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SJCL Will Have a New Place To Call Home

San Joaquin College of Law has found a new place to call home which, as Dean Pearson states, is a "perfect match." With its 74 year history, the Old Clovis High School Building located at 901 5th Street will serve to double the space currently occupied by the college.

Building improvements which will begin in August, 1995 include structural upgrading and reroofing, interior renovation, and installation of an elevator and central air conditioning. SJCL's goal is to preserve the historical integrity of the exte-

rior while modernizing the interior.

The new facility will house ten classrooms. In addition, it has space for the mediation clinic, law review, bookstore, a computer research facility, administrative offices, J. Martin Winton Collection, law library, and, yes, a student lounge!

SJCL will work closely with the City which plans to develop a Civic Center Master Plan which includes additional parking and improvements to the park located adjacent to the building. The target "move-in" date is set for March, 1996. ■



The historical site at 901 5th Street is the future home of SJCL.

INSIDE...

Look for information regarding:

- The move and capital campaign
- Upcoming MCLE Seminars
- The Family Law Mediation Project

MESSAGE FROM THE DEAN

"There's no place like home." We've finally got one. The agreement with the City of Clovis to lease the Old Clovis High School brings SJCL into a new era - an era wherein SJCL will have a physical plant consistent with its operational needs and its status as a serious institution of higher education. At 30,000 square feet, the new SJCL will include a mock courtroom, 8 classrooms, a continuing legal education room, an expanded library, sufficient office facilities, and a student lounge.

SJCL has been searching for a new facility for five years. Finding one was made a virtual precondition for continued accreditation by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges. We reviewed at least 20 sites, did preliminary plans on 6 and came within hours of purchasing a building at First and Gettysburg before a disagreement over responsibility for unknown environmental conditions brought negotiations to an end. As it happens, the Clovis site is much superior. It is the only site we have discovered which meets our current and future physical needs within our very severe financial constraints.

I'll miss a few things about 3385 E. Shields. No longer will we be able to joke: "Where else can you go to a law school where the student lounge has only one wall?" (the exterior wall in the parking lot).

I'll miss the creative search for new offices. Would it be too inconvenient for students to pass through a faculty office to get to the women's restroom? Could we put portables on the roof with a ladder for access?

I'll miss classes held in the library, the 12 x 12 staff workroom, the Law Review office, and the dean's office. I'll miss visitors missing SJCL because they passed no structure on Shields between First and

Millbrook even remotely resembling a law school. I'll miss accreditation teams politely saying SJCL was the "most efficiently used physical plan they had ever encountered."

SJCL co-founder John Loomis reminded us that actually SJCL had been searching for a real home from the day it was founded in 1969. We're a year and a half and a lot of help from friends and alumni from making 901 Fifth Street a "real" home, but it is looming largely on the horizon. We'll invite everyone out to the site this fall to get a flavor of how wonderful it is in comparison to our current building and a glimpse of how much more wonderful it will someday be.

On other fronts, the cataloging and organization of the Winton collection is complete. The Winton collection is a body of primary source materials on water policy in California donated to the school by the late J. Martin Winton. Donations by Mr. Winton and his friends enabled SJCL to hire JoAnn King, an experienced archivist, to make the materials accessible for research. Having worked with the material for a year and a half, she has created a resource selected for inclusion in the Library of Congress' index of special collections.

Finally, special recognition is due to the SJCL professors who teach the hardest, most endlessly maligned segment of the SJCL curriculum - first year research and writing. Every year they grapple with weak writing skills deriving from the limited training many students receive during their elementary, secondary, and postsecondary educations. It borders on a thankless task. So here are thanks to the individuals who tackled it in 1993-94: Professors Anidelle Flint, Ellen Jahn, Denise Kerner, Katy Rau, and Rose Safarian, aided by teaching assistants Gayle DeLapp, Laurel Gerbrandt, Jane Lapp, Joan Levie, Gitta Merrill, and English tutor, Elizabeth Karby. ■

Janice L. Pearson
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A Letter From the Student Bar President

BY STEVEN BOLM

To the students who continue their education, the in-coming students, the graduates, the staff, and the faculty, I extend congratulations on behalf of the Student Bar Association. You have done well.

Anyone who has spent time around the school knows sacrifices have been made by every student who is continuing their legal education. The seemingly endless days of reading and writing, of going without the company of friends and family, this is understood by your peers. You have shown commitment to your education and goals. This is no small thing. Congratulations! Now get back to work.

For those of you at the beginning of your legal education, remember, everyone ahead of you was once where you are now. For your willingness to set high goals and taking the necessary steps to reach them I extend congratulations.

I recently watched as the rights and privileges of the Degree of Juris Doctor were conferred upon the graduates. You made it, good job! With the trauma of the Bar Examination over, take a moment to recognize what you have accomplished. I hope you continue to set and achieve lofty goals.

The staff and faculty have been great. On behalf of the student body, I thank you all for your effort.

The future, what does it hold? For each of us it is something different, yet we will have something in common, our alma mater. Our school is moving toward great things. We have a new building to house our school in the near future. But it is not the building that makes the school, it is the people. The school is an amalgamation of all of us. The reputation that you make for yourself extends to your alma mater and its graduates.

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Law Review Published Its Fourth Edition!

Congratulations to the Law Review Staff who recently completed the 1994, Volume 4 Edition.

This year's topics included fringe benefit rules for the farm and other family-owned small firms and the California Producer's Lien. Topics for student comments included Section 303 of the Clean Water Act, seasonal unemployment compensation, health claims in wine labeling and advertising, the takings of farm land for governmental use, valuing closely held farming corporation for estate and gift tax purposes, and Federal Crop Insurance.

The Board of Editors consisted of the following students:

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Staff Members included *Lana Birdsong*, *Gary A. Colbert*, *Joan Jacobs Levie*, *Liane Lucietta*, *Gitta M. Merrill*, *Sheryl Noel*, and *Rex Williams*. Faculty Advisors were Sally A. Perring, Douglas E. Noll, Lawrence M.

Artenian, and Richard M. Cartier.

This year's Law Review Staff and Candidates are already hard at work on Volume 5. This year the Law Review will include several articles focusing on various aspects of marketing orders.

The Board for the 1994-95 year will be:
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All four volumes of "SJCLR" are available for sale in the bookstore. The four volume set sells for \$40 and individual issues are sold at \$12 each.

The Agricultural Law Review depends in large part on private funding. Its editorial board would like to thank the many individuals and organizations which have supported this unique endeavor since its inception in 1990 and asks that you help continue the vision.

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! ■

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1994 Hopper Moot Court Competition Results

This year's finals for the George A. Hopper Moot Court Competition, an annual event hosted by SJCL, was held at the Fifth District Court of Appeals. It featured 56 students (28 teams) from the Law School. The case was a criminal case which argued the constitutionality of the death penalty for a non-homicidal case. It was similar to a case which was used at the National Moot Court Competition in which SJCL competed several years ago.

The Overall First Place award was won by the team of Diana Dooley and Chris McClain. The Second Place winners were Jerry Demelo and Bo Wilkes with a tie for Third Place by the teams of Beth Kams and Ron Perring and Allison Gong and Jeff Rowe.

Top honors for the Best Oralist award went to Jerry Demelo. The Second and Third Place awards for this category went to Diana Dooley and Jeff Rowe, respectively.

The Best Petitioner's Brief Award was taken home by Jerry Demelo and Bo Wilkes with the runner up team of Alison Gong and Jeff Rowe also recognized.

In the Best Respondent's Brief category, the team of Beth Kams and Ron Perring won First Place. The Second Place award was a tie with teams comprised of Diana Dooley and Chris McClain and Regina Tanner and Beth Holck taking away awards.

Congratulations to all! ■

Letter From Student Bar President

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With 21 classes graduated since this school's inception, we have reached the age of majority. Our reputation is strong in the local community and is extending nationally. But we cannot get along without the assistance of our predecessors. We need your continued support in the form of activity, assistance and positive attitude. I ask you to remember with pride the school you chose to attend when you sought your legal education. The school is all of us, students, graduates, staff, and faculty.

Congratulations are due us all. Well done! ■

MCLE Update

Some great MCLE programs are coming up this fall. Be sure to mark your calendar and check your mail for seminar flyers:

Business Valuation Methods, Discounts and Current "Hot Topics" in cooperation with Stoughton Davidson Accountancy Corporation. *Saturday, September 10, 1994 from 9:00 a.m. - 12:15 p.m. at SJCL.*

Speakers: Gene L. Deetz, CPA, Harvey E. Hartman, CPA and Thomas L. Hunt, CPA of Stoughton Davidson Accountancy Corporation and J. Kenneth Hopper, MAI, SRPA of Wakefield & Hopper, Inc.

8th Annual Bankruptcy Institute in cooperation with the Central California Bankruptcy Association. *Thursday, September 29, 1994 from 8:45 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. and Friday, September 30, 1994 from 8:45 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. at the Fresno Hilton.*

Speakers to include: Hon. Oliver Wanger, Hon. Brett Dorian, Hon. David E. Russell (Sacramento), Hon. Christopher M. Klein (Sacramento), Hon. Michael S. McManus (Modesto), Robin E. Phelan, Esq. of Haynes & Boone (Dallas) and Colin Wied, Esq. of Hillyer & Irwin (San Diego)

Family Law Developments and Strategies in cooperation with Matthew Bender & Co., Inc. *Saturday, October 29,*

1994 from 8:30 a.m. - 2:45 p.m. at Piccadilly Inn University.

Speakers: Hon. Dennis A. Cornell (Merced), Kathryn Kirkland, Esq. (San Francisco), Ira H. Lurvey, Esq. of Lurvey & Shapiro (Los Angeles), Diana Richmond, Esq. (San Francisco)

Creditors' Remedies and Debtors' Rights (working title). *Wednesday, November 9, 1994 from 6:00 p.m. - 9:15 p.m. at SJCL.*

Speakers: John P. Eleazarian, Esq. of Kimble, MacMichael & Upton; David R. Jenkins, Esq. of Lang, Richert & Patch; Rene' Lastreto, II, Esq. of Crossland, Crossland, Chambers, Lastreto & Knudson; Michael L. Wilhelm, Esq. of McCormick, Barstow, Sheppard, Wayte & Carruth

Also, soon to be scheduled are the following programs:

Civil Litigation Skills Series
Professionalism and Legal Ethics
Business Law Update
Criminal Law Update
Estate Planning Update
Federal Rules of Civil Procedure in cooperation with the San Joaquin Chapter of the Federal Bar Association

SJCL Student Receives Bar Association Scholarship

Mario DiSalvo recently received the 1994 Fresno County Bar Association Scholarship. Mario is starting his third year at SJCL, and is ranked third in his class of thirty-seven. Mario is a native of Italy and a father of three. He volunteers at his children's schools and is working in the Mediation Clinic at SJCL. He has not only excelled in law school with English as his second language, but he has done so with the challenge of dyslexia and physical disabilities. Congratulations, Mario! ■

*Thank
You
First Year
Research and
Writing
Instructors!*

An Investment In The Future!

Planned giving is a final expression of an individual's philanthropic goals and objectives. While this is a topic which is sometimes difficult to discuss, it is how many educational institutions are building their endowment funds.

There are many planned giving tools—from wills and living trusts to charitable lead trusts and charitable gift annuities. Whatever the vehicle for the

gift, there are benefits to both the donor and the institution.

Some of the benefits to the donor include, but are not limited to, making a gift with the retention of income, having assets managed at low or no cost, developing a permanent memorial, and creating income, estate, and capital tax gains savings.

Bequests or gifts may be a specific amount, a percentage or the residue of an

estate, and may consist of cash, securities, life insurance proceeds, real estate, and/or personal property. The gifts may be unrestricted (for the general benefit of the law school) or restricted (for a specific purpose). When you prepare your estate plan, please consider a provision for San Joaquin College of Law. We will deeply appreciate *your* gift to *our* future! ■

Family Law Mediation Project Underway

SJCL's Regional Family Law and Mediation Center now provides mediation services for marital property disputes. This project, funded by the California Dispute Resolution Act, offers services free of charge to residents of Fresno County.

Our mediators meet with husband and wife to assist them to negotiate a legal agreement concerning their marital property. In our role as neutrals, we do not represent either party, nor do we represent the parties jointly. Our task is to facilitate consensual agreements that help disputants avoid costly, time consuming litigation. Once an agreement is negotiated, we prepare a copy for each disputant to review with an attorney and for filing with the court when signed. The goal of this project is to promote voluntary settlement as a confidential, time and cost effective dispute resolution alternative to "fighting it out in court."

The increasing importance of alternative dispute resolution in the changing landscape of the legal profession is clear. Giving SJCL students the opportunity to use mediation training, under faculty supervision, to help disputants resolve marital property disputes is a significant enhancement to our clinical legal education program.

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SJCL PROFILE

Mention the term MCLE to just about anyone in the legal community and you'll hear the name Michele Creighton. This probably explains why the most commonly asked question around Michele's office is "What does MCLE mean?"

Beginning September 1, 1991, California Rule of Court 958 went into effect requiring attorneys to complete 36 hours of Minimum Continuing Legal Education (MCLE) every 3 years. San Joaquin College of Law, with the blessing of the Fresno County Bar Association, decided to undertake the task of providing continuing legal education in Fresno. Michele was hired by the law school in April, 1991 to coordinate the MCLE program.

"This has been an excellent opportunity for attorneys in the San Joaquin Valley. They no longer have to travel to the Bay Area or Los Angeles for their continuing education. Attorneys from Sacramento to Bakersfield attend our seminars," she says.

Michele Creighton Coordinator of Continuing Legal Education

According to Michele, another benefit of local MCLE has been the involvement of various legal organizations. "We have established a good working relationship with several organizations and co-sponsor annual seminars. This provides exposure for the group and allows SJCL to offer a diversity of programs." SJCL students also get involved by helping out at the seminars or by doing research for the program materials.

"So far the program has been very successful. We serve about 1,000 attorneys per year. Service of this type is the primary objective of the program."

Michele says she enjoys organizing the seminars and working with a variety of professionals. "It's exciting to see the process from beginning to end - from the inception of the seminar idea to the final presentation of the program. It's a real feeling of accomplishment." ■



New Faces At SJCL!

We have some new faces who have recently joined the staff of SJCL. Their arrival comes at a time of continued growth and exciting developments at our institution.

Maureen Hayes, Assistant to Chief Financial Officer: This new position was created to assist the accounting department. Some of Maureen's duties include accounts receivable, payroll, and other accounting responsibilities. She comes to SJCL after formerly working as a Business Manager for a non-profit child care resource and referral business.

Debra Archer, Administrative Assistant: Debbie's duties are many but primarily she assists the paralegal and placement programs. She also helps with the Mediation Clinic and was the part-time assistant to the archivist of the J. M. Winton Collection which is now completed. A SJCL paralegal alumni, Debbie was formerly with Transportation Specialties, Inc. of Clovis where she worked in personnel and research.

Kristin Robinson, Associate Dean for Advancement: Kristin's responsibilities include planning and implementation for SJCL's Advancement Department. In addition, Kristin will be planning the capital campaign and other fundraising campaigns. Kristin comes to SJCL from a marketing consulting business where she worked with law firms in the area of client development.

Patricia Jurado, Financial Aid Officer: Patricia will assist Gwen Watt who was recently promoted to Financial Aid Administrator. She comes to SJCL from Donald G. Watson and Associates where she served as Financial Aid Administrator and Officer for the past four years. SJCL will be using her experience to assist students in obtaining their financial aid.

Joe Chabala, Director of Public Relations: Joe's responsibilities include planning and implementation of all public relations including press contact, newsletters, brochures, and advertisements. In addition, he will be instrumental in grant writing proposals. He comes to SJCL from the Fresno Metropolitan Museum. ■

SJCL Faculty Profile Marc C. Ament Adjunct Faculty Member

Marc Ament began teaching at San Joaquin College of Law in Fall, 1986. A professor of Advanced Criminal Law he has also taught Professional Responsibility.

A Certified Criminal Law Specialist, Marc has been an Assistant Federal Defender since July, 1990. Prior to that he served as a Public Defender, Staff Attorney for the Central California Health Systems

Agency, in private practice with the law firm of Weisberg, Gordon & Ament and as a U. S. Army lawyer (JAG Corps). In addition, he is the author of "The Right to Be Well Born," published in the Journal of Legal Medicine (Nov.-Dec. 1974).

We thank Marc for his endless time and support he has given to SJCL. ■



Spring Banquet '94

The Daughters of Delano, (L to R; Gina Barsotti, Lisa Sondergaard, Joyce Morodomi, Sheri Mount) entertained the audience with a rousing rendition of "The Dean of San Joaquin" written by the very talented Spring Banquet emcees, Hal Bolen and David Camenson. ■

Commencement 1994

On Saturday, May 28, 1994 San Joaquin College of Law was honored to have California Supreme Court Justice Stanley J. Mosk deliver the commencement address to approximately 1,500 friends and families of the class of 1994 at the William Saroyan Theatre. Thank you to all of our faculty participants and members of the SJCL Board of Trustees who took time from their weekend to honor our graduates.

Sixty-three students received the degree of Juris Doctor and two received the Masters of Science in Taxation. Special academic recognition was given to the following individuals: High Honors: Mark Pasculli and Galatea DeLapp; Honors: Jenny Chiang (taxa-



tion), Robin Flowers and Ara Sulahian (taxation); and With Distinction: Allen Bennett, Eloise Janzen, Lori Mayfield, and Rick Runcie.

Valedictorian for the class of 1994 is Mark Pasculli. He will be working for the law firm of Jory, Peterson and Sagaser, where he has worked as a law clerk. This Spring, Mark and his teammate, Steven Elberg, placed second in the Evans Constitutional Law Moot Court Competition at the University of Wisconsin. Mark successfully represented SJCL in several Moot Court competitions.

We congratulate these graduates for their hard work and accomplishments. Welcome to the prestigious ranks of the San Joaquin College of Law alumni! ■

1994 Graduates

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MASTER OF SCIENCE IN TAXATION

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News Briefs

A BIG THANK YOU TO...

Glendale Federal Bank recently donated various office furniture to SJCL. The items included 20 chairs, a bench, two lateral file cabinets, a secretarial desk with a return, a printer table, three microfiche cabinets, three typewriters, two wire basket carts and three floor mats. We truly appreciate Glendale Federal Bank for thinking of SJCL!

Carol Sellers Herbert who donated eleven cartons (approximately 50 books) to the San Joaquin College of Law library. Thank you!

Honorable George A. Brown who also made a donation to the library. This very generous donation included Civil Procedure Before Trial (Rutter Group), California Reporters, California Reporter Advance Sheets, California Blue and White Books, and California Subsequent History Tables. SJCL appreciates being chosen to receive this gift!

Delta Theta Phi donated a can crusher and a set of Delta Theta Phi Fraternity Law Journals. The can crusher is very useful for the can recycling project for the library security system.

JUDGE MCGRAW WINS AWARD

Congratulations to Fresno Municipal Court Judge Vincent J. McGraw who recently won the United States Air Force Reserve Officer Training Award for 1993. Judge McGraw is a major in the Air Force Reserves, assigned to Castle Air Force Base. The award recognizes the year's best single piece of legal work by a reserve Staff Judge Advocate in the Air Combat Command. Judge McGraw was presented with a plaque commemorating his achievement while attending a military environ-

mental law course at Maxwell Air Force Base in Alabama.

KEEP US POSTED

If you have relocated, please let us know so we can keep our mailing list current. Also, if you know an alumni or friend of the school who is not getting *Inter Alia*, please let us know. In addition, we want to hear about any other news you would like included in *Inter Alia*. We encourage you to submit any articles or ideas in which you think our readers would be interested.

WE NEED YOUR HELP!

Along with the excitement of the move to the new building, will come the work (and excitement) of raising money for the capital campaign. If you are interested in helping with this campaign, please contact Kristin Robinson at SJCL.

We have already begun putting "plans into action", but if you would like to volunteer or share ideas and comments, we would love to hear from you. ■

Family Law Mediation

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SJCL was the first California law school to contract as a small claims legal advisor. Now SJCL is the first California law school to provide family law mediation services. Efforts are underway to increase the visibility of the Regional Family Law and Mediation Center and to publicize this project's services and its benefits for the local community.

Professor Richard Cartier, Director of the Regional Family Law and Mediation center, supervises the family law mediation project. ■

Attention Alumni

During the 1994 Fresno State Football Season the Alumni Association plans to have a tailgate party. Plan to come by and catch up on plans for SJCL.

More details to follow. . .

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