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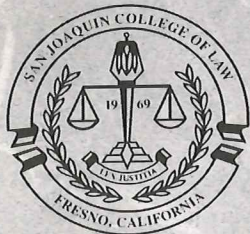
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San Joaquin Grads Do It Again!

Nearly 70 percent (69.6) of San Joaquin College of Law's (SJCL) first-time takers passed the July 1997 California Bar examination, according to statistics published by the State Bar of California. The average pass rate for state-accredited law schools was 48.6 percent.

SJCL also ranked first among state accredited schools with a significant number of graduates taking the bar exam for the first time. In addition, seven repeat takers also passed the examination.

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Judy Barron, Joan Watters and Sara Blanchard share happy and relieved smiles as they congratulate each other on passing the July 1997 bar exam.

SJCL'S LIBRARY RECEIVES MAJOR DONATION FOR NEW COLLECTION

It was too big to fit in a traditional stocking, but a recent gift of \$50,000 by long-time SJCL supporters James K. and Carol Sellers Herbert was the high point of the Christmas season for SJCL.

The gift will be used to establish the 'James K. and Carol Sellers Herbert Rule of Law Collection.' The collection will contain works of legal history and jurisprudence, legal and general philosophy as well as the development of Western thought and civilization.

The Rule of Law Collection will provide students with the historical and philosophical reference materials necessary to study the evolution of law and what happens to a society without laws. "Law is fluid, changing as our world changes," said Jim Herbert. "Without laws, there can be no democracy or growth. To paraphrase 17th century English philosopher John Locke: There can be no liberty without law."

The 'seed' collection includes authors such as DeToqueville, Hart, Locke and Jefferson. The 60-volume *Great Books of the Western World* is also included in the collection. All faculty, students and alumni are encouraged to stop in and browse through this very interesting and thought-provoking addition to the library.

The Library Committee is currently considering many more titles for acquisition and would welcome any recommendations. If you would like to suggest a title, or make a donation or if you would just like more information about the collection, please don't hesitate to contact Library Director Kathryn McTigue-Floyd at 323-2100.

Message from the Dean

Sally Perring

Associate Dean
for Academic Affairs

- The WASC Surveys Are In -

Initially I want to thank everyone who took the time to complete and return surveys. Well over half of the faculty responded and almost a quarter of all our graduates shared their views. I also sent surveys to legal practitioners who had no connection to the law school as either faculty or alumni--ten percent of those surveyed from the legal community replied. Student surveys were completed during class time--had a great return there!

The surprises were legion. While the student body has maintained its historical "maturity"--the average age being almost 34--less than 15 percent of the students work full-time in non-law related jobs. Almost half the students work part-time, most in legally related jobs. A quarter of our students identified themselves as belonging to one or more racial or ethnic minorities. Moving into the 21st century, 97 percent of the students have computer access off campus. This is not the student body of 10 or 15 years ago.

Of the alumni, nearly a third are solo practitioners. Alumni, on the whole, are satisfied with the practice of law--over half of those responding rated their satisfaction with the law as 6 or 7, on a scale of 1 to 7. Comparing these levels of satisfaction to those reported in articles in the *California Lawyer* and the ABA journal, our grads are a happy lot.



Overwhelmingly, the most satisfactory aspect was helping clients in need. In responding to the most unsatisfactory aspect of practicing law, many complained about tactics employed by unprincipled opposing counsel.

The faculty is an experienced crew. Over a third have taught at SJCL for 9 years or more. On average, the faculty has been practicing law for 15 years. Almost two-thirds felt membership in the legal profession needed to be more diverse. Almost every professor reported that, in addition to teaching the subject matter of the course, he or she seeks to instill professionalism in the students.

Perhaps not so surprising was the response of the legal community. Of those who had not hired or worked with a SJCL graduate, 70 percent felt SJCL graduates were more poorly trained than those graduating from an ABA institution. Of those who had hired or worked with SJCL graduates, almost 90% felt SJCL graduates' academic background was comparable or superior to that of graduates from other institutions. Hopefully, this shows prejudices can be overcome with experience.

Some disagreements surfaced. When asked to rank the importance of five different goals in curriculum design, half the students thought "Helping students pass the bar" was the most important. (This wasn't a surprise!) On the other hand, two-thirds of the faculty felt "Cultivating critical and analytical skills" was the most important. Half the legal community felt "Developing responsible attorneys" ought to be the most important aspect of a legal curriculum. The alumni, in Solomonesque fashion, divided by thirds in favor of each of the above

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Law Alumni Profiles

The Class of 1978

This year is the TWENTIETH Anniversary of the graduation of the Class of 1978. This graduating class is unique because it included SJCL's one full-time, day-only class. Of the 48 graduates of the Class of 1978, half began in Fall of 1974 in the night program and half began in Fall of 1975 in the day program. Throughout 1998, in no particular order (well, actually, the order in which I was able to reach them), *Inter Alia* will highlight the lives of the graduates of 1978. I look forward to talking with each of you soon.---Dean Jan.

PHILLIP CLINE

Phil Cline is the District Attorney for Tulare County, a position he has held since 1992. Phil worked in the DA's office as a law clerk during law school and joined the staff permanently as a Deputy DA in October of 1979. During his long tenure as a trial DA, he prosecuted numerous homicide cases. He says his ultimate experiences as a trial lawyer were the death penalty cases he argued, three of which resulted in the juries recommending death.

'I remember that Steve Sefton and Tim Magill were really bad golfers.'
--Phil Cline

As District Attorney, Phil has effected major changes. He brought automation to the office—going from three PC's to a computer on every desk. Phil also has increased the number and amount of grant programs received from the state from less than \$50,000 a year to over \$2 million a year. His efforts also resulted in the state legislature funding a pilot program in Tulare County to suppress rural crime.

Phil strongly believes the District Attorney's office should be part of the community. He serves on the Board of Directors of the California

District Attorneys' Association, the local Bar Association, and the local Trial Lawyers Association, as well as being a member of 21 other service organizations!

Phil and his wife, Marcia, have two children, both of whom were born during Phil's law school tenure. Phil's son is a Police Officer in Porterville and his daughter is studying business at Sonoma State. Phil unwinds by playing softball and going to the Coast.

Phil still remembers things that Judge Hollis Best said in Evidence. He also clearly remembers that Steve

Sefton and Tim Magill were really bad golfers. As to the practice of law, Phil feels he has seen a "sea change" in the attitudes of practicing lawyers - they are now much less willing to tolerate incompetence or misconduct in their fellow attorneys.

DORIS COLEMAN

Since graduation, Doris has practiced in the firm of Coleman and Coleman, specializing in civil litigation with some family and probate practice. She has developed a loyal client base and has served the same clients over the years.

'We nearly froze to death in the classroom at Fresno Pacific College.'
--Doris Coleman

Doris has been extremely active in bar activities including serving as a Fresno County delegate to the State Bar Convention, and has held every leadership position available in Fresno Women Lawyers. In 1991, Doris was elected President of California Women Lawyers during which tenure she testified before the U. S. Senate Judiciary Confirmation Committee at the hearing for David Souter and authored the unanimously adopted Rust v. Sullivan resolution at the American Bar Association meeting in Atlanta, Georgia. She is the first lawyer from the Central Valley to be elected president of this state-

wide organization. She has taught in the Criminology and Advanced Studies Departments at CSUF.

Doris stays in touch with a number of her classmates and considers these friendships the best part of her law school experience. She remembers well nearly freezing to death in class at the original Fresno Pacific University site when the FPU staff forgot about the SJCL class and turned off the heat.

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goals. A distant fourth in the surveys was "Giving students a practical, skill-oriented, legal education," while very few felt "Building expertise in a specialized area of law" should be a leading principle in curriculum development.

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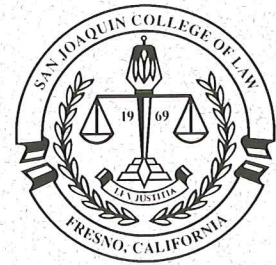
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Students, alumni and faculty emphatically agreed about SJCL's future. Ninety-nine percent of the students felt ABA accreditation was a desirable goal; 95 percent of the alumni thought SJCL should seek ABA accreditation; and, the faculty was unanimous--100 percent thought ABA accreditation was desirable.

SJCL is an institution of hope and work. Students come, leaving behind old careers or forging a new beginning with hard work. The faculty train the students to become their peers. Alumni infuse the legal community with enthusiasm to help those in need.

It is now time for us to look forward and decide whether to dedicate ourselves as an institution to the hope of attaining ABA accreditation through similar hard work.



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NORMA CRANE

Right out of law school, Norma moved to Los Angeles to go to work prosecuting discrimination cases for the California State Department of Fair Employment and Housing. It was a little intimidating at age 48 to go from Fresno and a small, unknown law school to the BIG CITY, but she soon discovered she could more than hold her own.

In 1984, Norma returned to Fresno as the District Administrator for DFEH. In 1986, she moved to Sacramento to become the Assistant Chief Counsel for DFEH where she supervised discrimination cases statewide. In 1988, then-Governor George Deukmejian appointed her Deputy Director of the Office of Administrative Hearings. There, she supervised administrative hearings under the Business and Professions Code statewide. In 1991, she became a Workers' Compensation Judge, from which position she retired in December 1996. Now living in Monrovia, Norma is taking a break and then plans to embark on some new career opportunities.

Norma has received countless awards for her various career accomplishments. She also points with pride to the internship program she created while serving as Assistant Chief Counsel for DFEH. Working with law schools in the Bay Area and Sacramento, Norma had numerous law students doing hands-on work in discrimination cases. She has also guest lectured in law classes at University of California, Berkeley-

Boalt Hall and University of California, Davis-King School of Law.

Norma enjoys theater and her condominium at Lake Tahoe—her “favorite spot in the whole world.” She describes herself as an ardent feminist who is a member of NOW, as well as the NAACP, Older Women’s League and two organizations that serve the homeless.

Norma says she loves the role of judge and fact-finder. She highly recommends becoming a lawyer because of the endless options it creates. She remembers Judge Eymann’s dream of making SJCL the Harvard of the West. She also remembers beginning law school in sheer panic but graduating as Salutatorian-second in her class—and developing a lifelong friendship with her study partner, Keith Lusk.

GLEN GATES

Glen launched into solo practice directly from law school. His practice focuses on business litigation and family law.

Glen has survived more than 100 trials, but says he only remembers the losses because he hates to lose.

Glen says the same case represents the high and low of his legal career. Six months into practice, Glen sued E.F. Hutton. Hutton’s lawyers made it clear they planned to run right

over him. And they did. Hutton made a motion for Summary Judgment which they won at the trial court level. That was the low. The issue was whether in the violation of a trust, the bad actor could offset

gains against losses. Glen remembered Judge Wanger’s lectures on equity and decided to appeal. On appeal, the

court cited a California Supreme Court case indicating such offsets were improper, and Glen won. That was the high.

Glen is proud of his three children. A major chunk of his free time is spent at their softball, baseball and soccer games. He loves golf and has served as President of the Belmont Country Club. Now, he’s learning to team rope.

Glen moved from Denver just to attend SJCL, thus earning the nickname ‘Colorado.’ He says he wasn’t ready for the difficulty of law school when he got here but, in the long run, the struggle paid off.

When he and Michael Meyer attended a NITA trial training in Los Angeles after law school, they performed well and saw, for the first time, that their skills were as good as anyone’s.

Glen reflected a sentiment expressed by many of his fellow graduates when he said, “I don’t see many of the members of my class as often as I would like, but they are great people and I think of them all the time.”

‘If Hodgkins can pass, so can we!’

-- John Suhr

‘I remember beginning law school in sheer panic and graduating as Salutatorian.’

-- Norma Crane

‘My clearest memory of law school is Professor Loomis recommending I might be better suited for another profession.’

-- Steve Paganetti

‘The highlight of law school was getting out!’

-- Bob Gilmore

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ROBERT GILMORE

Bob worked for Howe & Ness for a few months after graduation, then with Gerard, Sepulveda, Meyers, Denning & Gilmore. In June of 1980, he and Victor Sepulveda opened their own firm. In early 1981, Bill Hancock joined them. In late 1981, the firm became Gilmore and Hancock. Gilmore and Hancock now functions as an association of professional corporations. Bob's work is almost exclusively representing plaintiffs in personal injury actions, with emphasis in product liability and medical malpractice.

The highlight of Bob's career was January 11, 1989 when he argued before the United States Supreme Court. In *Brower v. County of Inyo*, 489 U.S. 593, 109 S.Ct.1378, 103 L.Ed.2d 628 (1989), the Supreme Court held the use of a roadblock involving excessive force to stop a driver of a stolen car constituted a "seizure" within the meaning of the Fourth Amendment. Bob represented the plaintiff, the mother of the deceased. His case was dismissed by the District Court, which dismissal was upheld by the Ninth Circuit. The Supreme Court reversed that decision on a 9-0 vote.

Bob and his wife, Elizabeth, have three daughters and what little free time he has is spent doing family things. He and his wife like to dine out and take short trips to San Francisco, but long vacations are difficult given his constant trial calendar and 60-80 hour work weeks. Recently, however, they did get away to celebrate his 50th birthday on a cruise to Mexico with 30 family members and friends.

The highlight of law school for Bob was "getting out." He took

Constitutional Law from Mary Louise Frampton and always said if Con Law was on the Bar exam, he would punt on that question. However, he ended up answering the Con Law question because he actually knew the material covered. He remembers students cooperating in the learning process and notes that those classmates still call each other to discuss legal issues.

KATHI KESSELMAN

Kathi worked for Bennett & Ostroff for a year after law school, then in a partnership with Keith Lusk for a year. From 1980 to date, she has been a sole practitioner, sharing space initially with Mary Louise Frampton and, thereafter, with Ruth Ratzlaff. Her practice is almost exclusively family law and estate planning.

Kathi describes adoption cases as her nicest work. She often hears from adoptive families she has assisted. One sends her a Christmas card every year with a picture of the child she helped them adopt. Another couple adopted a child because they had difficulty conceiving a child of their own. By the time the adopted child was four years old, the couple also had three natural children in tow! Kathi has also found her teaching of Wills & Trusts at SJCL very rewarding.

Kathi and her husband, Mike, a clinical psychologist, have two children, Katie and Mike. She says the children are genetic carbon copies of their parents in personalities. One of her greatest pleasures is nurturing their academic and family growth. She and her husband both spend a substantial amount of time helping at the kids' schools.

Kathi remembers law school as a very positive professional and social environment. The students were very mutually supportive. Everyone did have a great fear of failure, however. Several had agreed that if they did not

pass the first year, they would have to leave town.

KEITH LUSK

Keith is a solo practitioner who specializes in creditor representation in collection and bankruptcy cases. In his first years out of law school, he practiced at various times with Bennett and Sharpe as well as fellow graduates Kathi Kesselman and Glen Gates. In 1985, he and his wife, Martha Uber Lusk, opened a practice which operated for 10 years. In 1995, Martha "retired" and Keith became a solo practitioner.

Keith says the highlight of his legal practice was meeting Martha. They met when Keith and Glen Gates were in practice together. Glen wanted to hire Martha as an associate, but Keith did not because she had been so tough in a prior case in which they had opposed each other. Glen prevailed, and the rest is history.

Keith and Martha have four children. They love boating of all kinds. Keith owns a number of boats and has restored several old ones, including his favorite, a 1957 Lido. They have also enjoyed a 31-foot cruiser they ran on the Delta.

Keith remembers law school as grueling—working full-time with young kids and going to school. He also remembers a very competitive environment. His evening class started with 100 students, but only 30 managed to graduate. He and Norma Crane worked together and managed to survive.

STEVE PAGANETTI

From shortly out of law school until 1984, Steve worked with Tim Born and Jack Burke. From 1984 through 1989, he was a partner with

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Dowling, Magarian, Phillips & Aaron. In 1990, Steve joined the law firm of Wild, Carter & Tipton as a partner.

His practice consists principally of business and environmental litigation where he says the day-to-day madness makes the big picture a blur, although he has achieved several settlements in excess of \$1 million. He has defended several large class action suits and been in trial in every major county in California.

Steve and his wife, Kim, have three children—Alexandra, 14, Nicholas, 12, and Vincent, 6. All are tennis enthusiasts. Alexandra and Nicholas are ranked players in their age brackets. In 1996, Steve played on the Fig Garden Tennis Club United States Tennis Association National Championship squad. The National Championships were held in Orlando, FL. They were the first team from Northern California to win a championship in this division. In 1997, Steve went on to be ranked third in doubles in the United States Tennis Association Northern California Division in the Open 45 bracket.

Steve's clearest memory of law school is Professor John Loomis making a recommendation in his contracts midterm blue book that Steve might be better suited for a different profession.

ROBERT SHERFY

After working for the Kern County Counsel for two years, Bob joined the Bakersfield City Attorney's Office, where he has now worked for 17 years. He is currently the Chief Assistant City Attorney. His work is a mix of administration, personnel matters, some assessment district work, and litigation. Bob always thought he would be a District Attorney, but has found the City Attorney's office very satisfying. The most gratifying events have been the publishing of a couple of his Workers' Comp cases in California Comp Cases and the sustaining of a

motion for Summary Judgment by the Fifth District Court of Appeal.

Bob is married and has two sons. He enjoys racquetball and softball, playing the latter with a very eclectic team that has included a CPA, an engineer, and a truck driver. Bob has also coached softball. Nine years ago, Bob co-founded a local church which is going strong and receives a significant amount of his time.

Bob remembers law school as not being "my most fun time." He appreciated that the education was very practical. He also enjoyed Jim Herbert's Bar Review lectures—especially on Wills & Trusts.

JOHN SUHR

John says he has been practicing law since he graduated because he still hasn't gotten it right...yet. Currently, John is a solo practitioner specializing in collections, evictions and probate, not the left-wing liberal stuff he envisioned.

Coming out of law school, John worked for two years doing personal injury defense work with Dawson & Ninnis. In one of his first jury trials, Gerald Stutsman, Lowell Carruth and Terry Allen were all shooting at him.

In 1981, he created Gash, Hunt, Hinkley & Suhr with his fellow classmates which survived until Ed Hunt was elected District Attorney. Then the firm was Hinkley and Suhr until 1988 when Paul Hinkley joined the Public Defender's office. At that point, John says he started representing landlords and creditors in earnest.

Most of us remember John as part of the House Rockers. He has also played for the Solid Senders, Blues West Band, and Glen Delpit and The Subterraneans. He has played backup, he says, for a lot of wonderful people he listened to when he was young. Two years ago, John played in the International Blues Festival in Europe.

John has two sons whom he

says are God's way of repaying karma during one's own life. He also enjoys softball, gardening and reading. In fact, after law school, John says he actually suddenly liked reading for pleasure. John has been active in the Fresno Literacy Council, the People's Pie Shop, CTLA, and the state and local bar associations. He has taught probate and tax at SJCL.

John says he has a love/hate relationship with the law and finds our society too confrontational and litigious. As to law school, he says what discipline he has he developed there, but he mostly remembers socializing at the HiLife after class plus the lifelong friendships formed. And their rallying cry during Bar Review — "If Hodgkins can pass, so can we!"

KAY TUTTLE

Kay Tuttle initially was a partner with her brother in Tuttle & Tuttle. In 1984, she "retired" to raise her boys. She has now been lawyering part-time for about seven years with Tuttle & McCloskey. Her work emphasizes education law, including employment issues and cases arising out of the Americans with Disabilities Act.

One of the most enjoyable aspects of practice for Kay has been the ability to help teachers. She has written many appellate briefs. She recently succeeded in having a statute declared unconstitutional by the Third District Court of Appeal. Kay has just completed the brief in that case in response to the State's Petition for Review to the California Supreme Court.

Her two boys, 10 and 14, keep Kay and her husband, David, a CPA, busy. She is a basketball and band mom. They have a cottage in Pacific Grove where they spend much of the summer. Kay has also become a prizewinning watercolorist. She won First Prize and the Judges' Choice award at the 1996 Fresno County Fair. She currently has two shows of her

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Law Alumni Profiles

The Class of 1988

This year is the TENTH Anniversary of the graduation of the Class of 1988. Throughout 1998, in no particular order, Inter Alia will highlight the accomplishments and lives of the graduates of 1988.

RON CALHOUN

After working for Griswold, LaSalle, Cobb, Dowd & Gin for several years, Ron opened a solo practice in Hanford in 1995. His practice is very busy, focusing on criminal and family law, but he doesn't have to answer to anybody!

Ron is married—to the same wife, he adds—with a grown daughter and son. His free time is devoted to hunting, fishing and visiting Bed & Breakfasts throughout California. He is very active in the Hanford Boy Scouts and his church, where he teaches many mornings each week.

Ron indicates the high point of his law school career was graduating. He recalls being extremely busy—working full-time and commuting from Hanford. The classic description of the four years still seems accurate to him: the First Year is sheer terror; the Second Year, you work like crazy; the

Third Year, you wonder why you are there; and the Fourth Year, you just want it to be over!

Ron thinks that one of the best parts of law school was the people he met—people who remain friends after law school because of the experiences, both high and low, experienced together.

GLENN HOLDER

Glenn is a partner with Baker, Manock & Jensen where he specializes in employment and environmental law, as well as general business litigation. He and his wife of 23 years, Nancy, have two daughters—Cari, who is a student at CSUF and Wendi, a sophomore at Bullard High School. They enjoy golfing and skiing from their cabin near Bear Valley.

Glenn recalls that he went to SJCL because he wanted to continue working but not put his family through

the 'poor college student' routine. Since he was working and attending classes at night, his oldest daughter would get up early every morning to spend some time with him. He remembers with fondness the constant support he received from his wife and daughters.

Glenn has appreciated the positive feedback he has often received from clients. He believes this is due, in no small part, to the fact that the SJCL faculty impresses upon its students that lawyers don't just handle cases—they handle people who have real problems and who sometimes need someone who can listen to and understand problems, as well as give good legal counsel.

Glenn's clients have expressed their appreciation for the personal interest he took in their cases. Glenn speaks for many of us when he says that it really hurts when people take pot shots at lawyers. Glenn says we try so hard to be ethical; we talk and talk about what would be the right thing to do; we try to take the high road—just the opposite of what the public believes.

FRANCINE KANNE

Francine Kanne is a partner with Dowling, Aaron & Keeler where, for

Do YOU have news to share?

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State Bar Award Goes to SJCL Grad for Pro Bono Work

Congratulations to SJCL grad Lucy Dimmick ('94)! The State Bar of California recently awarded her the Pro Bono Publico Award for Region Five. Dimmick, an associate with Coleman and Horowitz, donated more than 200 hours to successfully resolving a racial harassment dispute between two neighbors in rural Madera County.

Points & Authorities

Updated catalog now available in SJCL library

Thanks to the conscientious efforts of Library Director Kathryn McTigue-Floyd, the SJCL library has a completely updated catalog of all its holdings. Additional data entry for all new titles of the collection will be done as acquisitions are made. The cataloging process included creating standardized computer records for each item in the library, which will expedite a complete conversion to an automated catalog when funding for such a system becomes available.

SJCL MOOT COURT TEAM WINS THIRD PLACE OVER ABA SCHOOLS AT NATIONAL COMPETITION

The SJCL Moot Court Team won third place overall honors in late January at the National Tax Moot Court Competition sponsored by the Florida State Bar. The SJCL team, representing the only non-ABA-accredited school in the competition, argued the intent of a section of the Internal Revenue code. The team was coached to their success by Sarah Schmidt ('88).

Students Tiffany Smith-Henson, David Moeck and Tracy Sagle defeated teams from such prestigious law schools as Fordham University (NY), University of Louisville (KY), John Marshall (IL) and Syracuse (NY). The team's final winning round was judged by the Presiding Judge of the U.S. Tax Court along with two other judges from the U.S. Tax Court.

Funds being raised to refurbish exterior of SJCL building

For more than a year now, SJCL has enjoyed the beauty and space of its new campus, which was originally the "Old Clovis High School." As those of you who have visited the campus know, the building features large windows, skylights, restored woodwork and many other fine architectural details.

What is not commonly known is that the building, which was originally designed by William Henry Weeks, and is on the Fresno Co. Historical Register, is in need of exterior repair, paint and refurbishment. SJCL invested \$2.5 million in the renovation of the interior, believing the classrooms, library and other student-used space were the first priority for the new facility. Unfortunately, the extensive interior work left no funds to deal with the exterior problems which have an estimated repair cost of \$50,000.

Now, thanks to the dedicated efforts of SJCL Law Coordinator Joan Lassley (who is also an alumna of Old Clovis High School), funds are being

raised to restore the exterior of the historical building to its original glory. Joan has rallied her fellow classmates, as well as the representatives of all the other graduating classes, in an effort that resulted in personalized letters being sent to nearly all past CHS alumni...a total of nearly 5,300 people!

So far, in less than two months, Joan and her classmates have raised more than \$20,000 towards the total goal of \$50,000. And the group hopes to raise enough extra funds so that the ornate exterior ornamental details and facades removed for safety reasons in 1952 can be replaced (with earthquake-safe materials). All monies raised will be kept in a special account designed to help maintain the building's exterior in years to come.

Congratulations and thanks to Joan and all the CHS alumni!

Garabedian Foundation Grant given to SJCL

The Bertha and John Garabedian Charitable Foundation has awarded a \$2,500 grant to SJCL for the purchase of a communications server for the computer lab. The new server will enhance the speed and capabilities of the computer network used by SJCL students as part of their research and studies.

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four years, she has devoted the majority of her time to a major complex product liability case. In 1994, she married Craig Wallace, instantly acquiring a daughter, Brittany, and son, Ben. They live in Kerman on a 50-acre vineyard in the company of three cutting horses, two cows, three dogs, five cats (yeah!), a pygmy goat, and a pot-bellied pig.

Francine is heavily involved in the Fresno County Bar Association, where she is currently on the Board of Directors. She has served as a delegate to the State Bar Convention. She is also the Vice President of the newly-formed Association of Business Trial Lawyers in Fresno. She has served as a Judge Pro Tem in Traffic and Small Claims Court.

Francine indicates that she really enjoyed law school but her fondest memory is vaulting over the wall at the old school to get coffee at the donut shop.

GLENN LoSTRACCO

After law school, Glenn joined the Fresno District Attorney's staff, where he worked for three years. He currently runs a solo practice, emphasizing criminal law and personal injury. The highlights of his career have been obtaining several acquittals in molestation and rape cases where the defendant had been falsely accused and sitting as second chair in a death penalty case.

Glenn is engaged. His daughter, Sharon, is grown and going to school in Santa Barbara, studying pharmacy. He is a 5-handicap golfer and an active member of the Harley Owners Group.

Glenn says law school seems like more fun now than it did then. He was extremely glad he passed the Bar on the first attempt, but knew he had passed the third morning. The evening of the second day Glenn reviewed federal joinder, a concept he says he had never

understood. Suddenly, it became clear AND it was the topic of the first essay question the next morning.

HOLLEY PEREZ

Holley has worked for the Fresno County Counsel since graduation. She is currently a Chief Deputy County Counsel. She represents the Public Guardian/Administrator/Coroner and also handles most of the County's health law related work. She is a member of the Judicial Counsel's Task Force to advise the Chief Justice on probate and mental health issues and the State Bar's Executive Committee for probate, trust and estate planning.

Holley and husband, Bob Perez, are building a house in Mendocino—their getaway haven. Holley enjoys gourmet cooking, entertaining and reading. We all remember Holley's daughter, Jennifer, who accompanied Holley to law school every night. Jennifer spent many hours in law classes or the law library. Jennifer Woods is now a

kindergarten teacher in Madera. (A little scary, huh?)

RENE TURNER SAMPLE

Rene is a partner in Sample & Birch, specializing in insurance defense work. From graduation until February 1996, Rene worked in insurance defense for McCormick, Barstow, Sheppard, Wayte & Carruth. Opening her own firm was very exciting but Rene indicates it has been everything she wanted it to be! Rene teaches Trial Practice at SJCL, is the Fresno Unified School District Mock Trial Chairperson and serves as a Judge Pro Tem in Juvenile Court. In 1994 she was chosen one of the Top Ten Businesswomen of the Year.

Rene is very happily married to Captain Scotty. Their law school baby, Scott, is now 10 and daughter, Shay, is seven. Rene is a real soccer mom—even coaching the team.

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The Class of 1988 proudly takes their place in SJCL history. Front Row, left to right: Gregory L. Bacchetti; K. Diane Lushbough; Tamera C. Trindade; Bethany R. Baker; Mary J. Lane; Holley H. Perez; Lane Simmons Terwilliger; Glenn J. Holder. Second Row: Russell L. Pandukht (M.S., Taxation); Alan L. Daw; Glenn E. LoStracco; Francine M. Kanne; Sarah A. Schmidt; Maureen J. Spangler; Rene Turner-Sample. Third Row: Ronald I. Calhoun; Todd Meek; Craig A. Davis; Peter M. Cowper; Russell W. Reynolds; Renee M. Dawson Logoluso; Robert G. Shinn. Not pictured: Julie Ann Collura; Ellen M. Jahn; Dr. Cicely E. Roberts.

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Rene recalls loving law school and now loving litigation even more. The highlight of her law school career, she says, was being able to turn in her Contracts exam one week before she delivered Scott.

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work in progress—at Krazan's in Fresno and the Garden Gourmet Restaurant in Reedley.

Kay remembers law school as a tough time, but exciting intellectually. She remembers very bright people and great teachers, especially Judge Oliver Wanger.

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