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## NALC participates in World Refugee Day

*San Joaquin College of Law's New American Legal Clinic (NALC) proudly took part in the Special Citizenship and Naturalization Ceremony held at Fresno State on June 18, 2016 in honor of World Refugee Day.*

Two-hundred-nineteen new citizens from 29 nations took the oath of allegiance to become United States citizens, including 70 children and more than 20 people who found assistance at the Law School's New American Legal Clinic. Among the volunteers at the event were 5 students and staff members from NALC. The official naturalization ceremony was preceded by a celebration of world refugees, which included musical and dance performances from Africa, Laos, and India. The emcee for the celebration portion was SJCL faculty member and NALC Legal Director, Professor Gregory Olson.

The Clinic assists legal immigrants through the Naturalization process free of charge. NALC also assists those seeking Family-based Immigrant visas, those undocumented students and graduates who could benefit from Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals, and those who might be eligible for "U-Visas" after suffering physical or mental abuse as a victim of certain criminal activity. On a limited basis, the Clinic has also helped individuals and families who are seeking asylum to escape past persecution in their home country.

Others involved in the ceremony included U.S. Citizenship and Immigration

Services, Fresno Unified School District, Fresno Adult School, the Maddy Institute, and the Fresno County Public Library. The Keynote Speaker, Merced County Superior Court Judge Paul Lo, is the first person of Hmong descent to be appointed to a judicial office in the U.S. Following the ceremony, a job and citizen resources fair was held in the commons area outside the venue.

The new citizens were able to register to vote and apply for a library card, among other things. This is the second consecutive year that this special naturalization ceremony in honor of World Refugee Day has taken place in Fresno.



## Firm Visit to Coleman Horowitz LLP

A recent firm visit to the group of six (SJCL Alumni) at Coleman Horowitz LLP turned up a few hidden commonalities. Firm partners Russell Reynolds (Law '88), David Weiland (Law '92), and Sherri Flynn (Law '05), share a few similarities besides their alma mater. Each chose law as a second career after earning B.S. degrees in scientific fields. Dave first earned a B.S. in civil engineering, Sherri a B.S. in mechanical engineering, and Russell switched from mechanical engineering to earn a B.S. degree in forestry, before he enrolled in law school.

With their scientific backgrounds, each marveled at the metamorphosis they underwent in thinking processes, in order to excel in the study of law. "Law school was



(L-R): **C. Fredrick Meine III** (Law '99), **Dave Weiland** (Law '92) & Board), **Sherrie Flynn** (Law '05), and **Russell Reynolds** (Law '88)  
NOT PICTURED: **Sheryl Noel** (Law '94) and **Greg Norrys** (Law '02)

fun, I loved it," Sherri said. Her colleagues agreed. With their full time jobs, families, and other commitments, it was "wonderfully mind opening to come to class," Sherri said. She remembered how Dean Pearson had to set her straight though, in the beginning. "In engineering something is either right or it's wrong. In law, it's gray,"

she said. Sherri served as the Managing Editor of the SJCL Law Review for 2004-2005.

"I just wanted to know the answers," said Dave. In science, the answer is what counts. In law, it's how you got to your answer that makes the argument. Dave is the head of the litigation department at Coleman Horowitz,

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## Pro Bono Service Awards



(L-R): **Paul Carter Mullen**, Supervising Attorney of the Voluntary Legal Services Program at Central California Legal Services and a member of the FCBA Pro Bono Services Section and **Hector J. Chinchilla**, Executive Director of CCLS, followed by Pro Bono Winners **Richard Ciummo**, **Richard Esquivel** (Law '99), **Emily Takao** (Law '09), **Pauline Seiler** (Law '10), **Linden Lindahl** (Law '97), **Jeremy Snell** (Law '06) and **Dennis Yamada** (Law '09).

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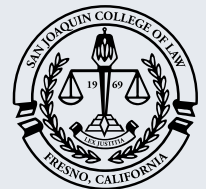
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# Professor Borgeas Awarded Marshall Memorial Fellowship

*Professor of International Law and Scholar in Residence Andreas Borgeas was recently awarded the prestigious Marshall Memorial Fellowship.*

The Marshall Memorial Fellowship is an intensive learning and networking program that aims to advance understanding and collaboration between the United States and Europe. The fellowship is the flagship program of the German Marshall Fund, which was established from a gift by the West German government in appreciation of the American Marshall Plan that helped rebuild Europe following World War II.

The MMF is a reciprocal program designed to introduce a new generation of American leaders to Europe and European leaders to the United States. The fellowship application process is a competitive one indeed. Each year the German Marshall Fund hosts a nomination process for prospective fellows and competitive candidates are invited to participate in regional interviews followed by a national selection. GMF awards approximately thirty US fellowships to individuals from all sectors, including academia, government, business and civil society. Selected fellows engage in six months of preparation for the transatlantic exchange in select European capitals related to their respective area of expertise.

Since Professor Borgeas' area of expertise is in international law and security affairs his highlight destination will be Brussels, Belgium, which hosts the headquarters of the European Union and the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO). "I am beyond thrilled to have been selected for this prestigious program, and look forward to capitalizing on this unique opportunity to learn from and consult with leaders in the EU and NATO," Borgeas said. "Given the state of security affairs – Britain's vote to exit the EU, terrorism and refugee crises, the attempted coup in Turkey, and Russia's bellicose advances in Eastern Europe – I cannot imagine a more exciting time to consult with and learn from leaders in Europe and NATO."

Borgeas is particularly interested in two areas of emerging security policy. He endeavors to gain a deeper understanding of the future of federalizing the security posture of the European Union's twenty-eight member states, and how NATO is attempting to counter Russian advances in the Baltics and Ukraine. Borgeas explained that "NATO is a system of collective defense and Article 5 of the treaty obligates member states to mutual



Professor **Andreas Borgeas**  
*Scholar in Residence*

defense in response to an attack by any external party." The threat of Russian incursion in the Baltics is a source of real concern in Washington and Brussels and "I am interested in gaining a real-time understanding of the policy considerations underway. And this fellowship will offer an unparalleled opportunity to help advance our transatlantic security relationship."

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## Full-Time Faculty

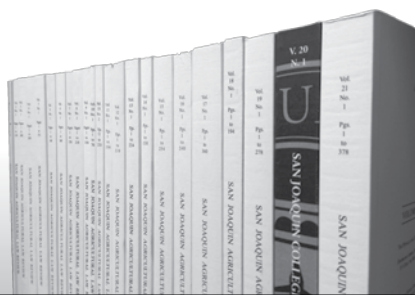
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# So, Cite Me!



This synopsis of a recent student comment featured in the *San Joaquin Agricultural Law Review* is part of an ongoing series for Fresno County Bar Association's Bar Bulletin. The *San Joaquin Agricultural Law Review*, founded in 1991, is the oldest agricultural law review in the nation. It is published annually by students of San Joaquin College of Law, and presents student and scholar works on legal topics of current interest to those in agriculture, government, business and law. Its articles and comments have been cited by the United States District Court for the Eastern District of California, the United States District Court for the Middle District of Tennessee, the California Supreme Court, the Minnesota Supreme Court, the Court of Appeal for the Fifth District of California and the New Mexico Court of Appeals among others.

The complete Comment will be available online, along with the entire 25th Volume, in early November and the previous 24 Volumes are currently available at [www.sjcl.edu/sjalr](http://www.sjcl.edu/sjalr). Professional articles are always welcome. Contact Volume 26 SJALR Executive Editor Jaskaran Gill at [jaskaran.gill@student.sjcl.edu](mailto:jaskaran.gill@student.sjcl.edu) for more information.

## Organized Robbery: How Federal Marketing Orders Amount to Unconstitutional Takings Without Just Compensation

By **BreAnne Ruelas**, *Notes & Comments Editor, San Joaquin Agricultural Law Review*

John Locke, one of America's most prominent philosophers of property rights, once expressed that fairness and justice for all citizens are the cornerstones of a modern democratic system. Once the government exceeds its legal authority or in any way violates the law, it ceases to be in authority. Instead, the government may be opposed as any other person might when invading the right of another. This concept was recently exemplified by a farmer who had a substantial amount of his crop taken by the government without just compensation.

Since the times of the Great Depression, the government has used Federal Marketing Orders to stabilize the agricultural market and create a positive flow for supply and demand of various commodities. As a result of enforcing Federal Marketing Orders, farmers may be ordered to give up as much as half of the commodity they have produced after years of hard work and cultivation.

In *Horne v. Department of Agriculture* (135 S.Ct. 2419, 192 L.Ed. 2d 388 (2015)), one farmer took Locke's theory to heart and challenged a Federal Marketing Order. The United States Supreme Court held that the marketing order requiring a raisin farmer to give up almost half of his crop was unconstitutional because he was not being compensated. After a ten-year legal battle

and two visits to the Supreme Court, Mr. Horne ultimately prevailed.

This Comment discusses the illegality of Federal Marketing Orders as a government program that harms consumers by raising the price of many crops while denying farmers the constitutional and economic freedom to sell perfectly legal produce. It explains the history of Federal Marketing Orders and their function, as well as the history and creation of the Raisin Administrative Committee in particular. This comment reviews the Horne decision, which found a Federal Marketing Order in violation of the Takings Clause of the Fifth Amendment of the United States Constitution, and compares that order to other, similar Federal Marketing Orders to which the Takings Clause should also be applied. This Comment recommends the reformation of other Federal Marketing Orders still in effect by assessing them under the new framework set forth by the Supreme Court, and concludes that the use of Federal Marketing Orders in the future must be altered to properly protect the Constitutional rights of agricultural growers. Unless volume regulation provisions of all marketing orders are assessed under the new standard set forth by the Supreme Court in Horne, growers everywhere will continue to be subjected to the organized robbery perpetuated by the government.

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# Dean's Reception

*Nervous laughter and animated conversation overflowed the upstairs hallway and echoed throughout campus when the new 1Ls, faculty, and a few returning students came together for the Fall 2016 Dean's Reception.*

SJCL's newest students met and mingled over a spread of goodies, and heard from those who know about what to expect as they embark on the grand adventure that is law school.

Dean Pearson welcomed the students and provided some inspiring news on new attorney employment. "In 2015, 82% of the graduates who passed the bar were at work the day after their swearing in as attorneys. Four months later it was 91%," she said. "It's absolutely the right time to be going to law school."

Monique Taylor (2L) told the new students they had come to the right place. "Everyone here helps each other," she said. She explained how the accessibility of professors and the strong network of SJCL Alums working in the local legal field makes a positive difference for student success. She suggested the newbies work to improve their memorizing skills and talk with their professors, "often if you need to."

Raquel Busani (3L) suggested going into the first year of law school with a willingness to do extra work in order to set a precedent for themselves to do well. "I read and briefed everything," she said. "Knowing yourself and what you need to do to succeed is the key." Busani said staying close to family is also important as they can be a huge asset during school.

Jorge Gallegos (3L) agreed that family is key. He said he chose to attend SJCL because he wanted to stay and work near family after completing law school. Gallegos echoed Busani's advice about reading and briefing for every class "because it helps," he said. He also recommended outlining as a way to prepare and study. "I'm not trying to scare you, it is hard, but it's doable," he said.



Student speaker **Monique Taylor**, Dean **Jan Pearson**, Keynote speaker **Warren Paboojian** (Law '85), and student speakers **Raquel Busani** and **Jorge Gallegos**



New students talk with Professor **Alicia Diaz Wrest** (Law '10)

Alumnus Warren Paboojian of Baradat & Paboojian (Law '85) assured the group that in spite of the daunting aura of law school, there is life afterward. "I'm one of the living examples," he said. Having obtained more multi-million dollar verdicts than any other attorney in the Valley, Paboojian called his alma mater a small school with a giant heart. He said he loves the fact that working

in law enables him to give voice to those who don't have one on their own.

"In law school you will learn to think differently. You will be tested and challenged, and you will despair, but lawyers keep the peace and prevent chaos," Paboojian said. Law is as noble a profession as there is.

# The Magic of Moot Court

*The summer session of SJCL's Hopper Moot Court began as usual with 29 nervous students pacing the second floor hallway.*

Tension and angst filled the air. The students' months-long preparation and backwards and forwards knowledge of each case was no consolation for the dread they had placed upon this moment since their first days of law school.

In the end, Kayla Waters edged out fellow finalists Jeffrey Castleton, David Devencenzi, and Michael Kuchar for Best Oral Advocate. Best Brief winners were Janay Kinder and Christina Pina. Best Brief Finalists included the teams of Richard Placido and Todd Rudder, and Jeffrey Castleton and David Devencenzi. Best Oral Advocate Semi-Finalists were Marco Aguiar, Niklas Hugosson, Patrick Rossiter, and Janay Kinder.

Students say that it's one thing to talk about presenting before a judge, or to watch a proceeding from the gallery, or to memorize the outcomes of trials from thick law books, but quite another to put on a suit and actually do it.

Something magical happens though, once the "counselors" take their seats before each panel of judges for round one. As they begin to speak: "May it please the court..." perhaps shaky at first, a certain calm - or perhaps paralysis of fear - takes over, and the students suddenly rise to the occasion as they take to the podium one by one to plead their case. As counselors for petitioners and respondents of the mythical city of Calidonia, they present their arguments and collect invaluable life-like experience, as well as bits and pieces of confidence.



(L-R) **Jeffrey Castleton**, Justice **Brad Hill**, **Kayla Waters**, Hon. **Lawrence O'Neill**, **Michael Kuchar**, Justice **Steven Kane**, and **David Devencenzi**.

By the end of round one, there is a different kind of charge in the air. Fear has been replaced by the spark of personal challenge. The spirit of competition begins to ease frazzled nerves. Just the slightest hint of swagger can be detected as the students re-enter the hallway to switch rooms and judges, for round two.

Excitement and triumph are apparent in the student's voices when Moot Court Coordinator Pat Smith calls later that night to inform the semi-finalists they will go on to round three.

Eight semi-finalists begin night two with more restless pacing as they share a renewed bout of nerves, but this time there is a flicker of conquest. They've sampled the lure of the courtroom and are perhaps entertaining the idea that moot court isn't so bad. They divulge how they spent the day dissecting the judges' comments and suggestions from round one, and have made adjustments accordingly. By the

end of night two, only four of the original 29 students remain.

The excitement of the final round of Moot Court is infectious. Family, friends, and fellow students come to observe the proceedings. It provides students with a rare chance for a do-over, a chance to fine tune their best arguments and test out their presentation chops before some of the Valley's most revered members of the bench.

The judges for the final round this summer included Justice Stephen Kane, Justice Brad Hill, and Hon. Lawrence O'Neill. All three praised the preparation skills and poise of the students. They agreed with the judges from previous rounds in noting how well the students knew the law.

This summer's moot court instructors, Magistrate Judge Stanley Boone and Judge Jonathan Conklin, said the students were exceptional.

## Special Thanks

*We wish to express our sincere gratitude to all who participated in the summer session of moot court.*

**Robert Abrams, Dede Agrava, Hon. Brian Arax, Shawna Braun, Gabriel Brickley, Mark Broughton, Henry Carbajal, Kenneth Carver, Hon. Erin Childs, Sherrie Flynn, Hon. David Gottlieb, Justice Brad Hill, Hon. Anthony Ishii, Philip Johnson, Kevin Kalajian, Justice Stephen Kane, Hon. James Kelley, Jr., Hon. Leanne LeMon, Hon. Barbara McAuliffe, Laurence Meyer, James Mugridge, Hon. Lawrence O'Neill, Marianne Pansa, Professor Jeffrey Purvis, Kathleen Servatius, Hon. Mark Snauffer, Michael Sowards, Melody Walcott, Jody Winter, and Hon. Francine Zepeda**

# Educational Employees Credit Union Scholarships

*Congratulations to Gennean Bolen and Kuljit Singh on being awarded Educational Employees Credit Union Scholarships*

Congratulations to Gennean Bolen, the winner of the \$9,000 Educational Employees Credit Union Scholarship for an incoming student at San Joaquin College of Law. Gennean already has a Doctorate Degree in Educational Leadership and Management and teaches at Fresno City Community College, but feels a law degree would give her even more opportunities to serve her community, both through advocacy and leadership. She feels all citizens need to increase their literacy of judicial matters. Over the past decade, she has worked with agencies ranging from the NAACP to the Environmental Justice Advocacy Group. She wants to use her J.D. to help those currently disadvantaged or marginalized in the Valley.

EECU provided a \$4,500 scholarship for a second year student at SJCL. Kuljit Singh is this year's winner. He emigrated from India as a school boy who spoke only limited English, but has since soared, winning high praise from the



**Gennean Bolen**

coach of Fresno State's Mock Trial Team. He will also be published in this year's edition of the *San Joaquin Agricultural Law Review*. He has just completed an internship with the Tulare County District Attorney's Office, but hopes to do another internship in business law before he graduates.

Both the Law School and EECU see the value of education as more than



**Kuljit Singh**

just a vehicle to personal enrichment; educated communities see enhancements ranging from economic growth to cultural enrichment, improved health, and decreased crime. The partnership also enhances EECU's ongoing outreach efforts, which include its Student Grant Program, sponsorship of Excellence in Education Awards for the Valley's top educators, and support of Central Valley Honor Flight.

## Hugh Goodwin Bar Scholarship Winner

*Shannon Wentworth has won the 2016 Hugh Goodwin Bar Scholarship in the amount of \$9,000.*

Shannon is keenly interested in serving her tribe, the North Fork Rancheria of Mono Indians, as well as protecting Valley community health.

In 2008, Shannon launched an international travel company called "Sweet," with the mission of providing safe and empowering vacations for lesbians and their allies while improving the various countries visited. Sweet completed over a hundred community service projects ranging from pulling over 500 pounds of trash from beaches to providing wa-

ter filtration systems to impoverished families and launching three children's libraries and five community gardens. It also donated over a million dollars to community projects in areas like Belize, Puerto Vallarta, Honduras, and an orphanage in the Bahamas.

The Hugh Goodwin Bar Association is named after the Honorable Hugh W. Goodwin, the first African American to hold the position of Judge in Fresno County. The scholarship's criteria include the applicant's record of community service.



**Shannon Wentworth**



# Alumni Appreciation Night with the Grizzlies

*Classmates + burgers + baseball = A Great Time!*



(L-R): Professor **Justin Atkinson**, Professor **Alicia Diaz Wrest**, **Kristina Garabedian** (Law '14), **Nicea Bates** (Law '12), **Scott Darling** (Law '10), **Michael Landers** (Law '15), Professor **George Vasquez** (Law '13), **Darryl Freedman** (Law '93), **A. J. Driscoll** (Law '13), **Keith Teague** (Law '13), **Faith Lisle Driscoll** (Law '13), **Libby Hellwig** (Law '14), **Brande Gustafson** (Law '09), **Kyle Roberson** (Law '12), **Christina Roberson** (Law '12), **Jamie Palm** (Law '13), and **Peter Aguayo** (Law '14).

Some 65 fearless SJCL alumni and staff braved a hundred-plus degree heat along with nearly 10,000 Fresno Grizzly fans to witness an exciting 8-4 win over the Idaho Cubs at the recent Alumni Appreciation Night. The Alumni Association offered heavily discounted tickets to the ballgame, an all-you-can-eat burger and hot dog bonanza, Friday night fireworks, and a live music concert afterward to encourage former classmates to get together and reconnect.

Much of the first half of the game drooped and withered in the heat, inspiring most of the gathered grads to stay on the party deck - near food and drink - while catching up with their former SJCL compatriots. As the sun finally set, play perked up with a few homeruns by the Grizzlies. Players and crowd alike were invigorated, as was the steady flow of cold beverages.

With a goal of greatly expanding the Alumni Association, all SJCL graduates are encouraged to join, and perhaps consider serving on the board of directors. Open positions will be available in December of this year. Your participation is key to the Association's support of SJCL, its alumni, current students, and the community. To join online go to the SJCL website (sjcl.edu) and click on the alumni page > alumni association > join now.



Special thanks to our Grizzly Night sponsors DiPinto & DiPinto. (L-R) **Brandon DiPinto**, **Whitney DiPinto**, and **A. J. Driscoll** (Law '13).



(L-R): **Darryl Freedman** (Law '93), **Jim Reynolds** (Law '10), and **Jesse Fretwell** (Law '10)



# Welcome Entering Class

About five dozen people from about five dozen different backgrounds make up the San Joaquin College of Law incoming class. While some have a family connection with the law (one is the daughter of a current student, another is the spouse of an adjunct faculty member, and a third is the daughter of a retired judge), most have travelled the path to law school alone. Many hail from the U.C.'s., including Berkeley, Merced, Santa Cruz, and Davis. Fresno State and Fresno Pacific are also well represented. Others hold degrees from such far reaches as Hawaii, London, Hong Kong, and Nigeria. Several are veterans, including one who served eight deployments.

“So, tell us a little bit about yourself.”

And with that question from SJCL Dean Jan Pearson, each student at orientation stood to tell tidbits to their new classmates. One is an engineer who feels he

has reached the ceiling in his current career. Another says his family was the victim of a violent crime and he wants to be a prosecutor. One says she was a stay-at-home Mom who discovered she was “not cut out for that.” Another is a CPA who wants to better serve her clients. One student did an internship at the District Attorney’s Office and was inspired by the number of SJCL grads there. Having a dad who’s a physician draws one new student to an interest in malpractice defense, while another coming from an agricultural background is interested in Farm Labor Law. Many expressed interest in the challenge of law; one said he had been told repeatedly in high school he was “not meant to go to college.”

Welcome 1Ls. You are meeting people who will become some of the very best friends in your life, who will help you through one of your toughest years.

# Hello everyone!

*It is my pleasure to welcome you to the 2016-17 academic year at SJCL.*

Welcome back to all returning students and a big WELCOME to our new students! Law school is a very special experience and I am sure you are very excited.

This year started off great with the wonderful Back to School Night Fiesta. Thank you to everyone who helped with the event and everyone who attended. There are more events coming up! Stay tuned for dates, times, and general information regarding all school events.

I am always available if you would like to contact me. I love San Joaquin College of Law and I am happy to help you in any way I can.

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See you soon!

Michael Kuchar  
President  
Student Bar Association



# Surprise Snacks Greet Students



(L-R): Current students **Jordan Ott** and **Jason Trupkin** appreciate the surprise snacks.

The scent of freshly popped popcorn and soothing cold brewed iced-coffee greeted returning and new SJCL students as they began the new term for Fall 2016. SJCL’s Alumni Association provides themed goodies for students just for fun, four times a year to celebrate milestones at the beginning and end of each term. Next up: Pie Before Finals!

# Back to School Fiesta

*No Time to Siesta, it was time for a Fiesta at this year's Back to School Night, hosted by the Student Bar Association!*

It was a perfect warm summer night for everyone that enjoyed the tacos from El Taconazo Taco Truck and margaritas brought to you by the Margarita Man. We had a great turn out between faculty, staff, students and their families, giving everyone a chance to mingle before the stresses of law school set in. Special thanks to Michelle Vasquez, Third Year Class Representative, and Roxanna Alchian, Secretary, for planning the event. A special thanks to all the students that volunteered their time to help before, during, and after the event!



Michelle Vasquez, Kelsey Seib, Breanne Ruelas, and Roxanna Alchian

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Breanne Ruelas and Dean Janice Pearson

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Law Library Director Alicia Diaz Wrest and Heidi Falany

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Academic Dean Justin Atkinson, Professor Gregory Olson with wife Michelle and their children.

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Mike Kerr, Jennifer Van Zant (Law '16), and Patrick Rossiter

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Professor James Mugridge (Law '13) and Stephanie

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Jaskaran Gill, Cesar Vargas, and Josh Hernandez

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# Delta Theta Phi – Committed to Excellence

*Founded in 1913, Delta Theta Phi Law Fraternity is an international, professional organization and the only law fraternity with a recognized and authoritative law review.*

By **Kayla Waters**, *Dean of Delta Theta Phi*

The organization's mission is to inspire respect and to foster lifelong friendships and professional affiliations while promoting excellence in the study, teaching, and practice of the law. At San Joaquin College of Law, the Hollis G. Best Student Senate (DTP) works to advance those objectives through academic and professional support of its student members, contributions of time and resources to charitable organizations in the Central Valley, scholarships to our most dedicated student members, and social networking to reflect the sense of community that truly shines at SJCL.

This year's DTP Executive Board has been working to bolster and extend the support it offers through events aimed at helping students to effectively study and prepare for upcoming academic challenges, whether those challenges come in the form of the Fall Torts exam or the July 2017 California bar.

In late August, DTP held an Outlining Session that was open to all students. Aimed at demonstrating exactly what an outline is and how to build an effective one, the event began with words of advice from Academic Dean Justin Atkinson and successful upper division student members. The remainder of the session introduced new students to effective studying tools, ways to create an outline from start to finish, and the myriad of resources available for different types of learners.

The final minutes of the Outlining Session were spent briefly describing the California Bar Exam and why keeping it in mind can help students remain focused in this three- or four-year journey on which they have embarked. This year, the DTP Board endeavors to serve as a pivotal resource to its student



**Grace Zeluff**, Master of Rituals, **Christina Cardenas**, Clerk of Rolls, and former board member **Heidi Falany**.

members for Bar Exam information, a goal embodied in the 2016 DTP Bar Prep Round Table, which will be on October 8.

The Bar Prep Round Table will provide student members an opportunity to learn all about the bar exam - from the types and form of questions to the costs of sitting for the bar, the Moral Character Application fee, and all the other considerations involved. Additionally, three greatly respected SJCL and DTP alumni, who utilized three different bar preparation companies, will be speaking about the respective courses they took and fielding student members' questions about their experiences. Not only will the Bar Prep Round Table offer this invaluable information, but also attending student members will be entered into a raffle with various prizes including \$500 in gift certificates toward a bar prep course.

Afterward, student members can enjoy the DTP-provided lunch and ask any additional questions to the BARBRI and Themis representatives, who will be tabling in the hallway. This highly anticipated event has been in the works since this summer and we are certain it will be

as beneficial for the student members as it has been rewarding to plan.

In addition to the Outlining Session and the Bar Prep Round Table, DTP has many other events lined up this year: the annual Bye-Bye Social Life cocktail party will be at the Standard in mid-October as students get ready to buckle down for studying, a DTP Family and Friends Walk of Christmas Tree Lane, Moot Court Workshop, subject-specific Study Sessions for substantive courses at all levels, Alumni Networking events, our Annual Comedy Night charity, and a Resume and Interview Workshop in the spring.

Also in the spring, the two annual DTP Scholarships will be given to active student members who represent the professionalism and tenacity that DTP hopes to encourage on campus.

The DTP Board members includes: Kayla Waters, Amanda Busick, Christina Cardenas, Cesar Vargas, Grace Zeluff, Emilio Avellaneda, and Daniel Sharma.

For more information or to make a donation to DTP, email us at [dtp@sjcl.edu](mailto:dtp@sjcl.edu).



# New Student Group – Law Students for Community Advancement – Sees Wealth of Possibilities

*“In order that all [persons] may be taught to speak the truth, it is necessary that all likewise should learn to hear it.”*

– Samuel Johnson, 1709-1794, British essayist

By **Raquel Busani**, *Vice President of Law Students for Community Advancement*

When the soon to be board members of Law Students for Community Advancement first sat down over lunch to discuss the need for a new student organization at San Joaquin College of Law, they each brought their own unique experiences to the table. It was not dissatisfaction that brought them together, but mere curiosity. Curiosity, after all, is the currency of change that moves us from what is to what if. For the four, the “what ifs” and the possibilities were abundant. By the beginning of the Fall 2016 semester, Raquel Busani, Jason Crockford, Joshua Hernandez, and Teju Olubeko were ready to present Law Students for Community Advancement (LSCA) to the student body.

LSCA’s primary mission is to build a campus-based movement that will empower the student body and local community through inquiry, dialogue, and action. In light of its mission, LSCA will throughout the year invite guest speakers to present on various social and legal issues, encourage members to participate in community events, and will additionally offer opportunities for students to actively engage in community and campus issues. In doing so, LSCA hopes to -- among other things: (1) promote diversity, equality, and tolerance at SJCL and in the local legal community; (2) provide a space where knowledge is pursued and valued regardless of its practical



OFFICERS OF LSCA (L-R): **Jason Crockford**, President, **Raquel Busani**, Vice President, and **Teju Olubeko**, Treasurer.

ALSO SERVING BUT NOT PICTURED: **Joshua Hernandez**, Secretary/Community Liaison.

application (3) promote and encourage alternative theoretical approaches to law and provide opportunities for members to discover the intersection of law with other disciplines; and (4) create a student organization recognized for its impact on the local community.

As a new organization, LSCA is thinking big and is already pursuing partnerships with various like-minded organizations across the Valley in order to achieve these goals. By forging relationships with already well-established organizations, LSCA seeks to offer its members the opportunity to actively engage in and address issues they care about without having to reinvent the wheel. This strategy is a “win-win” for everyone: law students have the opportunity to effect

change while networking with community leaders, and local organizations tap into a community of intelligent, willing, and able volunteers.

LSCA meets at the San Joaquin College of Law campus once a month. Membership is open to all SJCL students, California State University, Fresno students, and alumnae of both institutions. Faculty and staff of both institutions are welcome and encouraged to participate in events sponsored by the organization.

For more information about LSCA and upcoming events, or if you are interested in a partnership with the organization, please contact [LSCA@sjcl.edu](mailto:LSCA@sjcl.edu).

# Smart Classroom

*Through a collaboration of efforts, the classroom experience becomes richer for all. Room 207 was recently remodeled to become a “Smart Classroom.”*

The Smart Classroom is now in high demand by professors. Professors are enjoying the room as it enhances their ability to demonstrate concepts in exciting new ways. The overall cost of the upgrade was just under \$4,360. It included a new projector, computer, sound system, touchscreen, wireless connectivity, and non-reflective whiteboard. Electrical and fire alarm adaptations were necessary to accommodate the equipment.

Professor Andy Kucera, who teaches Real Property in room 207, stated "The smart classroom in Room 207 really takes the educational experience to the next level. My delivery is more effective and my students are more engaged. The screen size and resolution, in combination with the crisp audio, allow me to implement new classroom technology that would not have worked before. This new dynamic is revolutionary."

Professor Alicia Diaz Wrest was also excited about the possibilities this classroom offered stating "The Smart Classroom has truly enhanced the learning experience. In addition to the students being able to clearly read the PowerPoint



Director of Admissions, **Diane Steel**, presents a short video to prospective students in the Smart Classroom.

presentations, I have also been able to use it to create collaborative documents, put actual cases on the board, dissect those cases with the students, and use additional tools like Kahoot. it, where the students participate in interactive quizzes. The students benefit greatly from the variety of ways they are able to interface with material during class time."

The Smart Classroom also enables better presentation of SJCL's monthly Law School 101 Forums to prospective students. "Making a first impression with state-of-the-art equipment is more representative of the high quality education a student will receive when attending San Joaquin College of Law," remarked Diane Steel, Director of Admissions.



Wall mounted computer with touchscreen display, wireless keyboard, and mouse.



High resolution ceiling mounted projector.



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# SJCL ON THE MOVE



**Aaron Aguirre** (Law '09) is now an Associate Attorney at Stammer, McKnight, Barnum & Bailey LLP.

**Linda Barreto** (Law '14) is now a District Representative Attorney for "Kids in Need of Defense" (KIND), where she represents children in immigration and state court proceedings. During her time in law school, she volunteered at the New American Legal Clinic, assisting in providing free legal help to the immigrant population.

**Jennifer DeRuosi** (Law '14) is now a Deputy City Attorney II for the City of Fresno in the Labor and Employment Division.

**Randell Harper** (Law '14) is now a Kings County Deputy District Attorney.

**James McBrearty** (Law '89) has been hired as a Senior Attorney at the Fresno Law Offices of Ericksen Arbuthnot.

**Catherine McLaughlin** (Law '14) is now an Associate Attorney at Bradford & Barthel LLP, where her area of practice includes Workers Compensation Insurance Defense.

**Jennifer Mele** (Law '10) is now a Staff Attorney for Central California Legal Services.

**John Migliazzo** (Law '10) is the new Ag One president at Fresno State. He is a 2007 Fresno State Ag Communications grad, former Ag One scholarship recipient and currently an attorney for the Michael J.F. Smith Law Office. Migliazzo previously served as vice president for Ag One — a development organization for the Jordan College of Agricultural Sciences and Technology — and has also served as treasurer and secretary on the board of directors.

**Brett Runyon** (Law '86) has been named a Partner at Ericksen Arbuthnot. His main area of practice is focused on statewide representation of both plaintiffs and defendants in complex legal litigation including toxic tort cases and construction defects matters. He continues to serve as a mediator in complex civil cases.

**Justin Vecchiarelli** (Law '14) is now an Associate Attorney at the Sutton Hague Law Corporation.

**Melissa White** (Law '96) is now General Counsel at Guarantee Real Estate.

**April Woods** (Law '13) is now an Associate Attorney at Laughlin, Falbo, Levy and Moresi.

**Patricia Ziegler-Lopez** (Law '11) is now a Staff Attorney at the Legal Aid Society of San Diego Inc.

New job? Big promotion? Special honor? Send your info to [mcartier@sjcl.edu](mailto:mcartier@sjcl.edu) and be part of the "SJCL on the Move" column!

## In Memoriam

*San Joaquin College of Law notes with sadness the passing of retired Superior Court Judge James Aaron (Law '74) on September 4, 2016. He is survived by his wife, Heather Harrison-Aaron, along with two children, three step-children, and seven grandchildren.*

*San Joaquin College of Law notes with sadness the passing of John Fennacy (Law '97) on July 15, 2016. He is survived by Meredith, his wife of 28 years, along with two children, his parents, three brothers and sisters-in-law.*

## Classathon

### Winning Class for Total Contributions

Class of 1991 .....\$27,250

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Class of 1979 .....50%

## Annual Fund Recap

### Fiscal Year 2015-2016

Total Contributions ..... \$111,258

Total Alumni Donors .....98

Total Alumni Participation Rate..... 6.90%

## Total Giving Report

### Fiscal Year 2015 – 2016

Total Contributions to all Fund Categories ..... \$227,098

Total Percentage of Funds Contributed by Alumni..42.77%

## Total Giving

8/1/2015 – 7/31/2016	Amount	Percentage
Annual Fund.....	\$111,258	48.90%
New American Legal Clinic.....	\$60,000	26.40%
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Law Review.....	\$550	.24%
Library Fund.....	\$520	.23%
Technology Fund.....	\$240	.11%
Building Fund.....	\$100	.04%

## Coleman (From page 2)

and serves on the SJCL Board of Trustees. Russell added that the world of "read and brief" was nothing like the science of forestry. "I had to completely change how I thought about things" to study law, he said.

Sheryl Noel (Law '94) first became a CPA, and then enrolled in law school. She says she has stayed in touch with a few of her SJCL classmates, and finds them to be great for networking and referrals.

Although the group of six hail from class years ranging from 1988 – 2005, they agree that the practice of law has undergone changes. They talked about a loss of the level of collegialism among attorneys. Coleman Horowitz is an active member of The Association of Business Trial Lawyers, which still stresses a 50+ year old motto about professional collegialism. Younger lawyers sometimes come in overly aggressive, thinking it's the best way to represent clients. Fred Meine (Law '99), said he learned from watching and talking to senior attorneys.

"A good premise," Dave said, is to make sure you under promise, and over deliver. He says that way everybody is happy.



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