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Alumnus donates One Million Dollars to SJCL

Cheers rang through the audience as Thomas Saville, Jr. (Law '96) became the first member of SJCL's Legacy Society

At the Lifetime Cumulative Contribution Donor wall unveiling, Tom made the surprise announcement of his pledge of up to \$1.5 million to the campaign to build SJCL's new library. Tom has pledged to match dollar for dollar every gift to the building fund to that total, with a guaranteed gift of \$1 million.

Tom is the owner of Big3D, the number one producer of lenticular

advertising media worldwide. His clients include Disney, Miller Brewing, Anheuser-Busch, Boeing, NASA, McDonald's, Nike, Nabisco, and Sony, as well as top advertising agencies and museums around the world.

In announcing his gift Tom stated that he benefits from his legal education every single day in his business. He said, "I feel deep gratitude both to

the school and to the instructors who helped develop in me the skills which have helped me to succeed – Oliver Wanger, Doug Noll, Ed Oeser, Jeff Purvis, Sally Perring, and Jan Pearson, in particular. As to the latter, all our company sales people have benefited from 'barf' statements. In gratitude, I would like to return to the school some portion of the blessings afforded me."



Thomas & Karen Saville present check to Dean Janice Pearson

Senior Citizens Law Day

SJCL Alumni and friends host a day of free seminars for the senior community.

San Joaquin College of Law Alumni Association and Student Bar Association partnered with the Clovis Senior Center to hold the second Senior Citizens Law Day event on Saturday, October 29, 2005 from 8:30AM to 11:30AM.

There was a presentation by Richard Hemb, Esq. on Wills and Trusts. Estate Planning was discussed by John Fennacy, Esq. Corporal Matt McFadden from the Clovis Police Department provided information on Identity Theft. Elder Abuse information was presented by Timothy M. Donovan, Esq. of the Fresno County District Attorney's office. A section on filing forms by Ron Nijmeddin, Esq., who is a Senior Court Examiner for Fresno County Superior Court, followed.

Kristine Kelly, Esq. offered a presentation that dealt with Bankruptcy. David A. Roberts, Esq. and Paul Mullen, Esq. provided well-attended sections on Real Estate and Housing, respectively. Conservatorships, Durable Powers, and Guardianships was offered by Nancy LeVan, Esq. End of Life Decisions and Health Care Directives were discussed by Cathy Sharbaugh, Esq. Medicare Part D and Medi-Cal & Estate Recovery was presented by Yolonda Reeves, Esq., who was chair of the event. Nancy Altschuler,



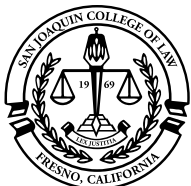
David Roberts gives a presentation on Real Estate Law to a group of local senior citizens.

from Residential Homecare Services provided information on the Reality of Elder Care and Independence.

The Alumni Association members who helped with the event were: Yolonda Reeves, Kathy McKenna, Jennifer Walters, Susan Purvis, Kim Mayhew and Nancy Le Van. SJCL Alumni Liaison, Joan Lassley. Also assisting SJCL were students Erik Peterson, Shonda Siler, Jim Miller, Teresa Petty, Victoria Medrano, Verla Oliver and Shannon Pell. The students acted as docents for

the rooms and guided the seniors to the sections that were of most interest to them.

More than 100 seniors benefited from this great event and took home great advice and information. The Clovis Memorial District provided six flag kits that were given for door prizes at the end of the day. Many handouts and information packets were available. SJCL thanks the wonderful participants for making this a great event.



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U.S. Supreme Court Justice meets SJCL students

On opening day of Fresno's new Federal Courthouse, Justice Anthony M. Kennedy met with 40 students from SJCL. He gave the students insight into his law school and practice experiences.



Congratulations July 2005 Bar Passers



FRONT ROW: (L-R) **Brooke Bergman, Lisa Ellis, Danny Martin, Vanessa Serpa, and Zeppie Attashian.**

MIDDLE ROW: (L-R) **Marcie Downing-Howk, Sherrie Flynn, Brenda Linder, Eric Kapigian, and Mike Elder.**

BACK ROW: (L-R) **Alex Merriam, Mark Edwards, and Nathan Miller.**

NOT PICTURED: **Manuel Bettencourt, Rosie Bravo, Kevin Briley, Greg Fox, Mark Mekhitarian, and Mike Mitchell.**

**SJCL's former
adjunct faculty
member gives
generously**



Before his death, George and Desa Belyea created a charitable trust. Recently that trust made a generous gift to improve SJCL's library.

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Lifetime Cumulative Contribution Donor Wall

The elegant drape glided down to reveal gleaming black plates honoring the nearly 100 people and organizations that have given \$2,500 or more to San Joaquin College of Law. This was the highlight unveiling of SJCL's Lifetime Cumulative Contribution Donor Wall at a reception for the donors at the law school on November 4, 2005. The board reflected categories ranging from Cornerstone (gifts of \$2,500 to 5,000) to Legacy (Gifts of \$1 million or more). The Donor Wall is designed to allow donors to move up by category and to include additional names in the future.

Dean Pearson thanked donors for their generous gifts toward making the opportunity for a meaningful professional education available to San Joaquin Valley residents and building the next generation of the region's leaders. She reminded donors that as SJCL graduates go on to be judges, public officials, business leaders, and litigators, the donors will know they helped to make it happen.

Donors attending feasted on wine and hors-d'oeuvres prepared by Chef Reyes Chacon, Jr. in an atmosphere of white tablecloths, spring flowers, soft music, and good conversation.

SJCL thanks everyone who has supported the law school throughout the years. A complete listing of the names on the Lifetime Cumulative Contribution Donor Wall follows.



TOP: SJCL Founder John Loomis and his wife, Sue, Associate Dean for Academic Affairs Sally Perring, and Elizabeth O'Neill.

LEFT: Ernest S. Kinney with Marion.

BOTTOM: Cyrus & Dianna Setoodeh with Professor Richard Cartier.

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Visionary	\$250,000+
Founder's Circle	\$100,000+
Trustee's Circle	\$75,000+
Dean's Circle	\$50,000+
Platinum	\$25,000+
Gold	\$10,000+
Silver	\$7,500+
Bronze	\$5,000+
Cornerstone	\$2,500+

Alumni Profiles

SJCL congratulates our alumni celebrating 10, 20 and 30 year anniversaries in 2005.

1975

William L. Cowin

It's been 30 years since San Joaquin College of Law gave birth to its greatest class, according to William Cowin. He grew very fond of his classmates and has great memories of law school.

He remembers the Sunday trips Jim Wasson, Ernie Kinney, Larry Donaldson, Ima Jean Harvey and he made to San Francisco in his gray Sport Fury to take the SACK writing class. One Sunday, they were late leaving Fresno because Wasson overslept, and were stopped by a CHP officer on I-5 who alleged they were going 120 mph. Wasson, a CHP officer at the time, talked his way out of a ticket. When the officer left, Wasson said, "Gun it, Cowin, we have to make up for the time we lost getting stopped!" So back on the road at ??? mph they went. They passed Larry Donaldson in Livermore. Larry later said he had increased his speed to 100 mph when he spotted them in his rear view mirror, but all he saw was a gray streak when they passed him. They made it from Fresno to San Francisco in two hours flat. Ima Jean asked them never to tell anyone his story. (Sorry, Ima Jean.)

The bar exam was also an experience. Donaldson and Cowin had to share a hotel room with one small bed. (It's quite a story and, yes, Larry was a gentleman!) He learned he passed the Bar Exam when he arrived home one evening and Tom Campagne had left a big note on the front door that simply said, "You passed." Bill was initially puzzled by the note, because Tom's "a" in passed looked like an "i". Bill and his family went to Tom's mother's home. Jim Wasson was also there and the three of them ate the entire cherry pie Tom's mother had baked for the occasion.

Immediately after being sworn in as an attorney, William wrote his name on a piece of cardboard with a crayon, tacked the "name plate" on his first office door in the Security Bank Building, and commenced private law practice. In 1978, Ernie Kinney, Jack Johnson, Chuck "Bill" Brewer (Class of '76) and William, along with Stan Tibbs, formed the infamous "Cowin, Johnson, Brewer, Tibbs and Kinney" law firm. It was a great association and quite a mix of personalities. Jim Wasson was to have been included in the firm, but he got cold feet (or perhaps smart - we'll never know). The firm dwindled to "Cowin, Johnson and Brewer" when Tibbs passed away and Kinney went to Hawaii. Then it became "Cowin and Johnson" when Chuck Brewer left for the City Attorney's Office. In 1986, William formed "Cowin, Opel and Hrdlicka, which later became "Cowin and Hrdlicka", with Steve Hrdlicka. For the past ten years, William has been a sole practitioner, with his daughter-in-law, Cathy, as associate counsel. He has had the same telephone number for 27 years, which is probably a record in the Fresno County Bar.

William holds the (unofficial) record for the most Pro Bono work performed by any attorney. Representing the American Ag Movement and working to get the Farm Credit Acts of 1985 and 1987 passed were his most rewarding achievements. Thousands of farms were saved from foreclosure due to these acts. He made many trips to Washington D.C. for three years, meeting with congressmen, senators and various agency staff in an effort to save family farmers. He strongly believes the long term interest of this nation is best served if a majority of the farmland is owned and operated by family farmers. His best Washington

D.C. record was set when he visited 42 senators and congressmen in their individual offices in four days. He had condensed his "pitch" to a 10 minute delivery, which some of my colleagues may find incredulous.

During the early years of his practice, William formed the California Agricultural Museum, with other community members. More recently, his family, particularly their son, David, was very involved with Measure Z (Save the Zoo). David was ultimately the first person appointed to the new Zoo Board after Measure Z was passed.

William met his wife, Ann, the light of his life, when they were 17 years old and in their first year of college. They have been married 43 years. They have two sons and eight grandchildren. They are fortunate that their family all live nearby, so they can enjoy being with them. They owned and operated a 25,000 bird poultry ranch for 10 years, including the years he was attending law school. They farm together, she manages his law office, and she's his best real estate agent. They have lived on their ranch near Kingsburg since 1978. It is said that a successful man should have three things in his life: a good woman, a good pickup and a good dog. William has all three, so he considers himself a success.

Larry Donaldson

Larry first went to work for Richard Isham in Visalia. He worked there for 4 years, then open his own private practice doing general civil, child advocacy, and criminal defense. He then joined the Kings County District Attorney's office as Assistant District Attorney for 4 more years. After running for District Attorney there and coming up a few votes short, he went to the DA's office in Fresno where he prosecuted sex offenders for one and one half years. Larry then worked as the Legal Advisor for the Fresno Police Department for 16 years as a Senior Deputy City Attorney. He is currently a partner with a great friend, Martin

Koczanowicz, at Koczanowicz & Donaldson in Oakhurst. They do general, property, municipal law, personal injury and wills & trusts. Larry spends some time in Grover City, as a back up to Martin who is the City Attorney for Grover Beach, which he enjoys.

Larry has been married to Marie for 29 years; she is a first grade school teacher in Riverdale. They have raised three children – Debra, a grant writer for a health care consortium in Visalia, David, a motorcycle officer with the Fresno Police Department, and Amy, a physical therapist assistant in Paradise. All their children are married. Larry and Marie enjoy two grandchildren, Christopher and Stephanie.

Larry is a member of the Oakhurst Noon Rotary and the Eastern Madera County Bar Association, and participates in the League of Cities with his work in Grover City. In his spare time enjoys playing golf.

Larry, too, has fond memories of his law school days. The reason he had to share a room with Bill Cowen was that his ex-wife had taken his room. That forced Larry to rely on the kindness of Bill to make it through the exam. Those trying days were only tolerable due to the friendships of Ernie Kinney, Jim Wasson and Bill Cowin. Larry recalled being at his in-laws for Thanksgiving when Ernie and Jim called to tell him he passed the Bar. Larry knew in his heart he had done so poorly that he hung up on them. Ernie and Jim called again, so Larry hung up again, this time with naughty words to his friend. Ernie and Jim were persistent and called back again, determined to convince him they had seen it in print. Larry did not believe them until he received the official notice several days later. Then they all celebrated. To this day Larry considers Ernie is his favorite “crazy person” and the best damn criminal defense attorney in this state and beyond.

1985

Pamela J. McFarland

It's been 20 years since Pamela graduated from San Joaquin College of Law (J.D. 1985) and was admitted to the California State Bar and U.S. District Court, Eastern District of California. How quickly the years have passed!

Pamela practices exclusively in the area of family law. Since 1990, her office has been near Fig Garden Village. In the area of child custody, her practice has expanded to include out-of-state clients.

Her husband and she recently celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary with a trip to Greece and Istanbul, Turkey. In their leisure time, they enjoy reading and travel with journeys taking them to countries on 5 continents. Her favorite sites are Macchu Picchu, Peru; the Great Wall of China; Delphi, Greece; Palenque, Mexico; the Forbidden City, Beijing; and Tikal, Guatemala.

Pamela is a member of the Fresno County Bar Association, Fresno County Women Lawyers and the Fresno County Law Library book selection committee. She is the recipient of Heald College's Employer Award and serves as an adjunct instructor at Fresno City College.

Pamela values highly the education she received at San Joaquin College of Law and the people she met there.

Patricia Mattson Markell

Patricia has operated a successful private practice for the last 20 years in downtown Fresno focusing primarily on domestic law.

Patricia has a happily married daughter who is 35 years old now. Patricia shares her home with a 16-year-old niece, her 86-year-old mother and their beloved dog, Frankie.

In 2004 Patricia was awarded the honor of Republican Congressional Business Woman of the Year.

In her ever-rare spare time Patricia enjoys traveling, scuba diving, motorcycle riding, music and art. She is a contributor to several local charitable organizations including a scholarship for SJCL students. She does pro bono work for members of her parish.

Her fondest memory of law school was when she won Moot Court.

Charlotte Zylka Singer

Charlotte has been employed by the County of Fresno for the last fifteen years. Her first ten years were at the Public Defender's Office. About five years ago, she moved to the District Attorney's Office. After a couple of years prosecuting welfare fraud, she landed very happily in the Juvenile Dependency Unit of the office.

Charlotte is married to Craig Singer. Craig is also an attorney with the Fresno County District Attorney's Office. They have two children. Ben is in sixth grade at Saint Anthony's School. He is a hard working student and a committed Boy Scout. Claire is in preschool at Shining Star/Northwest Church. She is all-girl and enjoys ballet and playing school.

For many years, Charlotte was very involved in Junior League of Fresno. Having a young family now seems to consume her free time. She stills does make time for shopping, traveling, reading, spending weekends at Shaver Lake, and, of course, knitting.

Charlotte thanks SJCL for preparing her for a professional life she truly does enjoy!

1995

Ivan F. Altamura

Upon graduation from SJCL, Ivan began working for current Superior Court Judge David Gottlieb and

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attorney Dana Anderson doing criminal defense work and family law. In September of 1996, he opened his own law office. Ivan focused on business and corporate transactional work, as well as estate planning. In December 2004, he left his law practice for a position as Chief of Staff to Assemblyman Michael N. Villines. He now splits his time between the Capitol and Fresno, depending on whether the Legislature is in or out of session.

Ivan is married to his beautiful wife, Alisa, and they have two wonderful children, Nikolas (7) and Marina (5). His interests include being a devoted husband and father, team-teaching Sunday school with Alisa at New Harvest Church, snow skiing, water skiing, politics, and generally just spending time with his family.

As Chief of Staff his position has allowed him the opportunity to get involved with multiple local issues. He has worked on air quality concerns and water supply issues. He has participated in local town hall meetings to develop legislation to relieve some of the regulatory burdens placed on small businesses, and various other community outreach opportunities, such as assisting constituents with state matters.

His most special memories of SJCL are the first night of law school when he saw his future wife for the first time and walking across the stage at the Saroyan Theatre after receiving his degree, having found out the day before that he had passed the State Bar exam.

Edward Fanucchi

Edward has been employed with Quinlan, Kershaw, & Fanucchi since he graduated in 1995. It seemed appropriate to practice law with the same firm he has worked for since high school. As a second-generation attorney in the Fresno area, his humble beginnings of file clerk, runner, paralegal, phone answerer, and even duster, have certainly paid off. Eddie made partner in 2000 and with

great pride practices personal injury as well as some corporate law.

On August 30, 1991, the first week of law school, he was reunited with Mariangalia or Meme as he fondly calls her, a high school friend. This lovely lady became his wife in January of 1999. With the birth of his beautiful children, 2 ½ year old son, Luca, and 6 month old, Maria Sophia, graduation from San Joaquin Memorial High School seems long ago.

As a proud second generation Italian family, the Fanucchi family has proudly sponsored many philanthropic events. They are the founding fathers of the Fresno Opera, and brought the incredible voices of Andrea Bocelli and Placido Domingo to our Valley. Eddie and Meme celebrated Luca's second birthday at Chaffee Zoo. With love of their community in mind, the idea for a fundraiser for the Chaffee Zoo instead of gifts was born. On Luca's birthday, on behalf of the Fanucchi family, their young son donated \$20,000 to the Zoo. To date this is the largest individual donation for the fantastic Giraffe Feeding Platform. The Fanucchis plan to do the same kind of event for Sophia Maria.

One of Eddie's fondest memories while a student at SJCL is taking Civil Procedure class from the Honorable Oliver Wanger. After much preparation, Eddie was asked to recite *Pennoyer vs. Neff*. With all the determination and courage he could muster, he proudly stood up and presented the case well. As he was preparing to sit down, Judge Wanger asked, "Who was plaintiff?" Eddie's response, "Neff?", "Well then, who was defendant?" "Pennoyer?" was the doubtful response. After much laughter, the slightly embarrassed Eddie sat down. Everyone was aware he knew the answer, but due to first time jitters, his mind was a complete blank. At the end of the school year, Eddie fondly remembers his classmates presenting him with a license plate frame with the inscription, "*Pennoyer vs. Neff*, who's the plaintiff?"

Scot A. Ginther

After graduating from law school, Scot and his wife traveled the east coast. While doing so, they both enrolled in graduate programs. While pursuing a master's degree in political science, Scot had the opportunity to work for a state supreme court in court administration; his degree from SJCL helped him obtain that position. After they earned their master's degrees, his wife decided to enroll in law school, so they headed to Sacramento, and Scot accepted a position at a firm specializing in education law until he left to study for the Bar exam. Upon passing the Bar, he accepted a position at Laughlin, Falbo, Levy and Moresi in Fresno, but being apart proved too difficult for he and his wife. So, he returned to Sacramento and, while waiting for his wife to finish her degree, he commuted to San Francisco to work toward an LLM in Taxation at Golden Gate University School of Law.

After his wife finished her law degree, they moved to San Francisco while he completed his LLM degree. There, Scot worked as an associate attorney with Dale, Braden & Hinchcliffe, a general insurance defense firm. He worked for DBH until the birth of their son in December 2003. They decided to return home to be near family and friends while raising their son. In Fresno, Scot accepted a position at the Law Offices of Javier Alabart practicing workers' compensation defense.

Scot remembers working with Joseph O'Keefe and Todd Reeves on their brief for the Hopper Moot Court competition. The night before the brief was due, they were up to the wee hours of the morning putting the finishing touches on it. (Actually, Scot was in Joe's back yard getting sick while Joe put the finishing touches on the brief.) But they must have done something right, because they ended up winning best petitioner's brief. Scot says, it is hard to believe that ten years have gone by. His SJCL education provided him with many opportunities, and it is exciting to him to watch the school's continued progress.

Patricia Harter

After a long and illustrious career as a grocery checker, Pat was fortunate enough to work through law school for Quinlan, Kershaw and Fanucchi, the nicest law firm in town she says! After graduation she practiced probate and family law with the firm until October 2003 when she returned to her first love - doing research and writing, for the Social Security Administration.

Patricia's daughter, Stacy, was in junior high when she started law school. Stacy is now a college graduate and an adjuster at State Compensation Insurance Fund. Patricia's older daughter passed away two years ago, so Patricia is raising her grandson, nine-year-old Julian. Her life is now filled with cub scouts, school booster club meetings and fundraisers, church youth activities, sports practices, Pokemon, Sponge Bob, and homework.

Patricia loves Roger Rockas, the Fresno Grand Opera, San Francisco Giants baseball, and Bulldog basketball. She is involved in church activities, but has no more extra time or energy.

Patricia will be forever grateful to her study partner and good friend, Barry Matson, for his patience and perseverance. She was the one with the teenagers at home, so most of the time they would study at her house. Barry would often bring dinner and clean up her kitchen while he was there! Other fun memories - going to Kingsburg to study with Steve Bolm and ending up walking around looking at historic houses - celebrating the end of Moot Court by having pie at Marie Callendar's for lunch with a ceremonial dumping of all Moot Court materials - actually looking forward to Contracts class because Kris Cerro and she did a weekly critique of Larry Artenian's suits and ties - Civil Procedure with Judge Wanger on the pulpit and an echo in the church (oops, that wasn't fun!).

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August 1, 2005 - November 28, 2005

Top 5 Classes in Participation

1. 1985	10%
2. 1974	9%
3. 1975	9%
4. 1983	9%
5. 2000	9%

Top 5 Classes in Financial Support

1. 1996
2. 1975
3. 1993
4. 1995
5. 1985

Christopher Charles McLain

Chris is currently a partner at Lee and McLain LLP in Visalia. He has been practicing family law, personal injury and some criminal law since May 2000.

Chris and his wife, Denise, have two sons, Charley and Seth. They enjoy seven grandkids, spending most weekends in their activities.

Chris takes pleasure in traveling, photography, and golf in the precious little free time he has.

His fond memories of SJCL include the Moot Court Competition when he partnered with Diana Dooley.

Jeremias De Melo, Jr.

Jerry has been a solo family law and estate-planning practitioner in Hanford since 1995. He and his wife, Melinda, restored a lovely Victorian home where they work together as a constant source of familial comfort. They have found a happy niche in this area of law. Melinda handles the administrative side of the office.

Jerry and Melinda have 4 children. This November they welcomed a new granddaughter to the family. Jerry continues to be thankful for his ability to do a job that allows him to be close to his family and spend time with them; the balance in his life has tempered his drive. They are very active in their church and teach adult bible study classes.

Jerry has great memories and attachment to SJCL. The things he loved about the school he continues to love about it since they have not changed much. Under the leadership of Jan Pearson, the warm faculty and staff have always been there for him with a feeling of coming home whenever he has an opportunity to reconnect. He is most thankful that this career has allowed him a comfortable living and the ability to meld that with family needs.

Jerry L. Molinari

Jerry is now retired due to medical necessity; he has fought a valiant effort to stay as active as possible and keeps his law license current. Jerry also retired from the Marine Corps but stays energetic by doing pro bono work for the Marine Corps League, New Hope Community Church and family. He was very proud to be a part of the dedication of the new fountain at the church on this Veterans Day to honor Jared and Jeremy. Mostly he keeps busy trying to stay healthy.

Jerry has been married to wife, Sheryll, for 40 years. They have two girls who are both getting their Masters degrees at California State University, Fresno.

Jerry has fond memories of his time at SJCL and appreciates the fellowship with staff and faculty. He believes that Dean Pearson is a professional filter that ignites the staff and students to do their best. He recalls and appreciates the friendships of Jon Adams, Manuel Romero, Ron Parvanian and Brian Haddix. He has had an opportunity to stay in contact with some of these study partners and cherishes those times.

Gregory Scott Powell

For nearly three years after passing the bar, Greg worked with Parichan, Renberg, Crossman & Harvey. His practice focused on insurance defense, business litigation and intellectual property. Greg then hung out his own shingle for a year before joining attorney Riley C. Walter in 2000, at the Fresno office of Kahn, Soares & Conway. Soon after, the Walter Law Group was formed, and Greg has been there ever since, practicing in the areas of business insolvency, bankruptcy, intellectual property and civil litigation. Greg is a member of the board of directors of the Central California Bankruptcy Association and, as First Vice President, was in charge of the CCBA's annual Institute in 2005, which boasted over 175 attendees. Greg also is a member of the steering committee of the Fresno County Bar Association Business Law Section.

Greg typically spends one evening a week at the Lyles Center for Innovation and Entrepreneurship, located at California State University, Fresno, consulting with entrepreneurs on emerging business issues, including intellectual property. Greg is also a frequent speaker on the subject of intellectual property at the Lyles Center and at the Central Valley Business Incubator.

Greg's favorite moments from law school are study group sessions with his classmates, without whose help and support he may not have emerged whole!

David Rendahl

David has been a Deputy Public Defender at the Tulare County Public Defender's Office in Visalia since graduation in 1995. He defends all types of criminal cases, up to and including capital murder cases. He has been active in the Drug Court program as well.

David has organized the Annual Public Defender Las Vegas Retreat for the past 5 years. It started as a very small group but has grown every year. In March 2005, over 350 attendees from 44 states and several countries participated. Information and photographs can be found at www.PublicDefenderRetreat.com. Their slogan is "This Retreat is for anyone with a 'Public Defender Attitude', and if you have to ask what that is, you probably don't have one." (Note, defenders know what this is, and prosecutors don't have a clue.)

David is married to Alison, and they have 2 boys, Ryan, 10, and Matthew, 6. They also have a cat named Angel, a dog named Lucky, and a cute little hamster. They have almost completed building their dream home in Visalia. It is on a half-acre lot, and will be over 3700 sq. feet; they are trying to get in before Christmas.

David's family likes to travel, and looks forward to their yearly week at Disneyland. They also go to the coast as often as possible.

David has been active in softball, and coaches his son's flag football team. He speaks to groups of teenagers regarding the dangers of criminal activity and drugs. Drugs and dysfunctional families seem to be a common source of his clients. David says "As hard as it is to raise kids, drugs can flush it all away, and turn a good kid into a lifer in prison." The vast majority of his clients are not criminals, but crazy addicted dangerous people. David wishes he had a solution to their problems.

David's time at SJCL was one long great memory. He very much enjoyed his study group, his national moot court trips, and showing the big schools who SJCL was. This included a trip to Seton Hall Law School in New Jersey for a criminal moot court competition with Gayle DeLapp, Joan Levie, and Kevin O'Casey.

David also remembers great frustration in Torts. They were told to review all the past tests that Jan had given. The exams were all basically the same, but when the actual test came, it appeared totally different. David thought how unfairly they had been treated. (Of course, looking at the test later, it was just the same as all the rest.) This was great preparation for the Bar exam. He had one essay question (corporations) that revealed only one obvious issue, and about 5 minutes of writing a one-paragraph answer. Not seeing any other issues, the temperature in the room feeling like it was rising, and his law career was fading away, he re-read the question. It was on the 10th or 12th reading that it all fell together, and he felt he wrote the perfect answer. Thanks to SJCL for the preparation.

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Bookstore

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Congratulations to Jon Conklin and Houry Sanderson on their appointment to the Fresno County Superior Court.



Jon Conklin is a Professor of Law at SJCL and co-Director with Stanley Boone of SJCL's Moot Court program. Their teams, over the last five years, have placed in the top three at the Roger J. Traynor Moot Court Competition. Jon has been an adjunct faculty member since 1993 and has taught Criminal Law and Procedure and Federal Courts and the Federal System. He currently serves as Deputy Chief of the United States Attorney's Office in Fresno.

Houry Sanderson (Law '87) currently serves as Chief Deputy District Attorney for Fresno County. Before joining the District Attorney's Office in 1990, she served as Deputy County Counsel for the Fresno County Counsel's Office.

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