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Class of 1974 & 1975 Reunion Luncheon

Oh, the stories! The details have been omitted to protect the guilty!

By Janice Pearson, Dean

By special invitation from Deans Loomis and Pearson, ten members of the classes of 1974 and 1975 met for lunch at The Downtown Club on June 23, 2008. The expressions of surprise and recognition registered as each member entered the room were delightful and amazing. Each person, including Dean Loomis, recognized each other almost immediately, in spite of the passage of thirty years in some cases and major alternations in facial hair.

There were stories about the mad dash up Highway 5 to the bar review essay

workshop in San Francisco (including the escapades of the late Ernie Kinney (Law '75)), Josephine the horse who changed hands so many times in Contracts, Judy Ward winning the Broken Ass Award, and the Battery On A Post incident.

These classes were the pioneers of the law school. Neither the students nor the founding faculty really knew how a law school should be run. All were feeling their path every step of the way.

The attendees also remembered fondly their classmates and professors who have passed away. Professor Diaso taught Legal Methods but died suddenly halfway through the class. Peggy Liggett played a major role in attaining redress for Japanese internees of World War II.

I laughed so hard and so long during this luncheon that my face hurt. A fabulous time was had by all. So much so that we are committed to holding these luncheons for all classes over the next two years, leading up to the big celebration in 2010 of the 40th anniversary of the first entering class.

Look for your personal invitation to lunch!



(L-R) Paul James (Law '74), William Cowin (Law '75), Rodney Haron (Law '74), James Wasson (Law '75), Walter Johnsen (Law '74), John Loomis, Founder, Judge Don Penner (Law '74, Mio Quatraro (Law '74), Judge James Aaron – Ret. (Law '74), Leland Sterling (Law '74), and Larry Donaldson (Law '75).

Student Spotlights

by **Brian Baker**, Director of the Law Library

David Ibarra

David has come a long way in his life. The second year law student recently helped create a new SJCL student organization entitled LawSUIT (Law Students United in Tolerance), and was recently elected President for its founding year. David's path to SJCL has not been an easy one. He grew up in Salinas, California, in, as he put it, "the wrong side of town." His neighborhood was gang and drug infested, but David, the son of two Mexican immigrant field workers, didn't let that dissuade him from his education.

David was the first in his family to receive a high school diploma, and the only one to receive a college degree. David graduated from Fresno State with a baccalaureate degree in Political Science. While at Fresno State, David served as Historian for the Chicanos in Law organization.

David credits his high school speech and debate teacher with encouraging him to go to law school, and his fiancée, Jennell Casillas (Para '05), for suggesting SJCL. SJCL is happy that those encouragements were made. Besides LAWSuit, David serves as a Student Bar Association Second Year Representative.

SJCL is honored to have students of David's caliber and background attending our Law School.

Kathleen Phillips



Kathleen is the new Editor-in-Chief of SJCL's *San Joaquin Agricultural Law Review*. Her Comment, entitled "Honeybee Nice to Your Neighbors: Solutions to the Dispute Between Beekeepers and Citrus Growers in California's San Joaquin Valley," will be published in the next edition of the *Law Review*.

Kathleen was raised in Tulare, California by her aunt and uncle. She believed that most of her family would not be able to attend college, but she knew she wanted more. Kathleen is the first person in her family to attend a graduate level institution of education.

Kathleen received her AS in Paralegal Studies from the College of the Sequoias and worked as a paralegal both in firms and in her own business, Legal EZ, until starting at SJCL in 2005. At SJCL, Kathleen has received a Pete Peters Scholarship and a Student Bar Association scholarship to help her defray the cost of her legal education. Kathleen has done very well at SJCL. She is ranked second in her class, and has received Witkin Awards of Excellence in Civil Trial Practice, Employment Law, Real Property and Wills and Trusts. She is also a Student Member of the American Association for Justice (formerly Association of Trial Lawyers of America.).

Kathleen does all of the above, works over 20 hours a week, and commutes to SJCL from Visalia. Her dedication to her education, and her dedication to her husband, Ryan Phillips, gives her the strength to succeed as an attorney. SJCL is very proud to have Kathleen Phillips as a student.



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February '08 Barpassers



(BACK ROW L-R) Robin Hall, Ron Nijmeddin, and Catarina Benitez (FRONT ROW L-R) Craig Tristao, Richard Wheeler, and Darin McCandless (NOT PICTURED) Mellanie Marshall, Alex Martin, Peggy Silva, Gayle Rousey, and Barry Weber

Lawyer Alumni Forum

On Thursday, April 24 a panel of San Joaquin College of Law alumni shared, with prospective students, information about their career path and reccomendations about how best to prepare for law school.



(L-R) Victor Salazar (Law '93), Sengthiene Bosavanh (Law '06), Janice Pearson, *Dean*, Darryl Freedman (Law '93), Michael Elder (Law '05), Erica Camarena (Law '02), and Rene Sample (Law '88)

2008 Scholarship Awards

Alumni Association Carolyn T. Mirviss Scholarship **Carey Watt**

Alumni Association Judy Wiseman Memorial Scholarship **Ambra Dorsey**

Alumni Association Spirit of SJCL Ivo Stimac

Brown Scholarship for Women and Minorities Errin Woodward

Clovis Soroptimist Woman's Advocate Award **Pahoua Lor**

Delta Theta Phi Scholarship Benjamin Greer, Leanne Kent & Karen Ray

Delta Theta Phi First Year Scholarship Jay Kelly & Alicia Wrest

Family Law Scholarship Jesus Pena

Theodore R. Forrest Memorial Scholarship Shawn Olsen

The Founders' Scholarship Adam Stirrup

James K. & Carol Sellers Herbert Scholarship Peter Wall

Kharazi Bar Study Support Scholarship **Raymond Isleib**

Ernest S. Kinney Trial Lawyer Scholarship **Pamela Elliott**

Legal Edge Consumer Scholarship Stephen Malm

LeRoy Long Memorial Scholarship Jeffrey Suggs

Elizabeth O'Neill Memorial Scholarship **Kristen Gates**

Leon S. Peters Leadership Awards Wendy Aguilar, Aaron Aguirre, Bryce Hatakeyama, Rhea Ikemiya, Scott Levy, Elizabeth Waldow & Heather Ward

Pete P. Peters Leadership Awards Brande Gustafson, Alicia Hinton, Lacey Nelson, Kathleen Phillips & Cheri Wortham

Robert F. and Kathryn S. Price Scholarship Nicholas Aniotzbehere

Albert Ramirez Bail Bonds Scholarship Adam Rodriguez

SJCL Student Bar Association Law Scholarships Stephanie Grewal, Amy Lovegren-Tipton & Heather Phillips

Woman Lawyer Scholarship Mary Steffora

Full-Time Faculty

Lawrence M. Artenian, Brian L. Baker, Richard M. Cartier, Denise M. Kerner, Janice L. Pearson, Sally A. Perring, Jeffrey G. Purvis

Adjunct Faculty

Jesse Avila; Art Baggett, Barry J. Bennett, Hristo Bijev, Stanley A. Boone, Andreas Borgeas, David M. Camenson, Dan Casas, Hon. Jonathan B. Conklin, Phil Cronin, Mark Cullers, Matthew Farmer, Jack Fischer; Tom Georgouses, Christine Goodrich, Jason Hamm, Allan E. Junker, Hon. David Kalemkarian, Jeremy Lusk, Kathi K. Kesselman, Michael P. Mallery, Jeff Manning-Cartwright, Deanna Martinez, Lewis Martinez, William T. McLaughlin II, Mark D. Miller, Douglas E. Noll, Kimberly Nystrom-Geist, Harry Pascuzzi, Rose Safarian, Gary Sawyers, Michael Sheltzer, Michael Slater, Hon. Mark Snauffer, Bob Whitlock, Jacqueline Yates.

2008 Judy Wiseman Golf Tournament

They came. They had a great time playing golf. They won great prizes at Sherwood Forest Golf Club on Saturday, March 29, 2007.

By Kathy McKenna (Law '99), 2008 Golf Chair

I was a perfect day to play golf and win great prizes at the Sixth Annual Judy Wiseman Memorial Golf Tournament held at Sherwood Forest Golf Club. The Bloody Marys flowed, the putting contest would have challenged Tiger Woods, and the players had a great time on the links. Best of all, the SJCL Alumni Association is within putting distance of permanently endowing the scholarship to honor former student Judy Wiseman.

The SJCL Alumni Association is grateful to our generous sponsors: Eagle Sponsor – Dr. Mark Wiseman; Hole in One Sponsor - Hedrick's Chevrolet; Birdie Sponsors - Visalia OB-GYN (2), Baker, Manock & Jensen, Garrett Construction; Tee Sponsors - Paulson Court Reporting, and Law Offices of Rod McClelland. We also want



Registration: Sherrie Flynn (Law '05), Kim Mayhew (Law '98), Joan Lassley, Alumni Liaison, Brenda Linder (Law '04), and Marcie Downing-Howk (Law '05)

to thank donors Dianna and Cyrus Setoodeh and Joan Lassley.

The winning team from Sagaser, Jones and Helsey won a round for their foursome at Ft. Washington Country Club. The second place team from Dowling, Aaron and Keeler, led by Dave Weiland, won a foursome at Copper River Country Club. Men's and women's closest to the pin winners and longest drive winners received gift cards for the Sherwood pro shop.

Raffle prizes, team prizes and tee bag prizes were provided by: Alan Ehnes of Ft. Washington Country Club, Rich Caglia, who provided both the Copper River Country Club foursome and the prize of a roll-off bin to help the winner clean out his garage, Kings River Expeditions for an exciting rafting trip, Riverbend Golf Club, Children's Musical Theaterworks of Fresno, the Law Office of Marcie Downing and Bob Howk, Allure Salon, Me & Ed's Pizza (Milano Sales), California Telephone Access Program, San Joaquin College of Law, Eagle Mountain Casino, Valley Business Bank and Sherwood Forest Golf Club.

Many thanks to all our volunteers who made this event a great success: Kathy McKenna (Law '99), Joan Lassley, Kim Mayhew (Law '98), Brenda Linder (Law '04), Sherrie Flynn (Law '05), Marcie Downing (Law '05) and husband Robert, Judy Rogers (Law '04), and SJCL student Katy Phillips



First Place Team: Sagaser, Jones & Helsley



Second Place Team: Dowling, Aaron & Keeler

(Law '09). Our special thanks go to the wonderful staff at Sherwood Forest Golf Club, who always provide cheerful assistance, as well as a beautiful venue!

Make sure to mark your calendar for next year's tournament at Sherwood Forest Golf Club on March 28, 2009.

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SJCL Alumni Hall of Fame



By Kevin Hansen (Law '85)

Philosopher Jacques Barzun once said that anyone wishing to understand the heart and mind of America should study the sport of baseball, her national pastime. The shrine of baseball is the National Baseball Hall of Fame, where the greats of the game are honored. In 2007, the San Joaquin College of Law inaugurated an Alumni Hall of Fame by enshrining two exemplary alumni: the late Ernest Spray Kinney ('75) and the late Theodore Forrest, Jr. ('77). It might fairly be said that these two fine men and talented lawyers embodied as much as any the great spirit and impact on our community made by the alumni of SJCL.

The inaugural class of nominees for 2007 also included these distinguished alumni:

Hon. Judge Jane York (Law '78) Hon. Judge Gary Austin (Law '76) Hon. Judge Ralph Putnam (Law '75) Eric Green (Law '76) Phillip Cline (Law '78)

Each will be part of the 2008 class of nominees.

For the Alumni Hall of Fame Class of 2008, a distinguished nominating committee, representing the Bench, the Bar, law school staff, faculty and students, and SJCL alumni, is being assembled to nominate 5 additional candidates, for a total 2008 class of 10 nominees. From this group of exemplary candidates, the top 2 vote getters, as voted upon by all SJCL alumni, will be enshrined as the Alumni Hall of Fame Class of 2008.

The nominating committee is being chaired by SJCL Alumni Association Board member, Kevin Hansen ('85). Please watch for ballots which will be sent to you soon so you may cast your vote for the Alumni Hall of Fame Class of 2008. The date and location of the 2008 Hall of Fame enshrinement ceremony will be announced in the near future.

Alumni Corner

Welcome to the Alumni Corner! We are committed to keeping you up to date with our ongoing projects and we hope you will keep us up to date with your needs.

This year we once again had a very successful golf tournament. We are pleased to say that we are close to achieving our goal of providing a fully endowed scholarship in the memory of Judy Wiseman. Having gotten so close to that goal, and recognizing that we were raising funds while having fun, we have committed to continuing the tournament and will use it for future fundraising. We welcome suggestions from the public and alumni regarding how we can better serve you and this institution that we love.

The rest of the year will be packed with our regular events presented in new and better ways. Our calendar for the year is posted below. Other goals we have set for this year include: reviewing and updating our bylaws, learning how to better serve our alumni, increasing our membership and increasing participation.

The following committees have been set up:

Membership Jeremy Lusk, Chair

Hall of Fame Nomination Kevin Hansen, Chair

Golf Tournament Kathy McKenna and Joan Lassley, Co-Chair

Senior Law Day Marcie Downing (Howk), Chair

Got MCLE Kim Mayhew, Chair

Marjorie Mason Christmas Party Kim Mayhew, Chair

Bylaws Kevin Hansen and Cynthia Van Doren

If you have suggestions or would like to help out, please drop us a line via snail mail, email, or phone.

Warm Regards, Marcie Downing 559/229-8109 marcella.downing@sbcglobal.net

Barrister's Ball

A BENEFIT FOR SAN JOAQUIN COLLEGE OF LAW

Fresno City Hall was transformed into an elegant restaurant when the first annual Barrister's Ball was held on March 8, 2008. Guests enjoyed an extravagant dinner prepared by the world renowned Erna's Elderberry House and danced to the sounds of the Joe Lennigan Band. This event joined the legal and local community together to benefit San Joaquin College of Law. We wish to thank our generous sponsors and all who attended. We hope to see you next year!



(L) Greg & Ann (Law '01) Mason with (R) Eddie (Law '95) & Mimi Fanucchi





David (Law '98) & Rose Moeck

Albert Ramirez (Law '96)



Charlotte Hylton (Law' 00) and **Blake Konczal**



Ty (Law '96) & Sandra Kharazi



Kahn, Soares & Conway table



Chuck (Law '89) & Laura Magill



The Joe Lennigan Band



Cyrus & Diana (Law '01) Setoodeh



Adjunct Professor **Dave Camenson** with his wife **Jullee**



Russ Conrad & Rosemary McGuire (Law '94)



Edward L. Fanucchi with Dean Janice Pearson



Jose & Erica (Law '02) Camarena



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Class of 2008

On May 31, 2008 San Joaquin College of Law celebrated its 35TH Graduation at the William Saroyan Theater in Fresno. SJCL was honored to have Honorable Associate Justice Ming W. Chin, California Supreme Court, as commencement speaker. Peter J. Wall delivered the Valedictory address.

The students graduating at the top of their class with High Honors were Heather Noel Phillips and Peter James Wall. Students with Distinction were Robert Charles Abrams, Marcus Natále DiBuduo, Brianna Brooke Ellis, Leanne Marie Kent, Amy R. Lovegren-Tipton, Brooke Elizabeth Sorensen, Adam Benjamin Stirrup, and Mary Elaine Thornton.

Congratulations also go out to Jamie Elisabeth Allen, Nicholas Eugene Aniotzbehere, Alisa Elizabeth Brooks, Herbert Otis Chadbourne, Jr., Bobby Lee Haskel Cloud, Jr., Paul Jason Denni, Ambra Dawn Fawcett Dorsey, Catherine Paula Dwyer, Richard A. Fritsch, Kristen Meredith Gates, Jamie Yasmeen Constance Gearon, Benjamin Thomas Greer, Stephanie Maren Grewal, Michelle Lynn Hatherley-Parr, Erica Marie Hernández, Raymond John Isleib, Kevin Bruce Kalajian, Timothy Kuckelman, Pahoua C. Lor, Stephen Denton Malm, William Eric McComas, Bennie Christopher McGriff, Tina Elaine Morgan, George Anthony Munoz, Shawn Cecil Olsen, Natalie Michelle Packer, Karnig Y. Panosian, Michael Shawn Parent, William L. Reiland, Dan Lee Rogers, Ivo Štimac, Duangkamol Kay Strohl, Jeffrey Ronald Suggs, Sevag Tateosian, Baz Chan Vannorsdall, Barry Ernest Weber, Joel D. Winter, Errin Elizabeth Woodward, and Robert Anthony Wyrick.



Commencement Speaker Honorable Associate Justice Ming W. Chin, California Supreme Court



Valedictorian Peter J. Wall



Ivo Stimac



Catherine Dwyer and friends



Karnig Panosian and family





Brooke Sorensen with her parents Andrew (Law '77) & Patricia Sorensen

(L-R) Karnig Panosian, Sevag Tateosian, Mary Thorton, Joel Winter, Peter Wall, Duangkamol Strohl, and Jeffrey Suggs



(L-R) Benjamin Greer, Marcus DiBuduo, Ambra Dorsey, Robert Abrams, Leanne Kent, Jamie Gearon, Timothy Kuckelman, Catherine Dwyer, Richard Fritsch, and Kristen Gates



Shawn Olsen with his daughters



Leanne Kent with her sisters



(L-R) Natalie Packer, Shawn Olsen, Ambra Dorsey, Nicholas Aniotzbehere, Marcus DiBuduo, and Kevin Kalajian

Alumni Profiles

SJCL congratulates our alumni celebrating 10, 20, and 30-year anniversaries in 2008. It has been my pleasure contacting and interviewing each of you. Thanks to those who participated in this effort. I look forward to catching up at the next milestone. -Joan Lassley, Alumni Liaison

1978 Phillip Cline

Phil is the Tulare County District Attorney, an office to which he has been elected four times. In 2006 he was re-elected by the highest margin in the history of Tulare County for a contested race.

Phil has been married to Marcia for 37 years. Their son, Jarrett, is a deputy district attorney (and SJCL graduate) for Fresno County. Their daughter is a teacher. Their granddaughter is the prettiest and smartest little girl in the history of Western Civilization.

Phil has won numerous awards over the years: Exeter Union High School Alumnus of the Year; Farm Bureau Special Recognition for creation of the Rural Crime Program; Farm Bureau Special Recognition for creation of the ACTION Program; Latino Peace Officers award for support of Scholarship Program HEART; MADD (Mothers against Drunk Drivers) recognition; Governor's recognition for Statutory Rape/Teenage Pregnancy Prevention program; Patriotic Employer from The National Committee for Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve; Ruthie D. Gale Excellence in Achievement Award from Celebrate the Child Within, Inc.

Phil loves to golf, read, spend time with his granddaughter and cruise the coastline in his 50th anniversary Corvette -- breaking the law does have its thrills.

Phil is a member of the Rotary Club; HEART after school reading and enrichment program; the Library Foundation; Visalia Sons of Italy. At various times he has served on boards and/or raised funds for CASA, Library Foundation, HEART, and others.

Phil also created a unique program called the Direct Community Benefit Program, which encourages corporate violators of unfair business practice statutes to contribute to worthy local non-profits, as part of their settlement of cases brought by the District Attorney's Office. It has resulted in hundreds of thousands of dollars being directed into reading, library, senior citizen, food for the hungry and children's programs, as well as Family Services and Rape Crisis.

Phil is the Tulare County Bar Association, Past President; California District Attorney's Association, Board of Directors; Tulare County Police Chief's Association. He is the only District Attorney ever elected president, and has served three terms. Currently Phil serves as Secretary /Treasurer. He has served on the Juvenile Justice Commission: Latino Peace Officers Association - one of only three honorary members in history of organization; Legislative Committee, California District Attorney's Association; Public Assistance Fraud Committee, Chairman, California District Attorney's Association; Tulare-Kings County Basic Police Academy, Advisory Board, College of Sequoias.

Phil's special SJCL memories include the study group sessions with Tim Magill and Steve Sefton and then the family get togethers. They were so young then, with little kids and working so hard at their real jobs during the day so they could get to what they loved at night -- law school. He also has fond memories of Dean Eymann's Torts class and Dean Loomis' Contracts class. It's where Phil fell in love with the law. Lastly, he remembers eating at Me and Ed's Pizza by himself before every exam. It was a quiet ritual from which he never deviated.

Norma Jean Crane

Norma consulted on and investigated discrimination cases during law school. This continued to be her passion throughout her career. Norma moved from Fresno to Los Angeles just after graduation to join the Department of Fair Employment and Housing. There she prosecuted civil rights cases for the EEOC for 8 years. Then she took a leave and moved back to Fresno to open a general law practice with Kathy Kesselman and Keith Lusk. Norma was shocked by the attitude of their clients in Fresno; the clients did not want to pay for services.

Norma stayed in Fresno for about a year, then was offered an opportunity to rejoin the Department, so she moved back to Los Angeles. In 1988, the governor appointed Norma to be the Deputy Director of the Office of Administrative Hearings, so she had to travel to Sacramento weekly. She supervised administrative hearings under the Business and Professions Code statewide. These cases involved discrimination based on race, age, ethnicity, physical handicap and sex. One of her favorite cases was where the horse racing industry was charged with alleged use of enhancement drugs. She learned a lot about the industry and was struck by the amount of regulation that industry had bestowed upon itself.

Traveling to meetings got very difficult after the office opened an additional court in San Diego for Norma to oversee. So in 1991, while she was living in Pasadena she was offered a Workers' Compensation judgeship. She enjoyed

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that work immensely. In 1996 while living in Monrovia Norma fell coming out of her chambers. Norma has been disabled since that time. Currently she lives in Monrovia with 24-hour care.

Norma has a grown son and two grandchildren. Her granddaughter lives in Fresno and her grandson lives in Las Vegas.

Norma has received numerous awards and accolades for the legal work she has done over the last 30 years. One of her fondest memories while at SJCL was when she wrote a "very toned down" article for the *Dicta*. She begged her classmates to think about fairness and the equality of women. (she was an ardent Women's Rights Advocate). The paper declined to print her article until Keith Lusk stepped in and as she states "raised a little hell". It got published. Her fondness for her classmates has not diminished over the years as she cherishes those memories.

Glenn Gates

Glenn has been generally self-employed since he began practicing law. He was in a few partnerships over the years and found he preferred working for himself. He had some very intelligent, hardworking partners from whom he learned a great deal. His practice involves general business litigation, family law and bankruptcy.

Glenn has three children and a beautiful granddaughter. His oldest daughter, Kristen, graduated from SJCL last month and is studying for the bar. His daughter, Maren, has a Masters degree and teaches fourth grade in Virginia where she lives with her husband, Nick. His son, Adam, is attending Fresno City College and hopes to enter law school at some point. His granddaughter, Kelly, is going into third grade and keeps everyone on their toes. Glenn's kids are his greatest source of pride.

Glenn has received numerous awards over the last 30 years from various

SENIOR CITIZEN Law Day '08

The SJCL Alumni Association is again presenting Senior Citizens Law Day 2008. This event is a community service where seniors can learn about conservatorships, guardianships, estate planning, planning for long term care, competency, fighting predatory lending and protecting themselves from financial abuse. Statewide experts, local attorneys and healthcare professionals will be available to teach and answer questions.

If you are interested in participating in this event, contact:

Marcie Downing at 559/229-8109 or marcella.downing@sbcglobal.net



groups with whom he worked. He has tried more cases than he can remember. One great thrill was arguing before the California Supreme Court and prevailing 7-0. The greatest satisfaction in his practice is winning that case that seemed lost---and sometimes getting paid for it. He has sat Judge Pro Tem numerous times and been active as a mediator and arbitrator. He is licensed in the Federal courts of California and Colorado.

Glenn's activities include biking, team roping and golfing. Glenn completed a century ride (100 miles) last year and a marathon run (26.2 miles) in New Orleans, both with the Leukemia Society. The Central Valley Leukemia and Lymphoma Society has gotten him out of the office with Team in Training and out in the foothills pedaling his bike.

Since law school Glenn has been fortunate to continue to work with many fellow SJCL graduates. Mike Meyer, Gary Hill, Bob Gilmore, John Suhr, Bill Hancock and Tom Giovacchini are but a few of people he has seen on a semi-regular basis. At 55 years old, Glenn intends to continue to practice law in the Central Valley and watch his daughter, Kristen, make her way through the ups and downs of being an attorney. He hopes she finds it as rewarding as he has.

As to law school, Glenn remembers being 21 years old and moving to Fresno from Colorado with \$900. The tuition at SJCL was \$650. He and his children's mother worked fulltime and they both went to school at night. SJCL was life changing for him. The study of law was a foreign exercise. As difficult as it was, he somehow made it. Glenn realizes it was a fine legal education. He will always be thankful to Hon. Dan Eymann, Hon. Oliver Wanger and Mr. John Loomis for admitting him.

Robert Gene Gilmore

Robert has been employed in private practice since graduation. He specializes in Tort practice which includes

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personal injury, products liability and medical malpractice. In earlier years he did some criminal defense. In 1989 Robert argued in front of the United States Supreme Court. He really enjoys his work in product liability because of the intense complexities of the issues.

Robert has been married to Elizabeth for 26 years this month. They have two daughters. Robert also has an older daughter, Chris, who works in his office with him; it has been a joy to have them share work time. Robert has a grandson who is 6 years old and a granddaughter who is 1 ¹/₂. Robert's middle daughter lives in Southern California and the youngest daughter is undergoing training in the cosmetology field.

Since court appearances are booked a year in advance, about 10 years ago Robert determined that the only way to eek out a vacation is to calendar four to six weeks a year ahead of time. This process has allowed them to travel every year. They have traveled to Europe, Hawaii several times and taken great road trips that have encompassed over 4,000 miles. He loves to travel to Jackson Hole, Wyoming.

When asked about any special memories of the early days in school, he recalled the long study hours with Bill Hancock, Joe Banuelos and Glen Gates.

Paul Hinkly

Paul worked in private practice with John Suhr for his first 10 years after graduation. They emphasized criminal defense. In 1989 he joined the Fresno County Public Defender's Office. He still works there today and loves what he does. During his time at the Public Defender's Office, he has worked in all areas with the exception of Dependency Court. He also had the benefit of working for his best friend, George Cajiga, when George was the Public Defender and made Paul his assistant. Upon George's untimely passing, Paul was appointed to be the Acting Public Defender and served in that role for ten months until the Board of Supervisors selected a new Public Defender. Paul is back to handling a caseload, going to court, and having more fun than ever. He likens the courtroom to his sand box and if anyone wants to come in, judges included, they should be prepared to play.

Paul is remarried and he and his wife have 3 children and 2 grandchildren. They are currently caring for their son-in-law who was diagnosed recently with ALS, so that takes most of their spare time. Paul enjoys golf and gambling in Las Vegas and tries to go three times a year. In Fresno he will join his former partner, John, for nine holes of golf most weekends and occasional group play with his office.

Paul attended night classes at SJCL and recalls how having a child and quitting smoking in his fourth year were both questionable decisions. The former turned out fine, but several years later he started smoking again.

Timothy Magill

While in law school, Tim worked in the Fresno County District Attorney's Office for approximately one year, and then worked for Roger T. Nuttall for approximately two years. After passing the Bar, Tim remained with Roger Nuttall, and they formed the partnership of Nuttall, Berman and Magill. In August, 1989, Tim began his own practice. He emphasizes personal injury, employment law, intellectual property, products liability, and appeals.

Tim has one daughter who will be 29 in July, and lives in Portland, Oregon, raising 2 children. Tim is married to Elena Magill.

Tim has received awards from the California Trial Lawyers Association, now known as CAOC. He has been active with the Better Business Bureau, Fresno Pacific University and San Joaquin College of Law Mediation and Advanced Mediation Seminars. His best (re)award was a case entitled *CSAA v. Parichan, et al.* 84 Cal. App. 4th 702, where he was able to turn a car insurance policy limits case of \$50,000 into a settlement of \$850,000. Unfortunately, the published case was overruled by the California Supreme Court on the issue of whether you had to prove a case-within-a-case for legal malpractice. See Viner v. Sweet (2003) 30 Cal. App. 4th 1232.

Tim likes to travel, going to Europe usually every other year to visit different countries. So far, he has been to France, Spain, Germany, Italy, Switzerland, and Austria. He also likes to play golf, camp, and has been attending the Monterey Jazz Festival every year since September 1976, including while he was going to law school. Tim has also been involved with the Rotary Club and church related activities.

SJCL good times include surviving moot court preparation with Judge Stephen Sefton, and Barry Bennett's labor law moot trial with Phil Cline. The best was when Judge Eymann told them, on the first night of orientation, to look to their right and look to their left and expect either one or both of those persons to be gone at the end of the year. In fact, he understated what occurred. At the beginning of class, there were over 120 people. Only 28 were promoted to the second year.

1988 Glenn LoStracco

Glenn has been self-employed since 1992. Prior to private practice he was employed as a Deputy District Attorney for Fresno County.

Glenn is married to Sonia (LaRocca) LoStracco. He has a daughter, Sharon Johnson, who is married to Frank Johnson and lives in San Diego, California with grandson, Isaiah. He also has a stepson, Michael Karagozian, who is attending U.C. Santa Barbara. Glenn keeps busy with his family and enjoys golfing and flying.

When asked about the early days at SJCL, he stated, "It was a time of hard work, trying to work a full time job, support a family and get a life changing education, but we did manage a few laughs along the way."

1998 Melissa Barrios

Melissa was appointed to her current position as Local Director of the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission in July 2006. She is enjoying her dual role of enforcing the law and teaching employers how to prevent workplace discrimination. Prior to joining the Commission, Melissa worked for a public interest law firm where she spent seven years serving farm workers by representing them in cases related to housing and labor/employment issues. Her work was challenging but a great learning opportunity. Melissa believes her greatest accomplishment there was learning how to practice law in a foreign language since all her clients were monolingual Spanish speakers. She also developed an expertise in housing discrimination, was a statewide coordinator for the firm's fair housing program, and trained other attorneys on a state and national level. Melissa owes her passion for enforcing anti-discrimination laws to Sally Perring who announced one day in Real Property class that the Fair Housing Council needed a bilingual intern there was no question that opportunity was for her!

Melissa is single and enjoying life. Most recently she has taken up Flamenco dancing. She started lessons about nine months ago and performed for the first time in early June. Melissa also enjoys church, fellowship with her women's bible study group, traveling, (her next stop is Canada at the end of summer), and spending time with friends and family, including her very special nieces and nephews.

Melissa's commitment to housing issues led her to volunteer work with Habitat for Humanity, Fresno County several years ago. She currently serves on various committees including strategic planning, family selection and operations. In addition, on May 1, 2008, she completed six years of service on the Board of Directors. Through her work with Habitat, Melissa was nominated and selected by the United Way as the Non-Profit Board Member of the Year. State Assemblyman Juan Arambula has also recognized her as an Hispanic leader.

Melissa's fondest memory of SJCL includes hanging out and stressing out with her study group - Jennifer, Larry and Terresa.

Jay Felkins

During law school Jay clerked for Motschiedler, Michaelides and Wishon. After he passed the Bar, he was invited to stay there. He had been an associate for two years there when he was approached by a software company from Santa Cruz. He went to work for Lutris until they closed two years later. At that time he found work with Mercer Advisors who had offices in Santa Barbara. Jay did transactional work and business consulting. Mercer moved their operation to Arizona in December 2003 and Jay went with them. Jay was then offered a job with Honeywell where he has been for the last three years. Honeywell is an aerospace company and his division works on contract support for propellers. Jay has 30 employees that report to him.

Jay has been married to Jackie for 18 years. They have three children - Joelle who is 11 years old, Jackson is 8 and Jaycee is 5. They stay very busy with soccer; Jay is treasurer for the soccer league. Jay loves to fly fish and goes whenever possible. They love to travel and visit his folks in Lodi often. He also enjoys the sports available in Arizona. He attends Suns and Diamondback games when possible. They are also active in the Northridge Community Church.

Jay recalls the early years at the Shields Avenue campus and the breaks in the parking lot. He has fond memories of the countless study hours with study partners Kim Mayhew and Karen Spinardi. Jay never thought he would leave the Fresno area but a turn of events has taken him to Arizona and he loves his work there.

Dr. R. Troy Roach, DVM

Troy continues to practice veterinary medicine; he uses his legal education in business almost every day.

Troy's wife and partner of 20 years is Andrea Walters. They have three grown children – Regina, Reagan and Jessica. Their children have blessed them with seven grandchildren. Troy loves to go deep sea fishing, cook, and spend time with his family.

Troy is a member of the Lemoore Chamber of Commerce, and local and state veterinary medical associations. He served as a member of the California Veterinary Medical Board for seven years and as its President from 2005-2007.

Troy recalls the SJCL Moot Court Competition was a very intense experience for him and, after it was over, a very gratifying experience in helping tie all aspects of his education together. He fondly remembers the friendships he developed at SJCL.

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Congratulations to the Class of 2008! You are now a part of our esteemed alumni and we look forward to continuing our relationship with you in your and our future endeavors.

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