Jeremias F. DeMelo, Jr., was presented by 1995 Teacher of the Year, Richard Cartier.

Thank you to all the families and friends who attended the ceremony, and we congratulate all graduates for their hard work and accomplishments! ■

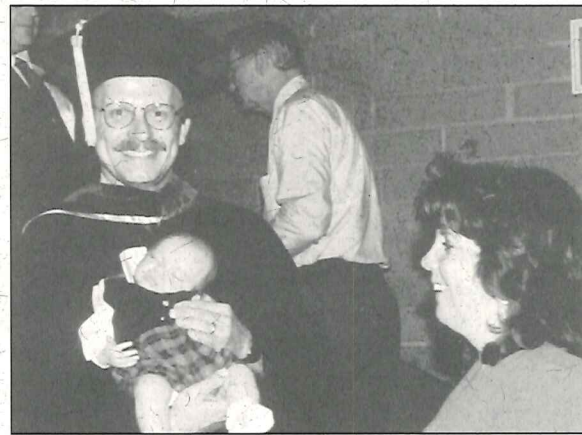


Photo by B. Horn  
David Rendahl (as wife Alison looks on) holding his new son after graduating from law school, passing the Bar, and getting a new job!

## Irish Eyes Smiled on... San Joaquin College of Law

March 17, St. Patrick's Day, San Joaquin College of Law's annual Spring Banquet took place before a crowd of 300 people at Tornino's. The night's theme was Irish Eyes Are Smiling on San Joaquin College of Law, and excellent entertainment was provided by attorneys, Hal Bolen, David Camenson, Rene Lastreto and Robert Schmalte.

Over \$18,000 in scholarships and awards were presented to students. Recipients included: Carolyn T. Mirviss Scholarship presented by the Alumni Association: Patricia O'Neill; Brown Scholarship for Women and Minorities: Vimala Nowlis; Mattson-Markell Family Law Scholarship: Nina Krauth; First Year Student Scholarships: Janet Fiorentino, Kimberly Holweger, Jim Trevino, and Blong Xiong; James K. and Carol Sellers Herbert Scholarship: Doreen Cole; Ernest S. Kinney Trial Lawyers Scholarship: Susan Murray; Myers & Overstreet Scholarship: John Rorabaugh; Leon S. Peters Leadership Awards: Lori Anderson and Eddie Ruiz; The Founders' Scholarship: Jerry

DeMelo; Woman Lawyer Scholarships: Christie Ballard and Janice Westerberg; Delta Theta Phi Scholarships: Lori Anderson and Doreen Cole; LeRoy Long Memorial Scholarship: Ron Nissila; Student Bar Association Scholarships: Annette Ballatore-Williamson and Joe O'Keefe; and *The Business Journal* Research and Writing Award: Jeff Rowe.

Outstanding Student Awards which are voted on by their peers were also as follows: First Year: Dana Baker and Jim Trevino; Second Year: Lori Anderson; Third Year: Bo Wilkes; and Fourth Year: Steve Bolm.

The evening's festivities ended with a commemoration of Janice Pearson's 10th Anniversary as dean. Seed money has been given to the naming of a classroom in the new facility to commemorate the endless energy and hard work that Jan has given to the Law School. ■

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Look for more information regarding:

- SJCL Alumni Survey Results
- Upcoming MCLE Seminars

## Message from the Dean

### Dean Janice L. Pearson

SJCL is a small, truly locally-built institution trying to provide an outstanding legal education in a regional area with limited graduate education opportunities. Most SJCL graduates stay in the San Joaquin Valley and have a significant impact on the character of legal practice here and thus the community at large. In such an environment, every event impacts not only current students but also every graduate and future admittee.

As SJCL and its prestige grows, the prestige of every SJCL alumnus grows. Regional (WASC) accreditation was an important accomplishment in that context, but renovation of the new building will be an equal or greater one. The new building will reflect the real stature of SJCL and the important role it plays in the community.

Finally, there will be a campus -- one you don't miss if you blink driving down Shields. A campus one can actually point to as "my law school" without extended explanation... a building that doesn't make new students' eyes widen in disbelief. It will not take long for all of us to identify with such a wonderful combination of

improved function and historical richness.

There are more practical benefits to alumni, as well. The continuing education room is better suited to legal programs than any other facility in the area. The room accommodates 120 people at fixed, tiered table seating with ample area for program materials and notetaking. Equipped with televisions, VCR's and computer capabilities, it will be adaptable to current and future technology.



The courtroom will be an ideal location not only for Moot Court and Trial Practice, but also for ad-

ministrative hearings, dry-run mini trials, and even court overflow! As its availability becomes known, we believe the local bar will discover a myriad of other uses.

With greatly enhanced space and ambiance, the Library will be a valuable resource for alumni. The Library is, after all, open to each alumnus' use throughout his or her practicing lifetime.

Inescapably, SJCL and its alumni are tied together. SJCL made their opportunity, the alumni make SJCL's future and together we make our reputations and success. ■

## SJALR Focuses on Marketing Orders

Volume 5 of San Joaquin Agricultural Law Review will be available by mid-summer 1995. This volume's focus is a symposium of articles and comments regarding marketing orders. There are also comments on biotechnology; the Fair Labor Standards Act and State Worker's Compensation Laws; and groundwater contamination.

If you are not already a subscriber, and you would like a copy, please contact Karen Besecker at 225-4953 for more information. There are back copies of the previous four volumes available from Karen or in SJCL's bookstore for \$12.00 each or all four for \$40.00. Volume 5 will also be \$12.00 and will be available in the bookstore after it is published.

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## Alumni Update

### Steven R. Hrdlicka SJCL Alumni Association

Graduates of SJCL have done some pretty impressive things over the last twenty years. Most have predictably stayed in the Central Valley, greatly influencing the practice of law in the area.

Think of the eleven graduates who sit on the bench, the District Attorney, the County Clerk, etc. In addition, there are hundreds of perhaps lesser-known, but no less important, graduates that we sometimes lose track of.

In the next few months, we intend to provide a brief update on a number of alumni association members. The information reported has been solicited from each alumnus when membership in the alumni association is renewed.

*Judith A. Ward, '74*, graduated in the first class with a total of 15 graduates and served on the Alumni Association board. Judy has been a self-employed probate consultant for nearly 7 years and enjoys it tremendously. She is also currently tutoring a student in reading through the adult literacy counsel.

*William L. Cowin, '75*, is a sole practitioner. He specializes in real estate, agricultural-related issues and debt restructure. He is also a licensed real estate broker and farmer. Bill's wife, Ann, manages his office, and his daughter-in-law, Cathy, is also an attorney operating a practice from his office. Bill reports that his greatest accomplishment in recent years is playing grandpa to 5 grandchildren.

*Randall M. Penner, '81*, was the valedictorian of his class. He is currently a sole practitioner, practicing in the areas of personal injury, appellate, and selected business litigation.

*Donna M. Korotie, '85*, is a former Alumni Association board member and consistent supporter of the Association and College. Donna is a federal judicial law clerk for U.S. District Court Judge M.D. Crocker.

*James M. Petrucelli, '89*, is a sole practitioner practicing exclusively in the area of Family Law. Jim has been admitted to practice before the U.S. Supreme Court and was recently appointed to the executive committee of the State Bar Law Practice Management Section. He maintains a unique collection of original signed U.S. Supreme Court documents and also finds time to chair the Board of the North Central Fire Protection District.

*Sheri Rich Mount, '91*, is a former Alumni Association board member. Sheri is the senior partner in the firm of Mount & Lerandeau, practicing in the area of family law. Next semester she will be a family law instructor for the paralegal program at Fresno City College.

*Mary Katherine Rau, '91*, has taught research and writing at SJCL and is presently doing contract work for several different attorneys.

*Laural Gerbrandt, '92*, is officially a law clerk for U.S. District Court Judge M.D. Crocker and currently serves as the only death penalty law clerk. In this position, she deals with federal appeals of State Court convictions. Laural also works with juveniles referred through probation as a mediator for VORP (Victim Offender Reconciliation Program). Through this program agreements are hopefully reached wherein the juvenile offender pays restitution or performs community service. Laural is also an Alumni Association Board Member.

*Carol Moses, '92*, is associated with Michele Belanger-McNair (Class of '78) in the firm of Belanger-McNair & Moses. Carol works in the areas of personal injury and criminal defense.

*Melanie O'Mara Taylor, '92*, maintains a sole practice on the Fulton Mall, Fresno. Her area of practice is criminal law-juvenile. ■

*If you are interested in purchasing a polo, t-shirt, sweatshirt, or hat with a picture of the new building on it, please call the Advancement Department (225-4953).*

## Building on Success Update

A big thank you to all who have given to the capital campaign. We truly appreciate the support we have received thus far and look forward to hearing from more of you. While all of the contributions to the campaign are significant, we would like to publicly thank the following donors:

Katherine and Timothy Donovan have pledged \$25,000 for the naming of the Law Review Office in the memory of William L. Richert. Bill, who practiced with the law firm of Lang, Richert & Patch was not only a very well-respected family law attorney, but also he was active in numerous community associations, including the Fresno County Bar Association. We say thank you to Kathy and Tim for paying permanent tribute to Bill!

Central California Bankruptcy Association has pledged \$10,000 toward the audio visual equipment for the Continuing Education Room. CCBA and SJCL have had an ongoing relationship for a number of years. The new Continuing Education Room is complete with tiered seating for up to 120 persons, and it will allow SJCL to increase the number and variety of courses offered to the community. Thank you, CCBA!

Because of the fundraising efforts for the new facility, there will not be an "annual fund" campaign this year. Your gift to either the Endowment Fund or the Building on Success Campaign, however, may be made in the enclosed envelope and would be greatly appreciated.

If you would like more information on the capital campaign, please contact Kristin Robinson at the Law School (225-4953).

With your help, together, we will continue *Building on Success!*

## Student Bar Association Officers 1995-1996

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## Alumni Assist SJCL in identifying needs...

### Survey information helpful in creating plan

A big thank you to all who participated in the Alumni Survey. Although the typical survey response rate is 2-3%, SJCL is happy to report a 16% response rate!

The goals of the survey were many. First, to update information regarding addresses and family information. Second, to learn more about the perception of the College by its alumni. And third, to help create a plan which fits alumni and community needs. We asked, and you told.

Of those participating in the survey, 52% were owners/partners; 24% associates; 11% worked for public agencies or in government; 4% were judges; 3% were in-house counsel; and 6% were employed in other types of occupations. Regarding the perception of education received at SJCL, 27% rated it outstanding, 58% above average, and 15% average. Reasons for choosing SJCL were varied with 34% responded "proximity to family." The next highest responses were tied at 23%, "reputation" and "proximity to job."

There were many ideas for one, five, and

ten year goals, but overwhelmingly the most perceived need was ABA Accreditation. Other needs included joint degrees with another institution, improved and more accessible library facilities, increased job placement services, increased number of MCLE courses, and more practical, "hands-on" experience during law school.

Participants were also interested in such items and activities as the alumni directory, an annual casual get-together, class reunions, new campus fundraising, casual monthly luncheons, and increased frequency of *Inter Alia*.

Of those surveyed, many expressed an interest in helping with alumni activities, fundraising, or student activities, such as student recruiting, mentorships, and placement services.

We have heard your suggestions, and activities and services are being planned to fit your needs. Again, we appreciate the time spent by those who participated, and it is not too late to send us your survey—opinions, ideas, and suggestions are always welcome! ■

## SJCL Grads Admitted to the State Bar of California

Congratulations to the fifteen SJCL alumni who passed the February 1995 Bar Examination. They are:

## Congratulations

Ivan Altamura  
 Lance Armo  
 Susan Arthur  
 Valerie DeValeria  
 Juan Falcon  
 James Gerecke  
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## 1995 Juris Doctor Graduates

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## SJCL Profiles

### Linda Raiche Director of Operations

One of her major tasks in the next year... oversee the renovation of and the move to the new building.

Linda has worked for San Joaquin College of Law a little over five years. Prior to coming to the Law School, Linda was employed at Baker, Manock & Jensen where she served as Personnel Director and Assistant to Kendall Manock. In addition, one of her duties was to oversee the building construction and move of that firm. "That experience will prove incredibly beneficial as we prepare to renovate and move to the new building," states Linda.



On a day-to-day basis, Linda oversees the basic operations of the Law School. These include such activities as negotiating insurance plans, overseeing building maintenance, assisting the dean in various matters, and supervision of the operations staff.

"All of the SJCL students are wonderful. The challenges that they face and their commitment to their education make all of our efforts worthwhile," says Linda. She continues, "There is nothing that I do not like about my job."

Linda and her husband, David, enjoy traveling and being involved with their five grandchildren—Linda has a son and daughter. In the rest of Linda's spare time she enjoys selling real estate, and her favorite pastime of all... shopping.

Linda, thank you for all that you do! ■

### Denise Kerner Professor of Law Small Claims Supervisor

Staff, students, alumni and faculty know Denise as a full-time faculty member, Director of Legal Analysis, Research & Writing and Small Claims Supervisor. However, Denise's teaching experience reaches farther back than San Joaquin College of Law and to a much different setting. She has been an aerobics instructor for the past 9 1/2 years, 8 1/2 of those years at Four Walls West.



Denise is a 1983 SJCL graduate. After receiving her B.A. and M.A. from CSU, Fresno, she concluded that she needed more training to prepare for a job that would keep her interest. She decided to give law school a try for one year. After that year, she found that she was significantly challenged and continued!

Before teaching at SJCL, Denise worked as a research attorney for the Fifth District Court of Appeal and as a Deputy City Attorney for Fresno. A job at SJCL became available at the same time she was looking for a new direction in law. Denise didn't believe she had the personality for being a strong advocate, but did feel comfortable leading and inspiring people. Teaching law was a natural step. The adjunct faculty position in 1989 turned into a full-time position in 1990. She says, "I never thought I would be as happy as I am in a job. Working with students has been the most gratifying experience in my career."

As Small Claims Supervisor for the past five years, Denise sees students discover that when they are faced with a client they really have learned something in law school. She says, "It's gratifying to see students mature and get excited about law and how it can help people." SJCL students have helped over 55,000 people over the ten years the Fresno County Small Claims Advisor's Office has been in operation.

Denise went to high school in Clovis and looks forward to SJCL's move. She says, "The 'Old Clovis High School' building has more of the feel of a college campus instead of a storefront college. The new setting will increase the prestige of the school."

Thank you Denise for all you do for San Joaquin College of Law. ■



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## MCLE Update

**Darlene Azevedo, Attorney at Law**, formerly of Caswell, Bell, Hillison, Burnside & Greer in Fresno and an adjunct faculty member at SJCL, has been hired part-time to assist the MCLE program with planning several live MCLE seminars for the coming academic year.

One of Darlene's main projects is the development of a series of Civil Trial Skills seminars. Some groundwork was laid in planning the series last year, and now Darlene has taken the information gathered and developed several sessions covering topics such as pre-trial matters, jury selection, effective use of evidence, direct and cross-examination, opening statements, closing arguments and jury instructions.

The series is being designed with a very practical, how-to approach in mind, and participants will be able to attend one or all of the sessions. We are also hoping to offer a final "hands-on" session where participants will actually perform some of these tasks and have their performance critiqued by the instructors. Needless to say, this will be an invaluable series for recent graduates and attorneys wishing to refine their trial skills.

Several other seminars are currently in the works as well. A program on professionalism is tentatively scheduled for the fall and will include FCBA President Elect Paul S. Hokokian of the District Attorney's Office and FCBA Professionalism Committee Chair Dale Ikeda of Blumberg, Seng, Ikeda & Albers as part of the panel.

There are also tentative plans for live programs on Limited Liability Companies, Total Quality Management in the law office, and a Criminal Law update. In addition, we will continue to offer the quality video replay programs from The Rutter Group.

Watch your mail for the next issue of *Inter Alia* and for program flyers with dates and details about our exciting MCLE 95-96 line-up! ■

## Alumni Share Stories "Pioneers of SJCL"

*Times have changed at San Joaquin College of Law, so we have asked our alumni to share stories of their days at the College. Here is an excerpt from a letter written by Leland Sterling ('74):*

The summer of '70 was very busy. I taught myself shorthand from a popular paperback and took a class in speed reading at Fresno City College. I even bought a used legal dictionary and read a short monograph on attending law school. (The Paper Chase had not been released on film.) Early in the year *The Fresno Bee* had announced the formation of a new law school in Fresno, and I had applied in February. I was very much of the opinion that a new law school, seeking accreditation and under the constant monitoring of the State Bar, would do whatever was necessary to provide a quality legal education and to establish a good reputation with the legal community. When I received my first letter from the school, requesting transcripts and an oral interview, the die was cast.

In September, fifty-eight strangers (and some not so strange) met in the Science Lecture Hall at Pacific College. Dean Dan Eymann delivered a brief orientation and introduced the members of the faculty. After a brief recess he gave his first lecture on Torts. He combined it with random thoughts on how to succeed in law school. It was all very unnerving. The following Monday several of the fifty-eight were already missing. My best friend, who had enrolled with me, dropped out after the fourth week. And I had to look forward to 4 years of such abuse!

Unfortunately, a good many of the first-year students did not seem to be at all prepared for the class participation, the challenges of the professors, the give and take of the Socratic method, and the mountains of reading. Every week a new casualty list was posted. Every week an academic obituary. Typhoid Mary was lurking in the hallowed halls.

On Wednesday evenings, John Loomis and his horse "Josephine" carried us through the law of contracts. Never in the course of human history has a horse been traded to so many by so few and under such unusual circumstances. You may have learned contracts as the rules apply to widgets. We learned Contracts with Josephine.

On Thursdays, Oliver Wanger taught us Criminal Law. He seemed to us to be Criminal Law. While he was much too young to have written the book, we all knew that he had read it.

Recently. Again and again. And memorized most of it. While the other professors seemed to discount the repetition and citation of cases, eschewing case names and references, Mr. Wanger, off the top of his head, quoted case after case, official and unofficial citation indicating information that you would not even find in Shepherds. We left his class on Wednesday nights feeling that we would never, in a million years, be able to practice criminal law if his was the standard of care (remember, that was the age of Univac, not the P.C. era). Or, if we did, that we had been better keep our class notes handy.

The Criminal Law class on Thursday (2 hours) was followed by an hour of Legal Methods. Bruce Diaso was wheeled in (literally) to teach Legal Research and Writing. If Mr. Wanger stood tall, Bruce sat tall. In his wheelchair. Bruce suffered two bouts with polio before he was 16 years old. With an indomitable spirit and an encyclopedic mind (not to mention a sense of humor that would have served him well as a stand-up comic in Las Vegas, which he never would have been able to do since he could never get past the gaming tables) he provided much needed therapy at the end of each agonizing week. Bruce traveled around Fresno like Ironside, with a valet/chauffeur and a special equipped handicap van. Bruce was the most unhandicapped, physically challenged person I have known. His lectures were more than enough to keep us awake from 9:00 o'clock to 10:00 o'clock on Thursday nights. They were brilliant. Full of personal experiences. Always prepared and upbeat. Funny. I am only sorry that I didn't save all the notes that he wrote on the papers that he graded and returned. I am sure that today with computer enhancements and cryptography experts someone in the world might be able to decipher them. But I never could. No one could. To this day, none of his students have any idea what he thought of their work. But that was probably his only failing. The State Bar Examiners had allowed him to dictate his Bar Examination. He was probably the first member of his law school class to have a secretary. Polio had made it nearly impossible for him to push a pencil. I often wondered if a pencil had been shaped like a swizzle stick if he could have managed it better. Bruce was not only the consummate professor, but also he was the only faculty member who regularly accompanied us to the local watering hole after Thursday night classes. And there our legal education continued. Bruce would hold class on campus and court at the Outpost.

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## *Thank You to JoAnn King*

SJCL's Interim Law Librarian, JoAnn King will be moving to Santa Cruz. Prior to working as the Librarian, JoAnn catalogued and curated the J. Martin Winton Special Collection. Thank you JoAnn for all of your help! ■

## *Congratulations to Art Baggett!*

Art ('93) recently presented a paper "Regulatory Options for Addressing Air Quality Challenges to the Use of Prescribed Fire" and was on the Resolution Forum at an environmental conference held in Tampa, Florida. ■

## *And More Congratulations...*

Adjunct Faculty member, Judge Vincent McGraw recently received the Law and Justice Award from the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People. ■

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## Students Realize Value in Stones

The Student Bar Association presented a contribution to the Clovis High Alumni/Save our Stones Committee on Sunday, April 2. The donation was given as support for the preservation of the sidewalk stones which list Clovis High School alumni from 1902 to 1969.

"The Student Bar Association is looking forward to the move to Clovis and plans to build a partnership with the community," stated Christie Ballard, SBA President. Although the grounds are not included in the lease, the SJCL and its student population believe that the alumni stones are an integral part of the building. This contribution was made as an effort to reinforce that support.

Alumni Directories will be published in July. If you are interested in purchasing one for \$10.00, please call Catherine Cline at SJCL (225-4953).

## Alumni Stories Continued...

I will always remember one poignant moment. It was early in the first semester. Our ranks were thinning but some of the less-than-likely-to-succeed were still carrying those heavy book bags to class. One younger student was challenging Bruce on a point of law regarding a slip and fall issue. After several effete thrusts, the student mounted his final attack, stating, "Well, I discussed this matter with our school custodian and he told me..." From Bruce, silence. Then with that unmistakable twinkle in his eye, Bruce quietly replied, "Perhaps that's why he's the janitor."

We lost one student during our first year to chicken pox. The school started a memorial scholarship fund in his name. We lost Bruce the second year to some higher court. He was thirty-two, but only in the way we earthlings determine age. His death was ridiculously premature.

After law school I did get up enough nerve to practice criminal law. As did a number of my classmates. I still write contracts and remember Josephine and John Loomis. I never walk into a Municipal Courtroom without thinking of Judge Eymann. And I keep a copy of Wihofen's Legal Writing Style, and one unreadable note from Bruce Diaso on my desk to remind me that style can be a distinctive human attribute. ■

*If you have a story you would like to share, please send it to: Inter Alia, San Joaquin College of Law, 3385 E. Shields Avenue, Fresno, CA 93726.*

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