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1993 Spring Banquet Pays Tribute To SJCL Faculty

San Joaquin College of Law's Annual Spring Banquet took on a decidedly different flavor this year as the traditional "Roast" gave way to a "Lively Tribute to the SJCL Faculty."

Masters of Ceremony Hal Bolen II and Dave Camenson served up their own special style of entertainment to an audience of more than 300 at Tornino's last March.

The Honorable Hollis G. Best of the SJCL Board of Trustees officially opened

the evening's activities, followed by a short eulogy to the Roast, given by Stanley Teixeira of the SJCL Student Bar Association.

Each year, the Spring Banquet is held to acknowledge the outstanding academic achievements of SJCL stu-

dents. We are pleased to report that a record number of scholarships and awards were handed out this year:

SJCL Alumni Association Carolyn T. Mirviss Scholarship (Two Awards) - *Patricia Harter* and *Karen Mathes*; Brown Scholarship for Minorities and Women - *Susan Arthur*; SJCL Board of Trustees First Year Student Scholarship (Four Awards) - *Constance Bates*, *Sara Blanchard*, *Jacqueline DeLeon* and *Eduardo Ruiz*; Delta Theta Phi Scholarship - *Patricia Harter*; Fresno Business Journal Research and Writing Scholarship - *Patricia Harter*; James K. & Carol Sellers Herbert Scholarship - *Galatea DeLapp*; Ernest S. Kinney Trial Lawyer Scholarship - *Allen Bennett*; Leon S. Peters Leadership Award (Two

Awards) - *Jane Lapp* and *David Hogue*; Magill Scholarship for Excellence in Constitutional Law - *Galatea DeLapp*; Magill Scholarship for Excellence in Tort Law - *David Rendahl*; Mattson-Markell Family Law Scholarship - *Valerie DeValeria*; Myers and Overstreet Scholarship - *Elizabeth Karby*; Nuttall Berman and Associates Criminal Law Scholarship - *Gitta Merrill*; Prosecutors' Association Criminal Prosecution Scholarship (Two Awards) - *John Jackson* and *Frank Alvarez*; SJCL Student Association Hon. Oliver W. Wanger Scholarship - *Donn Furman*.

Other Awards included the Outstanding First Year Student - *Jose Negrete*;

Second Year Student - *Patricia Harter*; Third Year Student - *Rissa Stuart*; Fourth Year Student - *Bruce Nichol* and *Holly Robinson*.

Student Bar election results were also announced at the banquet. Officers for the new year are: President, *Allen Bennett*; Vice-President, *Gina Barsotti*; Secretary, *David Rendahl*; Treasurer, *Gary Colbert*; 4th Year Representatives, *Marcia Price* and *Lori Mayfield*; 3rd Year Representatives, *Robert Romanacce* and *Lisa Sondergaard*; 2nd Year Representatives, *Christie Ballard* and *Sally Orme*.

Dave Camenson, who is apparently still speechless, was named Outstanding Teacher of the Year.

Congratulations to all! ■



Hal Bolen (left) and Dave Camenson served as Masters of Ceremony at this year's Spring Banquet.

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MESSAGE FROM THE DEAN

CONGRATULATIONS!!! After ten years of work, SJCL has achieved WASC accreditation. All of you who have devoted so much time to the school over those years are entitled to be proud. WASC accreditation recognizes those efforts and establishes SJCL as a full-fledged member of the higher education community.

Part of being a WASC accredited institution is a commitment to constantly strive for improvement. Accordingly, it is appropriate to look at the recommendations made by the WASC monitoring team. Two recommendations were foremost.

First, SJCL must relocate to a more adequate and appropriate physical facility. The Shields building is insufficient for the current student population. Although SJCL does not expect a larger student population, there will be growth in activity and academic endeavors. Library development is hindered by lack of space. Office space is inadequate for faculty and an efficient administration. Moreover, SJCL deserves a home that reflects its serious educational purpose.

The efforts to find a new building are continuing within SJCL's stringent financial parameters. I expect a site will be resolved

upon by the end of this fiscal year in July. This will be a major move for the school and we hope you will be able to assist in a fundraising effort to make it possible.

Second, although WASC recognized the significant commitment of the adjunct faculty, the award of accreditation was conditioned upon SJCL continuing to expand its full-time faculty to achieve a good balance. Full and adjunct faculty make different and important contributions to the operation of the school, but with SJCL's growth, there are so many tasks to be performed and additional faculty are essential. The sixth full-time faculty position is slated to be filled this summer. As part of this recommendation, WASC advised that SJCL should closely monitor the workloads of full-time faculty to ensure they are not overextended and their conditions of employment appropriate.

Third, WASC recommended that SJCL better formalize its planning processes, culminating in a formal five-year plan. In particular, WASC recommended that the faculty of all three programs be more involved in this planning. This process will begin with the annual retreat in May.

Fourth, SJCL will be forced to move to more sophisticated accounting systems as a WASC institution. Moreover, if Congress adopts direct lending for financial aid, SJCL will have to hire a new staff person simply to handle the additional paperwork. Direct lending means that loans will be made directly to students through the school, rather than through a bank under the current system. This will save money

for the federal government but put significant new burdens on small institutions like SJCL. If direct lending is adopted, which seems likely, tuition will rise at SJCL and at most other institutions, solely to deal with this new responsibility.

WASC also made numerous other recommendations. They suggested that the Board be enlarged to enhance fundraising for the school. They recommended that SJCL proceed with plans to survey students, alumni and employers to measure the effectiveness of SJCL educational programs. They felt the school should more emphatically articulate publicly its growing regional importance. WASC also suggested SJCL rewrite its mission statement to better reflect the school's clear commitment to diversity.

There is always more work to do, plus the most important work of constantly re-examining the academic program to keep it current and of highest quality. On that front, WASC complimented the Law Review, the school's commitment to writing training, and the ability of the faculty. In fact, one point was very gratifying. So often, SJCL is wrongly accused of only teaching people to pass the Bar exam. (Whatever that means). The WASC team had this same concern but reported that such did not seem to be the case. So - congratulations! You all accomplished what many thought to be impossible. ■

Janice L. Pearson
Dean



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ALUMNI NOTES

BY JAMES MICHAEL PETRUCELLI
President, SJCL Alumni Association

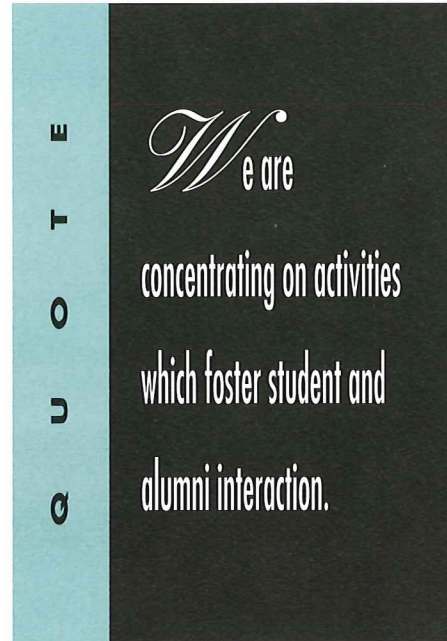
Congratulations to San Joaquin College of Law on its WASC accreditation! This is an outstanding accomplishment and we are tremendously proud of our school for its achievement. Could the next stop be ABA accreditation?

This year's alumni activities are in full swing. We are concentrating on activities which foster student and alumni interaction. We believe this will help students begin to network in the legal community while giving all of us a chance to have a lot of fun.

On April 13, the Alumni Association hosted a weenie roast at the law school, with free hot dogs and drinks for all. A large number of students turned out for the rare opportunity to actually eat dinner between work and class.

We hope students and alumni both take this opportunity to mark their calendars now for the following events: On June 5, 1993, the **Annual SJCL Alumni Golf Tournament** will be held at Riverside

Golf Course. All students, alumni and guests are welcome. Please make your reservations as soon as you receive your informational brochure in the mail – we anticipate another sell-out this year! A few hole sponsorships are still available. If you



want to make sure to get your foursome a spot in the tournament, call Chuck Magill at 229-3333 for information about signing up and for hole sponsorship availability.

The **Annual Fashion Show** will be at Roger Rocka's this year on August 21. Dwayne Crump, owner and manager of Crump's in downtown Fresno's Galleria, is coordinating this year's show. Please contact Mio Quatraro at 485-7707 if you would like to be a model or would like further information.

On October 16, the Alumni Association will hold the **First Annual Luau and Hula Seminar** at the Coombs Ranch. (Unfortunately, MCLE credit will not be available for the seminar). You will be receiving information regarding this event in the early fall.

The Alumni Board thanks all of you for your overwhelming response to our 1993 membership drive. A special thanks goes to those who made additional donations toward the scholarship fund.

As a result of these donations to the scholarship fund, the Alumni Association was able to give two \$1,000 scholarships at this year's Spring Banquet. These scholarships were among the largest awarded this year. We congratulate Karen L. Mathes and Patricia S. Harter, the two outstanding recipients of our scholarships. Additionally, we salute the many fine candidates who made choosing this year's recipients such a challenge.

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Annual Fund Commitment Assures Future of SJCL

The 1993 Annual Fund is underway, and we look forward to your participation. Letters have recently been mailed inviting you to take a few moments to consider your contribution this year.

The Annual Fund is the primary source for increasing the Endowment Fund. A strong endowment helps assure the future of the Law School and demonstrates clear support for the goals of SJCL. These goals include providing quality, affordable legal education for individuals in the Central Valley while matching the needs of the legal community with qualified law and paralegal graduates. Achieving this goal depends on the support of each alumnus, student, faculty and friend of the college.

The Endowment Fund was created in 1985 by individual and private contributions. In 1992, some 61 individual donations generated more than \$15,000 to this fund, and over the years, the fund has grown to \$230,000. Our goal for this year is to substantially increase the number of donors and the amount generated. We need each of you to make that happen!

One of the criteria for our WASC accreditation was a demonstrated level of financial support by alumni and community members. Your efforts over the years were important factors in the decision by the commission.

As we plan for our future, continued financial support will become even more critical. Costs of operation rise with eco-

nomie changes and our goal is to keep tuition affordable while improving our program. While the Endowment is not used for annual operations, its continuing growth means a more stable and predictable base for the law school – one on which we can build for the future.

WASC accreditation is an important milestone for SJCL. We anticipate 62 graduates in May. The prospects of a new building and campus appear ever closer on the horizon. We plan to hire a new full time faculty member for Fall '93, and applications for the fall term arrived earlier than ever for our selection of the approximately 100 candidates who will become the 1993 entering class.

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Taxing Times And A Change Of Venue: On The Road With The SJCL National Moot Court Team

BY STEVEN A. ELBERG

F. Lee Bailey Moot Court Coordinator: "...so we anticipate no difficulty with SJCL attending the F. Lee Bailey Criminal and Constitutional Law National Moot Court Competition".

F. Lee Bailey Moot Court Coordinator ten days later: "Sorry to inform you that two schools have protested your entry on the basis that the competition rules require ABA accreditation..."

It is my understanding that the true rationale behind these protests was rooted in SJCL's formidable record in national competition rather than as a genuine plea to preserve the integrity of the competition itself.

Although I do not imply that SJCL necessarily strikes fear in the hearts of our competitors, it is common knowledge in national moot court circles that SJCL's entrants are far from easy pickings.

Subsequent to our banishment from the Bailey, SJCL Moot Court Coach Kevin O'Casey informed me that the only remaining national tournament was the National Tax Moot Court in St. Petersburg, Florida. Faced with the difficult decision of going through the Tax competition or staying home, my partner Carla Bourne and I ultimately learned together that, as adaptability is the key to survival, teamwork is the key to success. We decided to play the hand that was dealt.

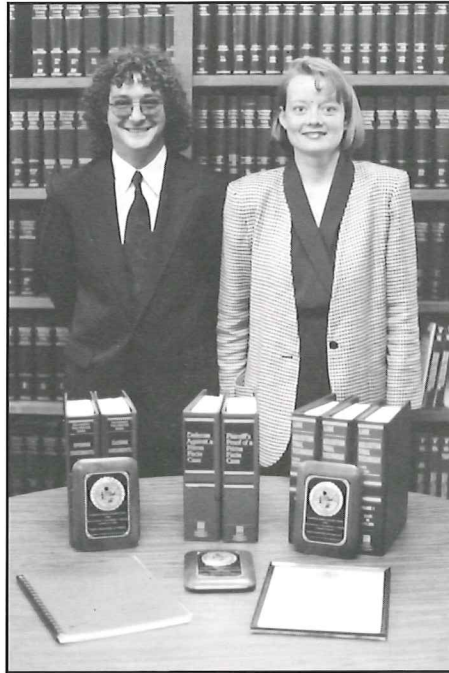
Given the subject matter of the competition and our late entry, I had not logically expected that our team would actually have a chance to prevail in a tax law contest. As it turned out, we had somewhat more than a chance.

Our opponents were gunning for SJCL from the outset. Carla and I were both amused and surprised upon noticing that we were being "scouted" by other teams, whose personnel sat quietly with note pads at the ready to transcribe our arguments and strategy. While some other teams were accompanied by entourages including coaches, coordinators, researchers, family members, and possibly psychics and other spiritual advisors, SJCL's less weighty contingent (consisting of Kevin, Carla and myself) proved once again that the size or budget of a school is less crucial than the determination of its students and the quality of its coaches.

Our team was put to the test from the outset, as our first opponents were

Southwestern University, the eventual winner of the tournament, and Villanova University, the eventual fourth-place finisher. Once we defeated both of their teams on the first day, Carla and I began to realize that a team award for SJCL was wholly attainable. Then, on day two, we advanced to the quarter-finals, and then the semi-finals as a result of defeating Syracuse University. At this point, we were scheduled to face Southwestern once again for the right to compete in the final round.

Simply stated, this round was an all-out fight. Neither team committed a noticeable error nor conceded even one point of law



Steven Elberg and Carla Bourne won the third place team award in the National Tax Moot Court Competitions in St. Petersburg, Florida.

or fact. Nerves were tested to the breaking point when the judges came out after deliberating for ten minutes and asked us to wait. They could not reach a decision in the ordinary amount of time because the round was simply too tight to call—an occurrence which had never taken place in the history of the competition. Ten minutes later, the doors flung open and our team met its fate by a measly but significant fraction of a point.

Stunned but unbowed, our team was scheduled to argue against Villanova again in

the consolation round for third place. Frankly, it probably would not have mattered who we faced, because Carla and I were determined to leave town with a win or else.

The consolation round proved to be a highlight of our journey. We argued before Judges Irene Scott and David Laro of the U.S. Tax Court, and Judge Michael Kanne of the Seventh Circuit. Converting our obvious disappointment into more positive energy, we secured the third place team award. Further honors included an award for runner-up brief and an individual runner-up oralist award for Carla.

Overall, our team compiled a 4-1 record at the competition. Out of sixteen teams representing virtually every region of the U.S., SJCL was one of only two entrants to capture team, brief, and individual awards. Final team results: Southwestern 1st, Fordham 2nd, SJCL 3rd, Villanova 4th.

Our team wishes to extend sincere thanks to Jan Pearson and the entire Administration for their encouragement. Further appreciation is extended to Sarah Schmidt for her support, and boundless faith. We thank Joyce Morodomi and Diane Johnson for their assistance, Patti Williams and Marlene Hubbell (former Tax Court Champions) for their time and advice, and Paul Fairless for his voluntary participation as computer consultant.

As for Kevin, our coach and one-person entourage, one can only comment that it is the high caliber of coaching as embodied in his efforts which has helped to elevate SJCL beyond its size in terms of the ability to compete consistently at the highest levels. We were fortunate indeed to work with him.

No account of this experience would be complete without a heartfelt expression of gratitude to my partner Carla Bourne for her cooperation and commitment. Everyone connected with the program wishes Carla all of the success, respect, and happiness that she has justly earned through her hard work and obvious talent.

As a final note, SJCL is endeavoring to be invited to the Bailey competition next year as a representative of non-ABA schools, and I intend to participate. If what goes around truly comes around in this life, SJCL will prevail on another day against the very same ABA teams that protested our entry this year. We'll be back... ■

Notes From The Student Bar President

BY WESLEY ALLEN BENNETT

President, SJCL Student Bar Association

I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate all the new class representatives and Student Bar officers. This is a great group of students, and I look forward to working with the entire group in the coming year. I would like to also thank the outgoing representatives and Student Bar officers on a job well done. The shining and most visible point of their success was this last Spring Banquet. Even though this was only my second, it was the best so far, and from the comments from people who have been to quite a few, one of the best ever. David Hogue, Holly Robinson, and the rest of the Student Bar have done a great job representing the students of SJCL, and I am confident that the new student bar will continue the type of representation that students at SJCL have come to expect.

This is an exciting time to be a student at SJCL. In case you haven't heard, SJCL was recently accredited by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges. The full impact of this accreditation is hard to grasp. It does much more than just allow continued financial aid to students. It has put the stamp of approval on the educational program at SJCL. It informs the rest of the legal community and other colleges of higher learning what we here at SJCL take for granted — that we have one of the best law programs in the state, and that students from San Joaquin can (and do) compete with students from all over the state.

Congratulations to Jan Pearson. Without her tireless dedication to and confidence in this Law School, the outcome may have been different. The faculty, both full time and adjunct, as well as staff also deep deserve of our thanks. Finally, we cannot forget the alumni and the students. Without our alumni proving themselves everyday in the legal community, and the students continuing to excel academically, the outcome could have been different. We all had a hand in WASC accreditation. We all believe in our school, and now, so does the Western Association of Schools and Colleges.

As many of you are aware, the school is moving. When and where to are questions that are still to be answered, but we are certain the school needs to be somewhere where it can have room to expand. A place with a campus type atmosphere is sorely needed. As Student Bar president, I sit on the SJCL Board of Trustees and my voice is your voice. I need your input to fully represent you, so let me know how you feel on this or any other matter. I believe in an open door policy. I want the students to

"I want the students to know that they are being represented on important matters that concern the school."

know that they are being represented on important matters that concern the school, and that they should feel free to bring to my attention, or any other officer or student representative any matter that concerns the school or the students.

This is going to be a great year. We are planning to have more social functions. I believe that we need to have more student/alumni activities, as well as more student/student activities. We have a full year planned, and your input is important to make this coming year a success.

In closing, I would like to congratulate the first year class on getting through one tough year (we've all been there). The graduating class on making it through 3 or 4 long years (we can't wait to be there). And to the rest of us students, we'll keep studying hard because before we know it, it will be the summer of our graduating year!

Good luck to all, and have a great summer, you deserve it. ■

Law Review Set To Publish Third Issue

In June of 1993, Volume III of the San Joaquin Agricultural Law Review is scheduled for publication. This year, an expanded staff of six student editors, 19 law review candidates and two faculty advisors have busily been preparing this latest issue.

This year's topics include a Central Valley Project "Symposium" and an analysis of both the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) and the Targeted Export Assistance Program. Topics for student comments will include Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation Liability Act (CERCLA) liability, plant patents, and the Agricultural Migrant Worker Protection Act.

The current editorial board consists of the following students:

Rissa Stuart, Editor-in-Chief
Donn Furman, Articles Editor
Jane Lapp, Co-Production Editor
Carla Bourne, Co-Production Editor
Steve Elberg, Notes and Comments Editor
David Hogue, Notes and Comments Editor

Candidates for this year's Law Review are as follows:

Gina Barsotti, Allen Bennett, Tim Bertalotto, Lana Birdsong, Tom Casa, Kristine Cerro, Gary Colbert, Gayle DeLapp, Elizabeth Karby, Mike Karby, Liane Lucietta, Joan Levie, Karen Mathes, Gitta Merrill, Sheryl Noel, David Rendahl, Rick Runcie, Nancy Stegall, Carine Tashjian, and Rex Williams. Past editorial board members are Juliana Gmur and Peter Cummings.

The editorial board would also like to take this opportunity to remind you that while the Law Review does have regular subscribers, it depends in large part on private funding. Many individuals and organizations have generously supported this unique endeavor since its inception in 1990 and we ask that you help us continue our vision by making a contribution.

Recent WASC accreditation was a critical step in the growth of San Joaquin College of Law. It is recognized that the work of the law review plays an important role in our continual development as a regional resource. If you have not already done so, please consider making a contribution to the nation's only law review devoted exclusively to agricultural law issues. ■

Congressman Dooley To Speak At '93 Graduation In May

SJCL Commencement Ceremonies for 1993 will be held at the William Saroyan Theatre on Friday, May 28th at 7:00 p.m., followed by a reception in the foyer.

Congressman Cal Dooley will be the keynote speaker at this year's Commencement.

Fifty nine students will receive the degree of Juris Doctor and three students will be awarded the Masters in Taxation degree.

SJCL Commencement Ceremonies are open to the general public. For more information, contact Catherine Cline, SJCL Coordinator for Special Events.

SJCL Grabs Honors in Environmental Advocacy Competitions

Nine moot court teams representing law schools from as far away as Pennsylvania brought their advocacy skills to Fresno in February to compete in the Second Annual National Environmental Advocacy Competitions. The NEAC are sponsored each year by SJCL.

Congratulations to SJCL, which took first place in two of the three competition categories. The SJCL team of David Rendahl, Deborah Garabedian and Steven Bolm won first place in the Best Brief Awards section of the Moot Court Competition. Congratulations also go out to SJCL's Thomas Saville, Jr., who received top honors for the Best Individual Oral Advocate.

The First Place 'Team Award' in the Moot Court category went to Kimberly Sloan and Val DiGiorgio of Villanova University School of Law. The First Place Award in the Closing Arguments category was won by Dan Steller of Gonzaga University School of Law.

This year's competitions were truly a national affair, with teams representing the University of Nebraska School of Law, Villanova University School of Law, the University of Southern California School of

Law, National University School of Law, Gonzaga University School of Law, Western State University School of Law and the University of LaVerne College of Law. ■



The SJCL Moot Court team at this year's National Environmental Advocacy Competitions.

Paralegal Profile: Suzanne Gutile

Suzanne was recently elected President of the SJCL Paralegal Alumni Association. She is a unique person who consistently demonstrates a commitment to her work and to the Paralegal profession. Suzanne is an individual whose energy is contagious. We are proud to feature Suzanne in our Paralegal Profile in this issue of Inter Alia.

BY PAM RAMIREZ

Director, SJCL Paralegal Program

As far back as she can remember Suzanne Gutile has been interested in the law. That lifetime interest prompted her to enroll in the Fresno City College Legal Secretarial Program in 1967. She soon found out, however, that she was much more excited by the law classes than by the secretarial classes. Suzanne thought about enrolling in law school, but the timing just wasn't right. It was also at this time that the concept of the "legal assistant" was just beginning.

After she finished school, Suzanne began working for the General Motors Acceptance Corporation, serving in the accounting department. She didn't do much typing, but she did handle contracts, credit ratings and clients.

During this time, Suzanne continued working toward a Bachelor's degree, got married and had a baby. After the arrival of her son, she worked part-time for a short period but then decided to become a full-time mother.

But Suzanne never planned to sit still. She spent the next 15 years involved in personal development, community organizations, political issues, being a room mother,

classroom volunteer, learning how to paint and working in various aspects of the artistic field, including a commission to paint a picture for use as an exhibit in a trial.

During a period when she was a designer in a frame shop, a co-worker, Al Gallegos, was planning to attend law school. Their subsequent discussions about law school and the growing paralegal profession prompted both Al and Suzanne to make some serious career decisions. That fall Al began his first year in law school and Suzanne started the paralegal program.

Suzanne credits Al, as well as some of her neighbors who were attorneys, with being very encouraging about her entering this new paralegal profession. That was five years ago.

Since then, Suzanne completed the program at SJCL and took a much needed vacation. Then, it seems, somewhere between good timing and good Karma, Suzanne checked back with the SJCL placement office. Just about that same time, a local attorney, Maurice Joy, decided he needed a paralegal. The pairing has served both well.

Suzanne enjoys a contract arrangement in her current position that is pretty much full-time but with built-in flexibility. She

also likes the general practice that leans heavily toward family law. Suzanne says she particularly appreciates being exposed to a diverse practice so "there are always new things to do and new things to learn."

She has committed herself to keeping up-to-date by attending seminars and continuing education courses. She gets a great deal of satisfaction from the sincere gratitude of the clients she assists in family law. Suzanne is also quick to point out the high ethical standards and great sense of humor of her employer. In fact, she says it is the foundation of her positive feelings about her position and her profession.

Recently, Suzanne was elected President of the SJCL Paralegal Alumni Association, while she was "looking the other way" conducting her duties as Association secretary. Suzanne has important goals for the Association, which include encouraging alumni to participate in networking and helping to educate the community about the capabilities of paralegals.

She also hopes to see some of the professional issues addressed so there is less confusion and conflict over the concepts of "legal technicians" and "independent paralegals" when compared to traditional paralegals who work directly with attorneys. ■

SJCL Faculty – 1993



Seated, left to right, are Richard Cartier, Katy Rau, Kent Hamlin, Sally Perring, Dave Camenson, Jan Pearson, Russell Ryan, Christine Goodrich; Standing, left to right, are Mike Mallery, Douglas Vogl, Robert Swanton, Curtis Wong, Peter Lefkowitz, James Peloian, Greg Durbin, Hon. Vincent J. McGraw, Robert Hurlbett, Anidelle Flint, Phillip Hollingsworth, Ellen Jahn, Ed Oeser, Paul Hokokian, Luke Temple, Daniel Bensing, Ronald Henderson, Denise Kerner, Marc Ament, Bill Woolman.

News Briefs

THANK YOU CCBA

We would like to thank the Central California Bankruptcy Association for their recent donation of a new microfiche plain paper reader/printer for use in our library. Two years ago, the CCBA also donated a plain paper fax machine to the Law School.

ACADEMIC CALENDAR FOR SUMMER TERM 1993

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| Registration | May 17 |
| 1st Day of Instruction | May 17 |
| Memorial Day | May 31 |
| Final Exams (2 unit) | June 17 & 21 |
| Independence Day | July 4 |
| Final Exams (3 unit) | July 6 & 7 |
| Summer Term Ends | July 7 |

ALUMNI UPDATE FORM

We are asking all SJCL alumni to please take a few short minutes to complete the alumni survey card attached to this issue of *Inter Alia*. Return postage is paid so all you have to do is drop it in the mail. This information will help us update our alumni records and will serve as the basis for the publication of an alumni directory in the future.

MCLE NOTES

San Joaquin College of Law will be co-sponsoring two MCLE programs in May and June that you won't want to miss:

Fundamentals of Bankruptcy Law will be presented in conjunction with the Central California Bankruptcy Association on Thursday, May 13, 1993 from 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. This one-day course is designed to provide practical knowledge about basic bankruptcy concepts and procedures. The speakers will include the Honorable Brett Dorian and the Honorable Richard T. Ford. Attorneys can earn 7 hours of MCLE credit.

The **1993 Federal Bar Association Program** will be held on Saturday, June 19, 1993 from 8:30 a.m. - 12:15 p.m. at the Ramada Inn. The Honorable Robert E. Coyle will be moderating the program which will cover The Federal Court Factor, Removal and Remand, Rule 11: Ethics, and Summary Judgment. Attorneys can earn 3 hours of MCLE credit.

For additional information about these programs, contact Michele Creighton, MCLE Coordinator, at (209) 225-4953.

LA RAZA CAREER PANEL

The La Raza Students Association of San Joaquin College of Law sponsored an informal career panel on Friday, April 16th at the Law School. Approximately 10 attorneys from both the public and private sectors attended, including the Honorable Judge Armando Rodriguez. Law students received frank answers, practical advice, and even met some future colleagues. Thanks to Lourdes Espinoza for her efforts and to all who participated. The La Raza Students Association plans to sponsor more career panels in the future. ■

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