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Alumni Christmas

On December 18, 2003, the SJCL Alumni Association hosted the annual holiday party for moms and children from the Marjaree Mason Center.

SJCL Student Bar President Mark King, Santa Claus (Robert Lloyd), and Scoopy, the Fresno Bee mascot, brought to life with panache by SJCL Law Student Rick Horowitz, helped to insure that the children and moms had a fun-filled evening. Alumni Board members Kathy McKenna (Law '99), Kim Mayhew (Law '98), Paul Rodriguez (Law '99), Tami Smith (Law '02), Craig Fry (Law '00), Brian Alvarez (Law '95), Steve Wright (Law '96) and Melissa White (Law '96) prepared food, decorated the classroom and purchased gifts made possible through alumni donations.

Without question, Scoopy was the hit of the party! Scoopy delighted the

young children with his dancing and antics. Their laughter and excitement were truly heartwarming. And of course the children were thrilled with their gifts, and with the chance to bring home a photograph taken with Santa.

The Alumni Association would like to recognize some of the alumni who were especially generous this year: Geraldine Brown (Law '79); Karen Buck (Law '96); Kenneth Cavin (Law '93); Donald Forbes (Law '78); Mary Lane (Law '88); Robert Long (Law '94); Gitta Merrill (Law '95); Michelle Oleksa (Law '99); Katy Rau (Law '91); W. Rod

McClelland (Law '94); Eduardo Ruiz (Law '95); Nancy Silacci (Law '80); and John Suhr (Law '78). Special thanks go to SJCL staff members Jeanie Lewis, Joyce Morodomi and Joan Lassley, along with Dean Jan Pearson, who also donated to the worthy cause. And finally, we would like to give extra special thanks to the exceptionally generous gifts from Faith Potter (Law '02); Jane Woodcock (Law '92); and James Witherow (Law '87).

The Fresno Bee's Scoopy and Santa joined the celebration at SJCL



New staff

Sheryl Castro joined our staff as the *Director of the Paralegal Program* and *Director of Placement Services* in May 2003. Prior to joining our staff, Sheryl worked for Richard M. Aaron, Esq. and Timothy J. Larson, Esq. at Dowl- ing, Aaron & Keeler for two years. The Castro family is currently hosting a foreign exchange student from Swit- zerland for one school year. Among numerous other hobbies, Sheryl plans to take horseback riding and karate lessons in the near future.

Jeannie Lewis joined SJCL as the *Director of Financial Aid* in July of last year. Jeannie was previously the Fresno Campus Financial Aid Director for Alliant International University, formerly California School of Profes- sional Psychology, for the last six years. Jeannie enjoys traveling and went to Melbourne, Australia in September 2002, for her daughter's wedding. Jeannie has four children: Terry (33) married to Katie; Benton (30); Erin (26) married to Simon; and Amanda (23).

Kasi Welte started October 2003 in the newly created position of *Admin- istrative Assistant to the Deans*. She graduated from Mills College with honors last May and was awarded the psychology thesis of the year for her thesis "*The Effects of Punishment Threats on Social Loafing*." Her thesis was published in the March edition of *Journal of Young Investigators*. Kasi enjoys reading, throwing themed din- ner nights with friends, knitting, and occasionally going to the movies.

Congratulations to the July 2003 Bar Passers



(L-R) Liz Owen, Amy Freeman, Nitza Coleman, Jeremy Lusk, Erica Mercado, Julie Hicks, and Elias Suakjian

(Not Pictured) David Gale, Deborah Sandoval, Wesley Stupar, and Roland Soltesz

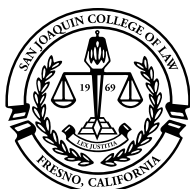
Delta Theta Phi delivers gifts to children at the Craycroft Center

The Hollis G. Best Senate at San Joaquin College of Law brought toys and gifts to the children residing at the Craycroft Center for neglected and abused children in Fresno, California on December 20, 2003. After the presentation of gifts, the members treated the kids

to a morning of fun and games at the local Nickel Arcade. Master Scholar, Larry Meyer, joined the members at the Winter Social the evening before the charity event. Everyone enjoyed wrapping the gifts for the Craycroft kids as part of the evening's festivities.



Delta Theta Phi members (L-R) Rosemary Hidalgo, Connie Granada, Richard Wheeler, Erik Peterson, Cristina Jelladian, Ron Nijmeddin, and Gina Miller.



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Alumni Profiles

The year 2003 was the Twentieth Anniversary of the graduation of the Class of 1983 and the Tenth Anniversary of the Class of 1993. We have finally caught up with more of them!

1983

Eric Christensen

After graduation Eric worked as an independent contractor for multiple attorneys handling appellate briefs. In 1984 he joined the Public Defender's Office where he handled many of the mental health, sex and violent crime cases. He spent 8 years working homicides and 4 years on the major crimes team. Eric currently works at Juvenile Hall. He has completed 96 jury trials.

Eric lives with his 13 year-old daughter, Elizabeth, who is an excellent student. In his free time he enjoys camping, attending the symphony and rock concerts, and reading. He has played guitar for a garage band for several years. Eric describes his playing as bad rhythm guitar and some vocals. His band plays 1950's to the present music.

Overall law school was a good experience for Eric, but not very pleasant. He had good study sessions with Tom Sharpe and Mitch Taylor. He also remembers screaming matches with Judge Caeton. While in law school, Eric ran two marathons.

Benjamin L. Ratliff

In 1984, after graduating from SJCL, Ben went to work for the law firm of Eldredge, Anderson, & Weakley. In 1996 the firm became Weakley & Ratliff. Subsequently, James Arendt and Rosemary McGuire were added as partners. Ben specializes in public entity defense. He works on a case-by-case basis for school districts, irriga-

tion districts, and police departments. His firm currently employs three SJCL graduates as associates.

Ben lives with his wife and thirteen year-old daughter. His hobbies include surf and fly-fishing, working in his vegetable garden, and staying busy with projects around the house. He is also involved in a social service fraternity, Alpha Phi Alpha.

Ben remembers law school being a great amount of work and very difficult to get through.

Thomas M. Sharpe

Soon after graduating from SJCL, Tom began work at the Law Offices of Barry Bennett. In 1986 it became Bennett & Sharpe. The firm emphasizes employment law, representing employees and employee organizations.

Tom is still married to Debbie. They have two daughters. Sara is teaching Spanish in New York and Andrea is attending school at California State University, Fresno studying sociology.

For ten years prior to 1976, Tom played professional baseball in the Canadian baseball league. He has continued his passion for the sport by playing on a men's senior baseball league in Fresno. He also enjoys playing golf.

While attending SJCL, Tom and his classmates were part of a shifting venue. Their law school career began at Fresno Pacific and ended at the

Shields building, after also having attended classes at a church. There was great camaraderie among the class of 1983; everyone got along.

1993

Thornton Davidson

Thornton opened his own practice immediately after graduating from SJCL and passing the bar. He currently employs one full-time attorney and two paralegals. His practice consists primarily of employment litigation, insurance bad faith litigation, and select personal injury cases. With local attorney, Robert Rosati, he also handles ERISA cases, primarily group disability.

Thornton has three children. Boden is majoring in Japanese at the University of California, Santa Barbara. Cameron is attending UC Berkeley. Jamie is 10 and growing up fast.

When asked what he does in his free time, Thornton responded that in order to have any variety in his cases he has to work all the time. He is devoted to his clients and works hard to obtain justice for them against significant odds. When he does manage to find spare time, he enjoys cooking, yoga and spinning.

Thornton remembers someone at SJCL giving him sage advice: "Become a lawyer who stands up for the good practice of law. The money alone will never compensate you enough for the work; you have to love it."

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John Devlin

After graduating from SJCL, John stayed with his employer, Anesthesiology Consultants of Fresno, moving to the position of in-house counsel. He also helped to create and is the CEO of Medical Billing & Integration Services, Inc., which handles medical billing for 90 physicians throughout California. John manages 32 employees. His legal work in these capacities involves contract, insurance, and workers' compensation issues.

John and his wife, Patricia, have three daughters. The oldest, Megan – now 11 years old, was born right before John's Constitutional Law final. Bridgette is 9 and Julia Ann is 6 years old. John spends much of his free time running them around to Girl Scout activities.

While at SJCL, John hung out with Darryl Freedman, Kyle McCarty, and Tim Mazzela. He remembers knowing TOO much for his Evidence final, writing so much he was unable to finish, and barely passing the class.

Donn Walter Furman

Following graduation Donn began law practice in association with Frampton, Hoppe, Williams, and Boehm in Fresno. In 1996 he moved to San Francisco to work for the City Attorney's Office. The City Attorney's Office provides legal services to the Mayor, Board of Supervisors, San Francisco Unified School District and the 94 departments, boards, commissions and offices of the City and County of San Francisco. Donn represents the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission in water rights and energy matters. Donn remains challenged by his work, and feels that it is a fantastic opportunity to be working on these issues for the City.

Donn lives with his wife, Cindy, and son, Nicholas, in Marin County. Cindy, who is trained in neurodiagnostic testing, works at the UCSF medical center and Marin General Hospital. In the fall she will attend the nursing program at College of Marin. Nicholas

is a junior in high school with interests in architecture, graphic design, and construction technology.

Donn enjoys reading, hiking in Marin and Yosemite, backpacking in the Sierra Nevada, and fly fishing. He is a member of the Sequoia Fund Trust Board, which raises funds for Sequoia/Kings Canyon National Parks and Devil's Postpile National Monument.

Donn recalls the three years of law school as fairly intense, although he admits to having blocked out the amount of work he did while at SJCL as well as the whole bar exam experience. He believes that his law school education was enhanced by the opportunity to learn from so many practicing attorneys.

Kimberly Sachiko Hall

After graduation from law school, Kim went directly to work for the Fresno County Public Defender. She has worked every assignment from Justice Court to Major Crimes. She had seven "not guilty" verdicts in a row while working for the felony team. Kim worked on a case that was featured on Court TV. The defendant was accused of vehicular homicide, but the charge was reduced to a bad brakes infraction.

Kim lives with her 7- year-old daughter, Taylor. She has two pot-bellied pigs, Bacon and Eggs, who are very sweet and well behaved and like to cuddle while watching TV.

Last year Kim bought a boat that is docked at the Marina at Millerton Lake. She and Taylor enjoy taking the boat out for extended trips. Kim is also an avid swimmer.

Kim remembers sitting in the back of class and cracking jokes with her group- Kathy Marousek, Lourdes Arrellano, Kathleen Talens, and Ken Mendoza. She had a hard time understanding what Ed Oeser was talking about in Contracts. In her first year at SJCL, Kim worked as the receptionist for the school. She also worked in the bookstore and in Small Claims.

The landlord tenant law she learned in Small Claims helped her pass the Bar.

Carla Rae Dietle Bourne Khal

During law school, Carla began working for Wilson, Altschule, & Wittig. After graduating from SJCL, she became an associate there, and worked primarily in family law. In 1997 she left the firm to become the Family Law Facilitator for Tulare County. Carla assists self-represented litigants with their child support, custody, and visitation issues. Carla's duties include assisting the child support and family law commissioners during morning calendar and doing outreach work especially with incarcerated parents.

At the time of graduation, Carla was pregnant with her daughter, Mary Beth, who was born October 1993. In 1996 Carla divorced, and married Andre Khal in 1998. Carla and Andre's family is made up of her two daughters, Mary Beth and Kate, Andre's three daughters from a previous marriage, and Noah, born in 1999. Every Sunday Carla helps cook dinner for her entire extended family, usually about 22 fun loving, hungry in-laws.

Carla enjoys camping at Pismo with her family and attending her children's soccer games. She also teaches a family law course at College of the Sequoias for paralegals every few years.

Carla attended law school in Florida for her first year, and then transferred to SJCL. Compared to the huge anonymous law school in Florida, she really liked the small atmosphere of SJCL and feels that what she learned was much more practical. Carla has remained friends with her study group – Rissa Stuart, Mary Jarvis, and Linda Bacon.

Kathy Marousek

After Kathy passed the bar, she went to work as a cocktail waitress at Harrah's Tahoe because she wanted to enjoy the ski season. When ski season was almost over, she accepted a job with the Fresno County District

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Attorney's Office, where she remains to this day. Kathy has had every assignment, including the felony trial, sexual assault, and major narcotics teams. She has done over 50 jury trials and loves being in court; she can't imagine being a civil practitioner.

Kathy is getting married in August to another Deputy District Attorney, Jeff Bird. They are going on a month-long honeymoon to Africa. She enjoys spoiling her horse, golf, snow skiing (obviously), and supporting organizations opposing animal cruelty.

When asked what she remembers about law school, Kathy said "the Library". She remembers going to Wild, Carter, Tipton, & Oliver with her study group because they had REALLY good coffee. She remembers always asking Peter Cummings and Wes Hammond for advice because they always knew the answers. Kathy worked two jobs during law school – law clerk to Bob Gilmore and waitressing at D'Mil's Restaurant. She also remembers studying for the Bar with Angela Frampton and Gina Wallace.

Oscar Rocha

Oscar worked as a tax auditor for the State of California while attending law school at SJCL. Shortly after completing the law program, he moved to Orange County, California and joined the firm of KPMG, LLP (formerly Peat Marwick Mitchell). In his 10 years at the firm, Oscar has handled tax planning, tax strategies, and tax litigation for Fortune 500 companies. As a result of his legal education and experience with government, his tax expertise is in great demand in the business community.

Upon graduating, Oscar married Maria Josephine Astorga. They have two daughters (Andrea and Jessica) and a son (Erik), all under the age of ten. When not at work, Oscar enjoys spending time with his extended family and coaching little league baseball. From time to time, Oscar travels to the San Joaquin Valley to visit his mother and siblings.

Although Oscar's specialty is corporate and employment tax law, his legal and tax background has opened many new career opportunities for him in the corporate business community. Oscar has fond memories of getting to know so many great people, such as Wanda Willis, Holly Robinson, and Darryl Freedman. He also remembers the great law professors and judges at SJCL.

Rosemarie Rusca

Rosy immediately joined her husband's law practice upon graduation, creating Rusca & Rusca. She handles exclusively family law cases. Rosy says she loves her job. She works 37 hours a week – never on weekends or evenings – and still makes a comfortable income. She also feels that having graduated from SJCL, she has a built-in network of contacts in the community that has yielded many referrals.

Rosy and her husband, Rodney, have three children. Tracy is a teacher in Fresno. Rodney, Jr., is graduating with honors from CSUF this spring and is currently applying to law schools. Christopher is attending CSUF, plans to run for the Student Association Presidency there this year, and has long-term plans of majoring in business, going to law school, and being an NFL referee. Rosy doesn't like to leave home and the practice for extended periods of time but she and Rodney take three and four-day weekends as well as occasional cruises to the Caribbean and Mexico.

As to law school, Rosy remembers Judge O'Neill's counsel: "Never sacrifice your ethics. If you do, when you go to get on the elevator, no one will talk to you and when it comes to close decisions, you will always lose."

Margaret Anne Shainberg

After passing the Bar, Peggy volunteered at the Mariposa County District Attorney's office for 4 months. She was soon hired, making her one of three attorneys working in the office. She loved the work that she did and found that she did a lot of writing.

She helped research the issue of where Cary Stayner's first trial would be held. While at the Mariposa DA's office she handled most of the misdemeanor and juvenile cases. She made several cross-country trips and appeared in other state courts on child abduction cases. For several years the Mariposa DA's office was the only all-female office in the State of California. Peggy recently retired, and while the decision to do so was difficult, she has remained busy with travel and community activities.

Peggy lives with her husband, Howard, and Rosie, the dog. She is learning to speak Hebrew and recently returned from a trip to Israel. She and her husband have a sailboat at Moss Landing and sail on the Monterey Bay. She is a member of the Arts Council, Friends of the Library, and the Sierra Club. She also volunteered at the California Youth Authority teaching reading.

Peggy liked law school, but she was always unsure whether she would make it through to the next semester. It was well worth the time, effort, and the friendships gained.

Susan Shampanier

Shortly after graduating from SJCL, Susan joined State Compensation Insurance Fund, working as a workers' compensation attorney. After three years at the Fresno office, Susan moved to the Oakland office where she stayed until 2002. Then she was promoted to Staff Counsel III, working at the Rohnert Park office. Currently, she handles state employees' cases for various state agencies including DMV, Caltrans, and Department of Corrections. Susan lives with her son, Joshua Lippmann, who will be graduating from high school this year. Joshua is hoping to go to the University of Oregon, but is also working on becoming a rock star. He will soon be appearing with the Morbids at the Gilman, a punk venue in Berkeley.

Susan has been traveling back and forth to Fresno from her home in Walnut Creek to care for her mom and catch up with old friends. She

also enjoys hiking and biking near her home, art galleries, theatre, movies, and going to rock 'n' roll concerts. She and Josh took a trip to England and Wales. They saw several productions of Shakespeare. She never wants to see another English castle.

Susan says, study groups with Pat Pinto, Kathy Chandler, and Lloyd Carter and with Peggy Shainberg, Eloise Janzen, and Valerie DeValeria, were her main source of social interaction while in law school. Her law clerk spot with the Tulare County Public Defender was the experience that convinced her she wanted to be a lawyer, although not necessarily a criminal attorney. She also remembers the very conservative views of Paul Herbert who taught Constitutional Law and Criminal Law. Its hard for her to believe they were at Cal at the same time.

Geoffrey Hamilton Sims

From 1994 to 1998 Geoff conducted a private practice, handling bankruptcy and divorce cases, and "door" law. "Door" law is whatever comes in the door. He then joined the firm of Laughlin, Falbo, Levy & Moresi, specializing in civil subrogation work. In 2001, he went to work for State Compensation Insurance Fund doing defense work.

Geoff has two daughters, Kristen and Kaitlyn, who are 6 and 9 years old. His wife, Karen, also works at State Fund as an Assistant Claims Manager.

Geoff stays busy with his daughters' soccer, cross-country, and gymnastics lessons. Last year he vacationed in Paris and Hawaii and enjoys taking trips to the California coast and mountains.

Geoff is a board member of The Learning Tree, a Lutheran daycare and Kindergarten, and was recently voted to the board of California Attorneys, Administrative Judges, and Hearing Representatives in State Employment (CASE).

Geoff's best memory of SJCL was having Sandi Swilley and Sandi Gravano

in his study group. There was a lot of camaraderie and focused purpose. He longs for the days when he was studying for the Bar, because he only had to worry about one task.

Rissa A. Stuart

After graduation Rissa interned at the Fifth District Court of Appeal. She quickly learned appellate work was not her cup of tea. In March 1994, she joined the firm of Kahn, Soares, and Conway, LLP in Hanford, California. In January 2001 Rissa became a partner of the firm, making her the first female partner at a law firm in Kings County. Her primary practice area is civil litigation, in both state and federal courts. She handles primarily plaintiff and defendant business litigation, personal injury and employment matters.

Rissa is divorced, and shares her home with two dogs--Goldie, a Golden Labrador and German Shepherd mix, and Woody, a hyperactive Spaniel. In her spare time Rissa loves to shop and travel. She takes yearly trips to New York and Cabo San Lucas. When in Cabo San Lucas she takes the opportunity to lie on the beach and do nothing.

Rissa is a member of the Hanford Sunset Rotary and is the Chief Volunteer Officer for the YMCA of Kings County. She also is the advisor for the YMCA Youth and Government Model Legislature and Court program.

Rissa loved her law school experience. She still has dinner regularly with her study group--Mary Jarvis, Carla Khal, and Linda Bacon. She met some of her best friends in law school.

Kathleen Talens

Shortly after graduation, Kathleen went to work at the Fresno County Public Defender's Office, handling misdemeanor cases. Two years later, she joined the firm of Hanna Brophy, Maclean, McAleer, & Jensen as a defense attorney. Kathleen became partner in 2000. She handles workers' compensation cases with some employment work.

Kathleen travels regularly to France and enjoys playing golf. She has used her experience as a nurse to aid in eye surgeries for low-income families in Central America, Guatemala, Costa Rica, Russia, and Poland.

While in law school, Kathleen was working full-time as a nurse. Consequently she had very little time to hang out. She fondly remembers her study group and the professors at SJCL. She believes that SJCL provided a great environment in which to learn. Every student was given special attention.

Wanda Pauline Brown Willis

Wanda worked part time with Stroup & deGoede after law school. She also taught at National University. Currently she teaches a school law class for the Educational Administration program. She also supervises student teacher placements and conducts class visits.

Now that Wanda's children have grown and her grandchildren are in junior high school and college, she and her husband, Clyde, spend much of their time tending to their five acres of land, two of which is lawn and trees. Wanda and Clyde have started to travel more. This summer they plan to leave their son to care for their property while they vacation in Canada and Alaska.

Wanda remembers law school being a lot of work. Students in her law class say they have never worked so hard in their lives. She is thankful for her legal education, because it made it possible for her to teach a class that she loves.

Thomas Zynda

After graduating from law school, Tom joined the Fresno County Public Defender's Office. He has worked on adult and juvenile cases and conservatorships. Currently, he handles juvenile dependency cases.

Tom's wife, Rose Marie Kuhn, is Professor of French at California State University, Fresno.

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Tom and Rose Marie enjoy traveling as much as time allows, and since graduated, they have been to Europe, Egypt, Tunisia, Bangkok, Nepal, Tibet, and most recently, Senegal.

Tom remembers his classmates as a great variety of people of many different ages and backgrounds and, most of all, as being a great group of people to work with.

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Chinese delegation visits SJCL

A Chinese delegation of Judges, and senior staff visited San Joaquin College of Law (SJCL) on February 27, 2004 as part of a two week tour in an effort to gain an understanding of U.S. Intellectual Property rights.



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