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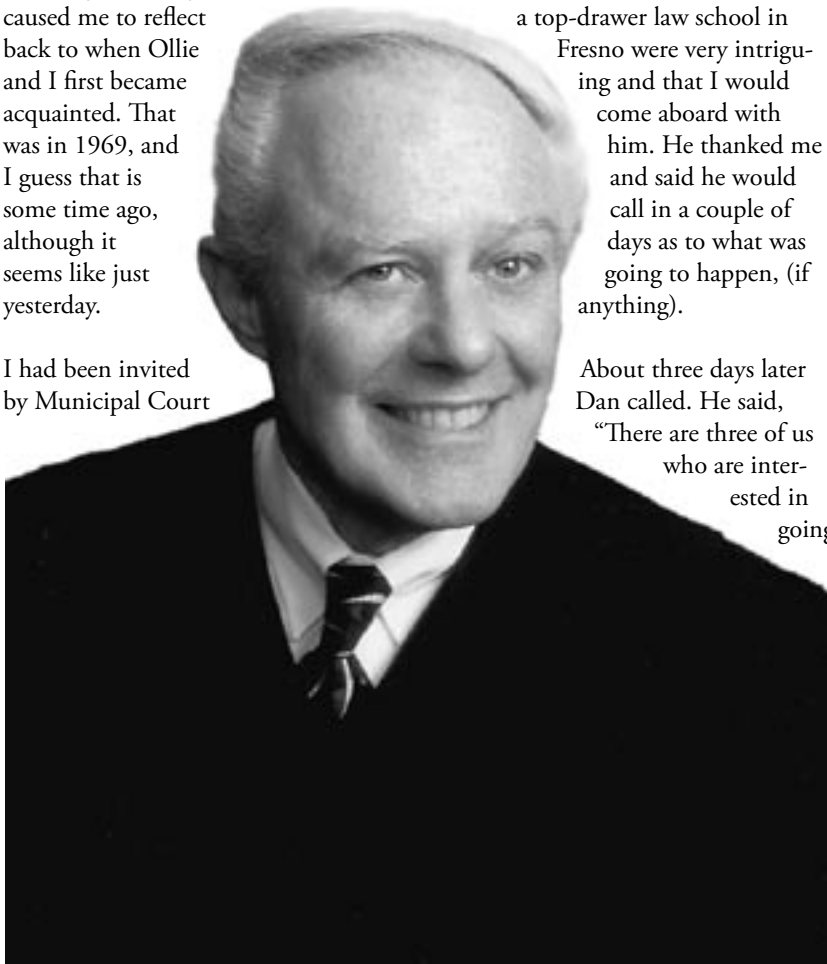
Reflections on Oliver Wanger's move to Senior Status

On September 8th the legal community will honor the Honorable Oliver W. Wanger's move to senior status at the United States District Court.

By John Loomis, SJCL Founder

What?! The Honorable Oliver W. Wanger is moving to senior status at the United States Federal Court in Fresno? That is the report I recently received, and I said to myself, "How could one so young be taking such a step?" It caused me to reflect back to when Ollie and I first became acquainted. That was in 1969, and I guess that is some time ago, although it seems like just yesterday.

I had been invited by Municipal Court



Judge Dan B. Eymann to meet with some dozen or so lawyers to hear John Gorfinkel, the State Bar liaison for law schools, discuss the prospect of establishing a law school in Fresno. When the evening came to an end, I told Dan that the ideas expressed for a top-drawer law school in

Fresno were very intriguing and that I would come aboard with him. He thanked me and said he would call in a couple of days as to what was going to happen, (if anything).

About three days later Dan called. He said, "There are three of us who are interested in going

ahead with the school project - you, I and Ollie Wanger." I responded, "I don't know Ollie Wanger." He replied, "He is a young lawyer I've observed in court. I invited him to meet with the group because I have been very impressed with what I have seen of him. He is bright, responsible and energetic." I expressed my apprehensions about embarking on such a formidable program with only two other people, one of whom I barely knew. The rest is history.

We three then set up the three-legged stool and began a relationship dedicated to the establishment of a first rate law school in Fresno. We met scores of times and hundred of hours in the ensuing years. We divided the work. Ollie initially took care of, in particular, the legal items, including incorporation, IRS exemption classification, and State Bar and Education Department compliances. Needless to say, we all consulted with each other on all aspects of the formation, and later, the operation and management of the school.

Ollie taught criminal law initially. He later chose to teach civil procedure. (It involved more time and challenge.) Our classes were meeting on the Pacific College campus. I was amused, early on, to hear talk among the students about Ollie. It was "machine

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Adam Stirrup

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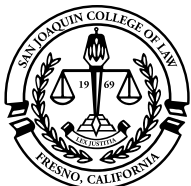
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The Review has been cited by courts throughout the land, including the California Supreme Court, Minnesota Supreme Court, various appellate courts and federal courts. Other citations attributed to our long line of professional and student writers come from such well established sources as Matthew Bender & Co., U.C. Davis Journal of International Law & Policy, Thomas Jefferson Law Review, Santa Clara Law Review, Pacific Rim Law & Policy Journal, and the Indiana Law Review.

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Pete Rooney

Associate Library Director & Head of Technical Services

Pete came to SJCL from the John F. Kennedy University School of Law where he earned his J.D. and was Director of the Law Library. Pete also has a Masters of Library Science from San Jose State University.



The SJCL Library is honored to have added a librarian of Pete's abilities. He has made significant changes to the collection and cataloged over a thousand titles. Please do not hesitate to contact him if you have any questions about your research or the SJCL Library.

Diane Steel

Director of Admissions

We are excited to have Diane join our admissions department. She worked for The Fresno Bee for the last several years coordinating company wide training classes and event planning. She is passionate about her role as an ambassador for SJCL and desires to help people pursue their dreams of a law degree. She graduated from California State University Long Beach.



Matthew Dillard

Maintenance Assistant

Matt started at SJCL in 2005 part-time. He did such a fantastic job that he was taken on as full time staff that same year. Matt is a huge Atlanta Braves fan and enjoys watching them whenever he can. He graduated from Hoover High School and has hopes of continuing his education in the future.



New Academic Support Program

For many of our incoming students, the Bar Exam is three or four years and many long hours of hard work away. The demands of law school overwhelm many students. Law school is fundamentally different from students' prior educational experiences. San Joaquin College of Law, like most law schools, has implemented an academic support program to help our students succeed.

Our program is loosely based on *1000 DAYS TO THE BAR But the Practice of Law Begins Now* by Dennis J. Tonsing. Professor Tonsing identifies seven Law CATS (Components of Assessment Targeted Study) that mirror

activities performed by lawyers in their daily work. To learn to practice the profession, students are encouraged to get ready for practice by doing the following:

- **Read and brief every case**
- **Actively attend class and take notes**
- **Transform class notes after each class**
- **Prepare course summaries**
- **Develop flow charts**
- **Internalize (memorize the law)**
- **Answer practice questions in writing**

Practicing these skills from the first day of law school will help students get passing grades, prepare them to pass the Bar, and develop the skills necessary to be a competent legal practitioner.

Professor Richard Cartier offered three introductory sessions over the summer. Future Saturday sessions will be offered during the year. Briefing, note taking, outlining, exam writing and time management are presented to the students in these special sessions.

Each year is a new beginning – a time to build on our successes as we strive to improve. For many in our first year class, the Bar Exam is only 1000 days away.

SJCL Career Services

The SJCL Office of Career Services (OCS) is committed to assisting students and graduates in all aspects of their career development. OCS desires to work closely with prospective employers to maximize recruitment opportunities for students and alumni. Some of the career development services planned for the upcoming year include a range of workshops covering topics including job search nuts and bolts and the 4th Annual On Campus Interview Program. Additionally, the OCS provides services related to personalized career counseling and career search resources.

Clinical Study, coordinated through the OCS, contemplates a broad range of experiences including private

firm law clerking, public interest internships and judicial externships. Clinical Study is an important educational component because through these experiences students' understanding of class content is enhanced and practical skills are developed. For some students, Clinical Study may be their first introduction to the "real world" of law. Other students have significant law office experience and are seeking a law degree to build on that background. Relationships developed through Clinical Study benefit employers and students alike. Employers benefit through additional support staff as well as becoming familiar with students' skills and aptitudes to fill future employment needs. Students' professional contacts facilitate a

natural transition into the legal field. Many students secure associate positions prior to graduation through clinical experiences.

The OCS maintains a free database of current employment opportunities for attorneys, law clerks, paralegals and other legal support staff. These employment postings are accessible at www.sjcl.edu/jobs

For more information on how to participate in either the On Campus Interview Program, Clinical Study, or to post a position on the SJCL Career Services website please contact Cynthia Van Doren, Esq., Director of Career Services at cvandoren@sjcl.edu or by calling 559-323-2100.

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Alumni Profiles

SJCL congratulates our alumni celebrating 10, 20 and 30-year anniversaries in 2006. Thanks to all for reading and participating.

– Joan Lassley, Alumni Liaison

1976

Paul Hager

Paul's first job was due to Ollie Wanger recommending him to Sandell Young and St. Louis in 1976. He stayed until 1990 when he partnered with Craig Trippel. Their firm specialized in insurance defence as panel counsel for St. Paul Insurance. The firm is now Hager, Trippel, Macy and Jensen.

Paul has two daughters. The eldest is a Clovis kindergarten teacher at Sierra Vista Elementary and his youngest is an attorney in New York. He has one grandson, Bryce, who is 2 ½ and has just gotten beyond the banging stage. He is proud that his youngest daughter had an opportunity to clerk for Judge Wanger about 1 ½ years ago.

Paul continues to enjoy his love of tennis and golf. He frequently plays tennis with classmate Judge Gary Austin, but also recalls playing with Ollie Wanger at Roeding Park and the Racquet Club on Blackstone in those early years. His early tennis partners included Leonard Myers, Dr. Berg, and Kevin Swanson.

Roger Vehrs

Roger has been in private practice since 1976 handling personal injury and criminal cases. He has been associated with Roger Nuttall and shares office space with Jim Makasian. Roger is hopeful that Ernie Kinney will bring back some sponsored winnings from his trips to Las Vegas so Roger can retire.

Roger is married to a beautiful young school teacher, Barbara. They are raising two great boys, age 11 and 13. The boys keep them very busy with their participation in cross country track, soccer and baseball. Since Barbara is home for the summer, she and the

boys are enjoying the pool. They have a menagerie of animals – 3 dogs, 2 cats, an aquarium and a scorpion that made its way home with them from a trip to Mexico a few years back.

Roger and Barbara enjoy trips to Mexico where they fish and fly kites and to Roseburg, Oregon where they have a home.

Roger has very fond memories of those fun early days of law school, spending time with his roommate Doug Nelson

and, of course, his dog, who he always brought to school. Roger shared that Eric Green was number 1 in class, he was number 2, and Bill Crossland was number 3.....that was from the bottom, of course. Roger is looking forward to Social Security which will be coming in the next few years.

1986

Jeff Bernal

Jeff married Cynthia Hager the summer of his junior year at SJCL. They have now been married 21 years; she is a very patient woman. Cynthia works as an LCSW for Fresno County Mental Health. They have two wonderful children, Zach age 15, and Lexi age 11. Both are academically and musically gifted children. "Proof positive

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Sept. 14 & 15, 2006
The Radisson Hotel
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Cost: \$395 for both days.
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Contact: Kasi Welte, 559/323-2100 or kwelte@sjcl.edu.
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that talent will skip a generation,” Jeff says. Zachary is attending University High, a charter school on the Fresno State campus, and, in typical teenage angst, is trying to give Jeff an aneurysm. Lexi is entering 6th grade and is already talking about skipping 7th and 8th so she can catch up to (and show up) her brother.

After graduation from SJCL, Jeff became a Probation Officer for Fresno County for three years. In 1989 he went to work for the Fresno County Public Defender's Office as a criminal defense attorney and he is still happily slogging away there. He is in court at least three days a week and is still amazed how new and exciting it feels.

Jeff's fondest memory of SJCL was the camaraderie his classmates shared. Jeff recalls one night, facing another interminable lecture on easements in their Real Property class, a bunch of them (names withheld to protect the guilty) looked at each other, said “movie”, and left to take a much needed mental health movie break. He remembers the late night brainstorming sessions in the library where they tried to decipher Judge Caeton's “easy” take home midterm in criminal law. He can never forget the work (and the fun) Brett Runyan, Baxter Richardson, and he experienced during the 10-week weekend bar review course they took in San Francisco. They quickly learned that there are areas where a 3 or 4 star hotel rating means no one was shot in the lobby that day.

Gail Bovell-Tong

Gail has enjoyed a general solo law practice since 1988. She maintained offices at 2300 Tulare Street and 5070 N. Sixth Street simultaneously until May 1991. Gail emphasizes helping women with legal issues during their difficult times. This has taken her to Superior Courts in Kings, Merced, Stanislaus, Santa Monica, San Bernardino and Tulare Counties. SJCL classmate, Michael N. Splivalo, joined the practice from 1993 to 1996 handling a plethora of family law, bankruptcy, personal injury, and professional malpractice cases.

Gail currently considers herself semi-retired with a very limited case load and planning full retirement by this time next year. She downsized operations and

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With your support San Joaquin College of Law continues to provide an affordable opportunity to obtain a sound legal education to residents of the San Joaquin Valley.

Your gift amount is important but not nearly as important as your participation. Your donation shows that you believe in the law school. I thank you sincerely for your gift to making a difference for SJCL's students and the San Joaquin Valley's future.

Sincerely,
 Janice L. Pearson, Dean
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August 1, 2005 - July 31, 2006

Top 5 Classes in Participation

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| 1. 1985 | 31% |
| 2. 1983 | 27% |
| 3. 1979 | 20% |
| 4. 1996 | 19% |
| 5. 1977 | 19% |

Top 5 Classes in Financial Support

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| 1. 1996 |
| 2. 2001 |
| 3. 1993 |
| 4. 1977 |
| 5. 1985 |

relocated her office to her home while providing care for her Mom.

Gail has three children - Yasmin Tong, urban planner and journalist; Colin Tong, real estate investor, paralegal; Ian Tong, board-certified internist. Her one and only grandchild to date is Kaya S. Tong, born February 22, 2006. She also has a miniature poodle, Fidel, age 11.

Gail is interested in family first- being an involved grandmother, intercontinental travel with her mother until her death at 91.5 years of age in 2003, real estate investment, and U.S. resort & spa vacations with friends and daughter as often as possible.

Gail participated in Volunteers in Parole as a mentor for three years.

Gail had a great appreciation of SJCL's law professors. After a full day at busy law practices or on the bench, they would show up at 6 o'clock in the evening dedicated to delivering quality instruction without fail. She recalls receiving a surprise "most likely to succeed" award by poll of her classmates at the annual SJCL banquet. She also remembers briefing cases for night classes in strange but necessary locations, e.g. in her car while awaiting her carpool gang at her children's school, on the sidelines of the soccer field at their soccer games and tennis lessons and between attending to patient appointments in the medical offices she was managing. She continues

to participate in Consumer Advocates of California, the Hugh W. Goodwin Bar Association, Central California Trial Lawyers Association, and The Association of Business Trial Lawyers.

Sara Hedgepeth-Harris

Upon graduation, Sara joined the research staff of the Fifth District Court of Appeal. She worked for several justices and as a central staff attorney for 13 years. In 1999 Sara took a sabbatical from the law (to a certain extent) to serve as a trustee for the Fresno Unified School District. Her term included one year as president of the board. In 2001 she joined the law firm of Sagaser, Franson and Jones where she specialized in law and motion for complex litigation and

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Congratulations

Douglas E. Noll, Esq., SJCL Board Chair, on the publication of his new book *Sex, Politics and Religion at the Office*.

appeals. In 2005 she started her own practice. Sara specializes in providing the same product that she once provided for the justices at the Court of Appeal and SFJ to several law firms as an independent contractor.

Sara is married to Hal Harris. They have 2 sons. Sam is 22 and recently graduated from UCLA. Charlie is 18 and will be attending UCLA this fall. They also have 4 dogs: Emma, Hogan, Buddy and Elsie (her support staff).

Sara won the Hopper Moot Court Award for best brief and best oral argument with her partner, Joby Dupuis, while in law school. Sara continues to try to find the right balance

between family, legal work, community work, hiking, gardening and art.

Sara is the Social Policy Director for the League of Women Voters of Fresno and Chairperson of the Steering Committee of the Fresno Housing Alliance.

When the SJCL campus was on Shields there was a cement wall between the school building and the shopping center where there was a great donut shop. During class breaks (about 8pm), nearly the entire school, and many of the professors, would jump the fence to get donuts. Butter-milk donuts were her favorite.

Sara also recalls bringing her golden retriever, JJ, to the library so that she would feel safe late at night working as a proctor. JJ came in handy one night when a strange man walked in. She had never seen a golden retriever act as viciously as JJ did that night. At that time Dean Pearson had a dog named Ginger. One day Jan brought in what looked like a golden retriever puppy that she had rescued after someone threw the puppy from a car window. Ginger was not fond of puppies so Sara rescued the puppy from Ginger and took her home. They named her "Mrs. Palzgraf." She turned out to be part retriever and part horse.

Terry Wapner

After passing the bar exam, Terry went to work for the District Attorney's Office for the County of Stanislaus. He prosecuted misdemeanors and felonies and was later put in charge of the Turlock and Oakdale offices. Returning to Fresno in late 1988, he opened his own law practice doing criminal defense, real estate and family law. He quickly narrowed his practice to specialize in criminal law.

Terry is married to Chanel. They have one child, Kesha, who is married. They have two beautiful grandchildren, Ariana 6 and Brandon 4.

In the spare time he can muster Terry plays a lot of golf and squash.

One of Terry's fondest memories is sitting in a row with Harry Pascuzzi, Lisa Urrizola and Darla Duerksen for nearly the entire four years of school. He did not think it would be appropriate to repeat the jokes and comments made. He also distinctly remembers having difficulty with Judge Caeton in criminal law; so much so, that he never went, except for exams. He would sit in the library and study during class. Several years later, he tried a multiple defendant rape/murder case in Caeton's courtroom. When they were having their jury instruction conference, Terry made a comment that he wasn't sure about the use of "accomplice" versus "accessory" instructions. On the record, and without missing a beat, Judge Caeton commented that, "Well, Mr. Wapner, had you attended my class.....". He actually thought the Judge hadn't noticed he was missing. Terry has since had many trials in Judge Caeton's court and, although Terry never professed to really understanding him, he thinks they get along well now. All in all, the SJCL experience was a good one. Terry still is in contact with many of his classmates.

1996 H. Ty Kharazi

Ty worked during law school and was laid off right before the Bar exam. So

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he had plenty of time to study. After the exam, Ty served as the Tulare County Public Guardian until he received the Bar results. A month after passing the Bar, he started his own practice in a one-room office at the Trade Center Building (the old P.G. & E building on Fulton Mall). In 1999 he took on a partner when, mercifully, his wife decided it was time for her to help him run the business. They have had a successful practice since then. Ty litigates, trying between 4-6 jury trials per year with numerous other skirmishes in between. Ty loves trial work. Give him a jury and a courtroom and he is happy.

Kharazi and Sirabian was formed in 2000 in order to help John Sirabian close out his law practice. However, Ty is the only attorney at the firm now. John Sirabian retired in 2001. They kept his name to recognize John's contribution to the legal community. Thus, Ty now works for Kharazi and Sirabian, An Association of Attorneys.

Ty and wife, Sandra, have 4 children. Unfortunately, they lost two to law school. They grew up and left while Ty tried to finish school and then take the Bar. The oldest daughter has children of her own and the other joined the U.S. Marines. They see them often now. The little ones, a boy 12 (almost) and girl 6 are still at home and keep them in line.

Ty was recognized as a judge pro tem in 2004 and 2005 and the Attorney Volunteer of the Month by CCLS in December 2005.

Ty enjoys reading biographies and studying advanced physics (no kidding). But he does not have much time to do a lot of either one. Although, he does fit a book into his reading regimen every now and then. His interests revolve around his young children's activities. He thinks it was football and violin last year; he has not been told the plans for this year yet!

Ty works with Boy Scouts on their Citizenship merit badges and works

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| 206 | Medicare Part D Medi-Cal DRA Changes | | |

with people who regularly live at the Rescue Mission. He enjoys both activities tremendously.

Ty really enjoyed his study group meetings with Leslie Moore, Roberta Rowe and Janell Hudson. He could never forget the philosophical (yet meaningless) discussions he had with Ron Perring on an almost daily basis about everything that was going on in their universe at the time. He really enjoyed working with the Student Bar Association and later with the Alumni Association.

Jeffrey Mendoza

Jeff first enrolled at SJCL in the 70's with Ernie Kinney and Jim Wasson on the Pacific University campus. Judge Wanger was an instructor then. The time was not right and he decided to drop out. But persistence paid off and he re-entered school in the 90's. Law school was the most challenging and intense experience he has ever had but the feeling of accomplishment is cer-

tainly also the most joyous. When Jeff enrolled at SJCL he was in administration at a middle school in Madera. He is currently Vice Principal at Madera High and is enjoying his summer time off. He looks forward to the time he can retire. He hopes to use his knowledge and experience in education over the last 33 years to develop some form of law practice.

Jeff and his fiancé, Susan, enjoy traveling to the central coast-anywhere from Carmel to San Luis suits them. Jeff also enjoys playing golf whenever the opportunity arises.

Jeff was honored by California State University Fresno in 2002 as the High School Administrator of the Year from the School of Health and Human Services. He is honored by that award for his work with students transitioning into the field of health care.

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Most of Jeff's school years were spent at the Shields building but he remembers really enjoying the new Clovis site when he was studying for the Bar. Jeff has fond memories of the SJCL staff that supported him through that trying time and the relationships that remain with classmates – Jim Lee, Pat Carrillo and Albert Ramirez – are very gratifying.

Leslie Moore

Leslie is currently employed with the Fresno County District Attorney as a Deputy District Attorney. Throughout law school she thought she wanted to practice civil law, possibly with the City of Fresno or in private practice. Criminal law and family law were two areas where she definitely did not want to work. What is that saying about the best laid plans... ?

In 1997 when she passed the Bar exam, after 35 resumes and many applications, the Tulare County District Attorney's Office was the only open door. It took about a month for her to

recognize that being a prosecutor was what she was meant to be.

Leslie's current assignment is a special team with the Child Abduction Unit. Yes, now she works in family law and criminal law at the same time. "God does have a sense of humor," she says. Leslie is very satisfied with her career and where she is in life.

As a prosecutor in the Child Abduction arena, she was part of a small group who testified at budget hearings in Sacramento to reinstate funding for the program throughout the state. This was something she always dreamed of doing, and they were successful. She has been involved in training investigators and prosecutors with the California D.A. Association on child abduction issues. She has had the pleasure of presenting information at community forums about parental kidnap prevention, as well as the assistance their office can provide to a victim parent.

In Leslie's personal life, gardening has become her stress reliever. There is a special man in her life. She enjoys trips to Monterey with friends. A couple of years ago she was able to travel from New York to London on the Queen Elizabeth II, and spent seven days in London.

As for law school memories, the best thing that happened was building some lasting friendships out of her study group. Thanks to Ty Kharazi, Jenell Hudson, Roberta Rowe and Ron Nissila, she was able to pass many exams by hammering out issues together. She could not have done it without them. Leslie can't believe it's been 10 years.

Albert Ramirez

Albert briefly worked for Nick Reyes immediately following his passing the bar. Soon he was brought into the family business, Albert Ramirez Bail Bonds, as in-house counsel. He enjoys working with his Mom each day and uses his skills in all areas of the law.

Albert and his wife, Andrea, are the proud parents of two great boys. Albert Ramirez III age 4, the surviving twin who weighed 11lb. 12 oz, is doing great. Their other son, Alexander, was born in April of 2006 and weighed 8 lbs. 12 oz. Albert and Andrea really enjoy the boys and family outings with his Mom, sister and family.

Albert serves as the Secretary of the Golden State Bail Agents Association, where he writes proposed legislation. He is active in the La Raza Lawyers Association and supports the Big Brothers and Big Sisters. Albert is also a wonderful scholarship supporter for San Joaquin College of Law and is funding a perpetual scholarship in the family name.

Albert attended SJCL at the Shields location but was able to study at the new campus when he took Barpassers classes. He really enjoyed that program.

2ND ANNUAL

Constitution Day

You are invited to attend San Joaquin College of Law's 2nd Annual "Constitution Day" presentation by **Jeffrey G. Purvis**, *James K. and Carol Sellers Herbert Professor of Constitutional Law*, on

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In December 2004 the United States Congress passed legislation that requires all educational institutions that receive federal funds to implement educational programs relating to the United States Constitution on September 17th of each year (or the preceding or following week if September 17th is a weekend or holiday). The legislation was passed in an attempt to increase the Constitutional knowledge of students and citizens. September 17th was chosen since the delegates to the Constitutional Convention met for the last time to sign the United States Constitution and presented it to the American public on September 17, 1787.

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gun Ollie” who had no hesitation in presenting his comments on the law. Clearly, he was no slouch in delivering his lectures.

After Dan developed leukemia, administrative time and responsibility increased for Ollie and me. We now had a two-legged stool that was much harder to balance. Ollie stepped up to the plate and helped deliver what had to be done in pursuing our goal. The school continued to mature and thrive but the time demands continued to grow and addressing the fact that Pacific College wanted us to find new quarters was particularly time consuming. The pressure finally got to me with painful spasms in my back, and I had to withdraw from teaching and, after a year on the sidelines, also from an active role in administration. Now the pressure was really on. Two legs of the stool were gone, and Ollie really had a balancing act with only a single leg on which to perch.

I watched from the sidelines on the Board of Trustees as Ollie took hold as Dean. He put together a team to distribute administrative duties and, with the Board's help, found new quarters for the school on Shields Avenue in a storefront setting. That one leg was trying to support more than it could or should, and after a year or two in this mode, the Board, at Ollie's recommendation, hired the school's first full time dean.

That did not mean that Ollie was no longer a player. He continued to teach and to serve on the Board in a leading and active role until his appointment to the District Court several years later. It is my regret, and I am sure the regret of the entire school family, that with his appointment to the Court, he had to sever active ties with the school.

We all thank you, Ollie, for your dedication to and support of San Joaquin College of Law, and wish you

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Editor's Note: Judge Wanger does not intend to slow down. He has taken Senior Status so that a new judge can be appointed. Judge Wanger will continue to carry a full caseload in the busiest Federal District Court in the nation.



Kasi Welte

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