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2008 SJCL Alumni Hall of Fame

Congratulations to the Honorable Gary S. Austin (Law '76) and Michael G. Marderosian (Law '77) on their induction into the SJCL Hall of Fame.

Honorable Gary S. Austin

was the Student Body Association President at SJCL in 1976. After graduation he first worked as a law clerk for the District Court for the Eastern District of California and then as Deputy District Attorney. He became a Municipal Court judge in 1986. In 1988, he joined the Superior Court, where he presided over criminal cases, including death penalty cases, served as Presiding Judge of the Juvenile Division and has presided over civil and family law matters. He currently serves as a United States Magistrate Judge for the Eastern District of California, following almost twenty years

in the Fresno County Municipal and Superior Courts.

Gary has a new bride this year, Kim, who works for the Administrative Office of the State Courts. Gary's son, Brice, is a splendid student and a fabulous athlete in high school and Gary's dedication to family is unparalleled.

Gary enjoys tennis and snow skiing when time permits. He is a member of the California Judges Association, a former member of the Board of Trustees for the County of Fresno Law Library, and a former member of both

the Fresno County Bar Association and the California State Bar Association. He currently serves as a board member of the Federal Bar Association, San Joaquin Chapter.

During his years at SJCL, Judge Austin most enjoyed the Thursday night gatherings at The Outpost after class. He also has fond memories of his time spent working in student government.

Michael G. Marderosian

commenced his own practice of law here in Fresno on the very day he was sworn into the bar in December of 1977. Since then he has focused his

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Honorable Gary S. Austin, Class of 1976

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Michael G. Marderosian, Class of 1977

A Holiday Message from the Dean



As 2008 draws to a close, I am reminded of the major events and accomplishments of SJCL's year. A number of things stand out for me.

The faculty have made a series of academic decisions that have positively impacted SJCL's academic program and supported greater student success. An expanded pre-enrollment orientation offers entering students great insight into the study skills needed to succeed in law school. Two new classes – Analytical Process in the second year and Legal Process in the graduating year – focus specifically on the thought process involved in all legal reasoning. In part because of these and other academic initiatives, SJCL is seeing a steadily improving first-time pass rate and a cumulative pass rate in excess of 85% that has always been impressive.

A major effort in 2008 was the WASC (Western Association of Schools and Colleges) Capacity and Preparatory Review, the first of a two-step, multi-year process whereby SJCL seeks to renew its regional accreditation. This effort entailed a massive study of SJCL's academic program and operations followed by a site visit by five educators from other WASC institutions. As always, their insights and recommendations will help SJCL to become a stronger institution.

It is impossible to emphasize the value of the work of the staff and faculty

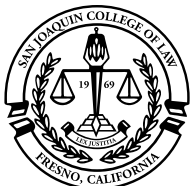
or to thank and acknowledge them enough. Everyone knows faculty teach classes and grade papers, but they also participate in curriculum design, create academic policies, run clinics, participate in accreditation, meet with students and prospective students, and make admission and student petition decisions. Unknown to most, staff make the classes happen, keep the building functioning, get the bills paid, stage events, help students find employment, keep the computers running, connect potential new students to SJCL, process applications and registration, run the library, connect with, thank and acknowledge donors, process financial aid, create school publications, and keep SJCL compliant with endless regulations.

I remember with great gratitude, the efforts of the alumni and staff on so many SJCL events this year – the Donor Wall reception, the Judy Wiseman Golf Tournament, the beautiful Barrister's Ball, the Hall of Fame reception, and others. Thank you to all SJCL donors that make it possible to sustain the academic program without large tuition increases.

However you celebrate the holidays, everyone at SJCL hopes it is a happy, healthy time filled with family and friends and that 2009 is a stellar year for you and yours.

Sincerely,

Janice L. Pearson
Dean



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1976 Legacy Luncheon



The Legacy Luncheon for the class of 1976 (FRONT ROW L-R) **Paul Hager, James Mele, Judy Ward** (Law '74), **Mr. John Loomis**, *Founder*, **Judge Oliver Wanger**, *Founder*, **Jerry Henry** (Law '75), and **Robert Ellis**

(BACK ROW L-R) **Carl Brown, Eric Green, Judge Gary Austin, Richard Fairbank** and **C. William Brewer**.

Also attending were Janice Pearson, *Dean*, Robin Leppo, *Director of Institutional Advancement* and Joan Lassley, *Alumni Liaison*.

1977-78 Legacy Luncheon



The Legacy Luncheon for the class of 1978 (L-R) **Michael Meyer, Gary Hill, Judith Lund, Stephen Denning, Mary Ann Bluhm, Mick Marderosian** (Law '77), **Glen Gates, Paul Hinkly, John Suhr, Kathi Kesselman** and **Frank Gash III**.

Also attending were Janice Pearson, *Dean*, Robin Leppo, *Director of Institutional Advancement* and Joan Lassley, *Alumni Liaison*.

Full-Time Faculty

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

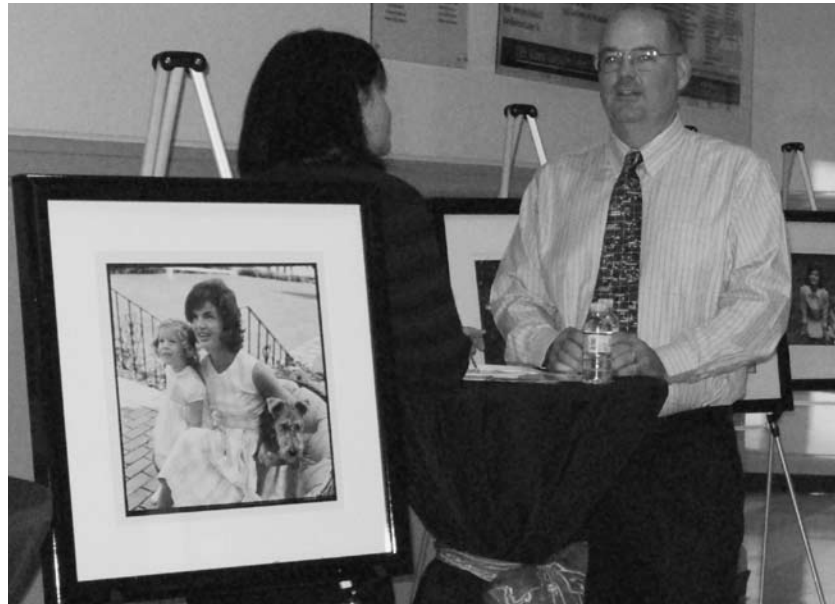
Adjunct Faculty

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 Snaffer, Bob Whitlock, Jacqueline Yates.

LLS Event Benefiting the Ernest S. Kinney Trial Lawyer Scholarship Fund

Ernest Kinney lost his battle to leukemia in May of this year. In his memory his scholarship is being endowed to continue his legacy. As part of this effort, San Joaquin College of Law co-sponsored a Kennedy photo exhibition fundraiser with the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society on September 27, 2008.

The Kennedy photos on display were from photographer Jacques Lowe's 40,000 photo collection that were stored in a vault located in 5 World Trade Center, a building adjacent to the twin towers which were destroyed in the terrorist attacks of September 11. The pictures represented Lowe's entire Kennedy archive and only 180 negatives survived.



Ernest Kinney's niece **Galatea DeLapp** (Law '94) speaking to Ernest's brother **Richard**

2008 Justice Pauline Hanson Dinner

Fresno County Women Lawyers held the 2008 Pauline Davis Hanson Dinner at Copper River Country Club on November 6, 2008. Pauline's spirit and leadership were celebrated by presenting the Hanson award to a local attorney who has advanced women in the legal profession and the Hanson scholarship to a promising law student.

SJCL alumna Susan B. Anderson (Law '87), *Fresno County Supervisor*, received the Hanson award. SJCL student, Kathleen Phillips (Law '09), received the Hanson scholarship. SJCL alumna, Kathy McKenna (Law '99), chaired the 2008 event.



Photo: Howard Watkins

Kathy McKenna (Law '99), *FCWL President*, **Kathleen Phillips**, *2008 Scholarship Winner*, **Susan Anderson** (Law '87) *2008 Pauline Hanson Award Winner*, **Janice Pearson**, *1992 Pauline Hanson Award* and **June Register**, *1995 Pauline Hanson Award*

Staff

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Local Delta Theta Phi Senate Receives National Honors

Law Fraternity Recognized for Reconnecting Alumni with Students, Invigorating Campus Life

By Bryan Tellalian, 2008-'09 Delta Theta Phi Dean

Amongst fierce competition from over 100 student senates, the Supreme Senate of the Delta Theta Phi Law Fraternity, International (DTP) announced that the Hollis G. Best Senate of the San Joaquin College of Law received **three** of its 2007-2008 Annual Awards, including: *Most Outstanding Professional Program, Senate of the Year—Regional Winner, and Student of the Year—Regional Winner – Ben Greer (Former Dean, 2007-08)*. The awards were based on various criteria, including the activities and record of the Senate as a whole, the achievement of members in the name of the fraternity, and the participation of Senate members in expansion and reactivation activities.

“Last year, the DTP Alumni Committee wanted to do two things. First of all, we wanted to focus on the professional purpose of our organization, and secondly, we wanted to take advantage of the valuable resource we have in our many local DTP alumni,” said Mary Thornton, Alumni Committee Co-chair for the 2007-08 academic year. The Alumni Committee began a guest lecture series last year, which was fostered by initiating communication with alumni members and keeping them up-to-date throughout the year on the various activities of the Best Senate.

Topics for the guest lecture series included, “Test Taking Tips and Strategies” presented by Rick Horowitz, Esq., “Choosing Your Practice Area of Law,” by Mark King, Esq., and “Passing the Bar Exam” by Scott Jones, Esq. and Erik Peterson, Esq. The interaction fostered by the Alumni Committee culminated in a DTP Alumni-Student mixer on campus.



Delta Theta Phi 2007-'08 Officers (L-R) Carey Watt, *Master of the Ritual*; Bryan Tellalian, *Vice Dean*; Karen Ray, *Sergeant at Arms*; My-Linh Huang, *Tribune*; Benjamin Greer, *Dean*; Bryce Hatakeyama, *Scribe*; Leanne Kent, *Master of the Web*; and Beth Waldow, *Clerk of the Exchequer*

“Over the years, Best Senate members have repeatedly shown their professionalism and dedication,” said Larry Meyer, Esq., Master of the Rolls of the Supreme Senate.

To enhance campus life and foster the fraternal spirit of its members, the Best Senate assisted with the fingerprinting required for the application for the California State Bar Exam, co-sponsored a résumé workshop with the school, and sponsored a Christmas toy drive for the Craycroft Youth Center, amongst other activities. For its efforts, the Best Senate was awarded *Senate of the Year, Regional Winner*. “We have shown that a student organization can thrive and flourish here at SJCL,” said Ben Greer, former Dean for the 2007-2008 academic year.

Ben Greer’s leadership did not pass without acknowledgment. Mr. Greer was the recipient of the *Student of the Year, Regional Winner* award. “The special recognition received by the former Dean, Ben Greer, exempli-

fies his commitment to the duties he undertook upon being named Dean,” said Meyer.

Currently, the Best Senate is building on the foundation laid down by its previous board, its committee chairs, and of course, its hard-working members. Specifically, the Alumni Committee is coordinating with alumni to present a guest lecture series and to foster closer ties with our members. In addition, the Best Senate plans to continue to sponsor events which benefit not only its members, but also the campus as a whole.

The Delta Theta Phi Law Fraternity, International, is a law fraternity with over 135,000 alumni members and over 100 student senates across the United States and Canada. DTP provides an environment where law students can associate for fraternal, academic, and social purposes. The San Joaquin College of Law’s Hollis G. Best Senate received its charter from the Supreme Senate in 1980.

Got MCLE?

By Kimberly Mayhew (Law '98),
2008 Got MCLE? Chair

On September 6, 2008, about 50 local practitioners were treated to a "Got MCLE?" program featuring well-received speakers from the bench and the bar. The Hon. Gary Austin spoke on "What's New in the Federal Courts." The Hon. Kristi Culver Kappetan and the Hon. M. Bruce Smith spoke on stress and time management. The Hon. David Kalemkarian spoke on "Courtroom Demeanor and Ethics." The Hon. Donald R. Franson spoke on "Civil Discovery"; Douglas E. Noll of Noll Associates addressed "Mediation: Maximizing Client Results." Mark D. Miller of Kimble, MacMichael & Upton and Sherrie M. Flynn of Baker, Manock & Jensen, PC, spoke on "Intellectual Property". As an added bonus, all participants were invited to a session on "Substance Abuse Issues for the Practitioner" with attorney Michael J. McGinnis and Debbie Harkness, who specialize in assessment and placement.

Members of the Alumni Association received the four hours of MCLE instruction free of charge, while other practitioners paid only \$100 for the event. A special thank you goes to Joan Lassley and Cristina Jelladian (Law '04) for their help, as well as student volunteers, SBA Alumni Liaison, Carey Hartsock, and students, William Buttry, Henry Campa and Janet Ballelos.

Senior Citizens Law Day 2008

San Joaquin College of Law Alumni Association and the Clovis Senior Center presented the annual Senior Citizens Law Day on Saturday, October 18, 2008.

By Joan Lassley, *Alumni Liaison*

Senior Citizens Law Day is a community day dedicated to free workshops for the elderly of the community and their families and friends. The program this year was extended to include lunch and an afternoon session. Attendance doubled from last year.

Workshops were filled with interesting topics and resource vendors to help seniors. Topics for the day included: Predatory Lending presented by Sandy White; Wills & Trusts/Elder Divorce presented by Richard and Susan Hemb, Esq.; Wills & Trusts/ Long Term Care by Robert Howk, Esq.; Capacity/Conservatorships by Dr.

David Margolin and Nancy LeVan, Esq. and Dr. Helen Jones and Cathy Sharbaugh, Esq. The Keynote Speaker during lunch was Prescott Cole, Esq., the senior litigation attorney from California Advocates for Nursing Home Reform. Also offered was Caregivers Legal Responsibility 101, presented by Marcella Downing, Esq. *Event Chair*, Nancy Altschuler and Jason LaRussa.

We thank the Clovis Memorial District for their donation of flags (used as door prizes), SJCL student and staff volunteers, the Clovis Senior Center for their tireless efforts in making this such a wonderful event, and the vendors who sponsored the lunch.



Presenter **Nancy LeVan** speaks to seniors about conservatorship



Student volunteers **Lisa Horton, Bryon Clay, Tara Tarasen, and Ashley Paulson**

Race Judicata

By Sherrie Flynn (Law '05)

Sierra Challenge Express (SCE), in conjunction with the San Joaquin College of Law Student Bar Association (SBA), is thrilled to announce the annual running of Race Judicata! On Saturday, February 21, 2009, athletes from around the Valley will gather at the law school for a race through the streets of Clovis and on the Clovis Old Town Trail.

This year's race is again a "Valley Runner of the Year Series" 10 point event, and will feature a 5K race, a 2-mile walk/run, and a ¼ mile kids run. The races will have age divisions ranging from children to seniors. The first race, the kids' race, begins at 8:00 a.m. New this year is a pancake breakfast and book drive during and after the race benefiting the Elizabeth O'Neill Memorial Scholarship Fund. Race entry forms with additional details will be available in the near future from San Joaquin College of Law.

To help fund this event, SCE and the SBA are seeking sponsors. If you are interested in sponsoring the 2009 Race Judicata, please contact Sherrie Flynn (Law '05) at sflynn@bakermanock.com. Sponsors will be recognized this year on the T-shirts worn by the athletes, the SJCL website, and advertising for the event. Proceeds from the race benefit the SBA's charitable educational activities, and help fund SCE's scholarships for local area runners and/or other SCE local charitable activities. Both SBA and SCE are 501(c)(3) charitable organizations.

Please help the Sierra Challenge Express and the Student Bar Association make the 2009 Race Judicata a huge success. Join us in this fun, family event.

"Green Eggs & Ham" Pancake Breakfast

By Joan Lassley, *Alumni Liaison*

San Joaquin College of Law will host a "Green Eggs and Ham" pancake breakfast fundraiser on February 21, 2009 from 7AM to 10AM for the Elizabeth O'Neill Memorial Scholarship Fund in conjunction with this year's annual Race Judicata. Mrs. O'Neill sat on the SJCL Board of Trustees for 14 years. She was a 1936 Fresno High School graduate whose legal education was interrupted by WWII. She raised 5 children before completing her law degree in 1969. Mrs. O'Neill is the mother of U.S. Magistrate Judge, Lawrence O'Neill. She helped found Fresno's Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) program and the Fresno Council on Child Abuse Prevention. We honor her memory by this fundraiser to support her scholarship. Mrs. O'Neill loved children and Dr. Seuss, hence the theme of Green Eggs and Ham. We will also be asking attendees to donate a new or gently used, hard-bound children's book to be given to Sierra Vista Elementary School in Clovis. The event will be held in the park between the Clovis Memorial Building and SJCL. For more information contact, Robin Leppo or Joyce Morodomi at 559/323-2100.

Another year is coming to a close and we have many successes to celebrate. Kim Mayhew chaired a very successful Got MCLE event this year. The topics were timely and our only complaint was that we could not take all of the classes at once.

Senior Citizen's Law Day was expanded to a full day event this year and our attendance more than doubled. Prescott Cole, the lead litigating attorney from California Advocates for Nursing Home Reform, was our keynote speaker. He spoke on elder financial abuse, how to spot it, and what can be done if you are a victim. We co-sponsored the event with the Clovis Senior Center and the students of SJCL. We all had a great time and learned a lot.

The second annual Alumni Hall of Fame event was held November 20, 2008 at the Federal Courthouse from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30. Please join us in congratulating our very deserving nominees, the Honorable Gary Austin, Phillip Cline, Esq., Deborah Coe, Esq., Elizabeth Egan, Esq., Eric Green, Esq., Kathy Hart, Esq., Ima Jean Harvey, Esq., Michael Marderosian, Esq., the Honorable Ralph "Chip" Putnam, and the Honorable Georgia York. Kevin Hansen has done a great job of organizing this event and it was a gala affair.

By now you should have received a red flyer for the Marjoree Mason Christmas party. Included was your invitation to join us as members of the Alumni Association. If you want to hear from us, please return your membership forms with your votes for officers and your dues. By including your email address, you will allow us to contact you in a cost effective and timely manner.

Thank you for your support of the Alumni Association and we hope to see even more of you in the future!

Sincerely,



Marcella Downing

Dean's Reception Welcomes Entering Class

On July 24, 2008 a Dean's Reception was held for all incoming students.

By Diane Steel, *Director of Admissions*

Of the 82 first year students, Dean, Jan Pearson, welcomed 75 students, as well as their guests, at the reception. Second year student, Janet Ballelos, and Director of Institutional Advancement Robin Leppo greeted students as they arrived with name badges and a "get to know your fellow classmate" activity.

Upon entering the lecture hall, each new student received a SJCL flash drive pre-loaded with all their school documents and relevant course work.

Current students David Ibarra, Alexia Kirkland, and Alicia Hinton welcomed the students with encouraging remarks about forming study groups, joining student organizations and seeking out upper class members for guidance.

The event culminated with remarks from Alumni representative and Deputy District Attorney Michael L. Elder. Michael Elder encouraged students to actively engage in their learning by reading all the cases and seeking out mentors in the legal profession.



Dean **Janice Pearson**



Alexia Kirkland and David Ibarra



Joseph Batierra, Cecilla Balaterra, Stephanie Anderson, and Gabriel De La Cerda



Michael L. Elder (Law '05), Deputy District Attorney speaking to the new students



The 2008 entering class getting to know their fellow classmates

Alumni Play Key Role in Enrollment

The importance of our alumni in building student enrollment at San Joaquin College of Law cannot be overemphasized, especially in today's environment.

By **Diane Steel**, *Director of Admissions*

With the economy creating financial barriers for students to attend law school, I need the help of alumni more than ever to start, foster, and sustain relationships with student prospects in order to meet our enrollment goals.

If you know an individual who you think would make a great lawyer please encourage him or her to apply to San Joaquin College of Law. We are accepting applications now for Fall 2009.

On average our applicants are admitted to three other schools, creating increased competition during this critical decision-making time. If alumni take the time to encourage prospective students to begin their legal careers at SJCL, this will make a huge difference in which law school they choose. In the biographical information we collect from new students we ask, "What motivated you to pursue the study of law?" Most often the response is the name of one of our alumni. If each of our alumni made a commitment to mentor and steward at least one individual a year toward a career in law, our institution would grow.

This past month we have been recruiting at Graduate and Professional

Student Loans at SJCL

San Joaquin College of Law has focused its efforts to make sure our students and prospective students can still get the critical financial aid they need in these financially difficult times. In fact, SJCL's rating among lenders is so high that we have had no problem finding lenders willing to offer Stafford loans and Graduate PLUS loans to our students. Between these two federal loan programs, our students can borrow up to the full cost of attendance



School Fairs, Law Days and Career Fairs on the following campuses: Fresno State, UC Davis, Sacramento State, UC Merced, Willow International, De Anza Junior College, UC Santa Cruz, CSU Monterey Bay, Merced Junior College and CSU Bakersfield. I may make a contact with a prospective student but there is nothing more powerful in propelling a student to enroll in San Joaquin College of Law than encouragement from alumni. You are our most valuable and effective recruitment resource in building meaningful connections with prospective students. Please help me develop a solid relationship between the student and our institution so we can recruit a dynamic class for Fall 2009.

(including living expenses), so they don't have to use high cost private and/or alternative educational loans.

SJCL has also taken the extra step of getting approved for the William D. Ford Direct Loan Program (funds borrowed directly from the federal government rather than from lenders), should that become necessary at a later date.

Undergraduate Institutions represented in SJCL's Entering Class

Armstrong Atlantic University
Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo
Cal Poly, Pomona
California State University, Fresno
Chapman University
Fresno Pacific University
Kaplan University
National University
Notre Dame de Namur University
Pepperdine University
San Diego State University
Sonoma State University
Spelman University
U.C., Berkeley
U.C., Davis
U.C., Irvine
U.C., Los Angeles
U.C., Merced
U.C., Riverside
U.C., Santa Barbara
University of Hawaii, Hilo
University of Idaho
University of Phoenix
University of Southern California

Upcoming Events

JANUARY 8, 7-9PM
LSAT Night with Dean Pearson

JANUARY 13, 7-9PM
Informational Law Forum

FEBRUARY 19, 7-9PM
Informational Law Forum

MARCH 10, 7-9PM
Informational Law Forum

APRIL 16, 7-9PM
Alumni Panel Forum

2008 LECTURE SERIES

Career Alternatives for Lawyers

By **Robin Leppo**, *Director of Institutional Advancement*

Cindy Wathen's (Law '95) publishing credits include *Remembering Cesar: The Legacy of Cesar Chavez*, the first book to be endorsed by the Cesar E. Chavez Foundation and the winner of the Valley Independent Publishers gold medal award for history. She has worked as an acquisition coordinator for McGraw-Hill, senior editor and publicist for Quill Driver Books, and most recently, assistant acquisitions editor and art researcher for The University of California Press.

After working as a law clerk during law school, Cindy decided that she loved studying the law but not necessarily the profession of law, so she decided to explore the world of publishing.

After law school she worked for McGraw-Hill in the bay area and found that having her JD quickly made her invaluable. A few years

later she moved to another publishing house where she was able to really see how her law degree and publishing intersected. Many of the skills she learned in law school became very handy while preparing written and oral arguments for department heads on various manuscripts she was asking to be published. Some of the career alternatives Cindy discussed during her lecture included, working for a publishing house to negotiate author contracts—both literary and publishing—to include monetary compensation, royalty rates, author rights, copyright infringement and defamation issues, negotiating subsidiary rights such as foreign, television, and film, and working with legal scholars on manuscripts.

Another career option Cindy discussed is that of a Literary Agent. This person is literally a "literary lawyer" who finds authors and manuscripts to work with for the extent of the author's career. Their main purpose is to pitch the author's work to publishing houses, after, retaining 15% of all the author's earnings for life. It is a very lucrative field that is spreading throughout the United States, not just in New York City anymore. One good author can support a literary agent for the rest of their career.



Cindy Wathen (Law '95)

The final career alternative she spoke about, that can be very beneficial to a lawyer, is writing a non-fiction legal book. This not only lends credibility in a particular area of law but can help build a career, a client list, increase speaking engagements, and help bring "focus" to a specialty. Free-lance writing for editorials, columns, and articles is also a way of creating platforms for specialized legal topics.

If you are interested in hearing Cindy's lecture in its entirety go to: www.sjcl.edu/wathenlecture.

News in Brief

- ▶ **Allison Berg**, *SJCL Adjunct Faculty*, is the first place female runner in the Trail of Two Cities race.
- ▶ **Richard Caglia** (Law '99), *Board of Trustee Member*, was elected to the State Center Community College Board.
- ▶ **Kevin Cann**, husband of current SJCL Student, **Beth Waldow**, was elected to the Mariposa County Supervisor District 4 Seat.
- ▶ **Warren Paboojian** (Law '85), was chosen as attorney of the year by the Consumer Attorneys of California, a state-wide trial lawyers association, for his representation of Stacy Johnson-Klein.

If you have an announcement you would like listed please email it to Mark Enns at menns@sjcl.edu

Public Interest Scholarship

On September 25 Alicia Hinton was recognized as one of this year's Public Interest Scholarship recipients by the California Bar Foundation. She received \$2,500 in scholarship awards to help pay law school expenses in order to enable her to pursue a career in public interest law.

Alicia received a B.S. from the University of San Francisco and a B.A. from San Jose State University. Prior to law school, she co-founded Binky Patrol, which donates comfort quilts to children in need. She will complete a dual degree program in 2009, obtaining an M.A. in

Peacemaking and Conflict Resolution along with her J.D. Alicia has volunteered with Circles of Support and Accountability, a community-based sex offender re-entry program, and interned as a family law mediator, a victim-offender reconciliation mediator, and as a law clerk at the Fresno County District Attorney's office.



2008 George A. Hopper Moot Court Competition Winners



(BACK ROW L-R) Professor Stanley Boone, Carey Hartsock, Honorable Steven Vartabedian, Adam Rodriguez, Lisa Horton, and Honorable Jon Conklin.

(MIDDLE ROW L-R) Dr. David Margolin, Rhea Ikemiya, Hulya Reshad, Pamela Elliott, Beth Waldow, and Karen Ray

(FRONT ROW L-R) Carmen Ramirez, Bryce Hatakeyama, Alexia Kirkland, and Vernon Reynolds

BEST ORAL ADVOCATE

Dr. David Margolin

ORAL ADVOCATE FINALISTS

Alexia Kirkland

Karen Ray

Adam Rodriguez

BEST BRIEF

Carey Hartsock & Karen Ray

BEST BRIEF FINALISTS

Lisa Horton & David Margolin

Pamela Elliott & Hulya Reshad

Bryce Hatakeyama & Beth Waldow

BEST ORAL ADVOCATE

SEMI-FINALISTS

Carmen Ramirez

Rhea Ikemiya

Bryce Hatakeyama

Vernon Reynolds

Thanks to all our Moot Court volunteers!

San Joaquin College of Law and the Moot Court Professors, The Honorable Jonathan B. Conklin and Stanley A. Boone and the 2008 Co-Chairs, Pat Smith and Joan Lassley, wish to extend special thanks to this year's judges, listed below, who gave their personal time and energy to this competition. Without this great community support this event would not be the successful event that it has become.

Hon. Brian Arax
Mark Blum
Jake Borchers
Stephanie Borchers
Deborah Boyett
Karen Buck
Kathy Chandler
Nancy Cheung
Lisa Coffman
Mark Cullers
James Donabed
Brian Enos
Carl Faller

Hon. John Gallagher
Ian Garriques
Mia Giacomazzi
Hon. David Gottlieb
Laurel Greene
William Haesy
Judith Hall
Hon. Kent Hamlin
Katherine Hart
Bob Hirth
Hon. Kristi Kapetan
Nathan Lambert


Elana Landau
Jeremy Lusk
Deanna Martinez
Margarita Martinez
Timothy Mazzela
Kathy McKenna
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practice on civil litigation and has tried over 100 jury trials for both plaintiffs and defendants in both state and federal court. His practice is focused on “complex civil actions” that involve many unique and complex areas of law including environmental, inverse condemnation and intellectual property cases among many others. He is the senior partner in the firm of Marderosian, Runyon, Cercone, Lehman & Armo whose beautiful office is located in downtown Fresno. Mick is an active litigator who is a passionate defender of the jury system and public access to it.

Mick has been married to Lorie for 35 years. They have two sons who live in Los Angeles. Mick’s wife is an interior decorator; she decorated the firm’s new offices in downtown Fresno.

Mick is a proud member of the American College of Trial Lawyers and American Board of Trial Advocates. He is also a member of the California, Washington, D.C. and State of Washington bar associations. Mick is also the only SJCL graduate to be inducted into the American College of Trial Lawyers. Less than 1% of attorneys in America are invited into this prestigious organization.

Mick enjoys music and reading the biographies of musical artists and song writers. He has been active as a building owner in the further development of downtown Fresno.



2008 Nominees present at reception **Elizabeth Egan** (Law ‘95), *District Attorney for Fresno County*, **Hon. Gary S. Austin** (Law ‘76), **Kathy Hart** (Law ‘77), **Ima Jean Harvey** (Law ‘75), **Deborah Coe** (Law ‘91), and **Michael G. Marderosian** (Law ‘77)



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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 Frank Gash

Frank finds it hard to believe that it has been over 34 years since he started law school at SJCL with the class of 1978. It was the late summer of 1974, Richard Nixon had just resigned from the presidency, and the Vietnam war was still in progress. Frank had just returned to Fresno after completing his military service commitment as a USAF C – 141 pilot flying combat airlift missions worldwide. No longer required by the “regs” to get a haircut, his hair began to grow, and grow, and grow. Pictures from that era reveal quite an afro on Frank Taylor Gash III. Yes, that really was a long time ago!

The transition from military pilot to law student caused Frank to miss flying, so he found a part time job as a flight instructor and charter pilot at nearby Chandler Field. He doesn't remember much about law school, but he does seem to recall some interesting distractions occurring from time to time while studying his Gilbert's in various Nevada casinos on charter flights. He also remembers coveting Prof. Wanger's very cool new Porsche.

After law school Frank stayed affiliated with professional aviation while launching into private law practice with fellow aviator, Ed Hunt. He eventually became Director of Operations and chief pilot of the commuter airline, Air Sierra, and remained in the cockpit professionally until the general practice of law got to be a full time endeavor in 1981. When Ed was elected Fresno County District Attorney in 1982, Frank left private practice to

serve as a Deputy District Attorney until returning to private practice in 1988.

Frank now practices solo criminal defense law throughout the central state, landing his own M20E aircraft at the local airports and catching a ride with the client to the courthouse (assuming said client is out of custody and has a driver's license). With offices in Fresno and Coalinga, he flies to the Coalinga office and elsewhere from his home at Sierra Sky Park. Having a 200 mph airplane parked in the garage makes a lot of California really close. Frank still flies charity missions from time to time with the flying doctors of LIGA to take medical care to the needy in Central Mexico.

After 30 years of bachelorhood, Frank married the former Michelle Hill of Reedley in 2004. Michelle is a Nurse Practitioner in Cardiology working with Dr. J. R. Nelson in Fresno. So Frank is now enjoying life with a beautiful young wife, 2 German shepherds, 2 cats, 1 African gray parrot, and lots of fish. He also has a sailboat moored at Morro Bay and loves to spend time at sea aboard *Valkyrie*.

Frank has one son, two stepsons, three grandchildren and his mother, who just turned 95 and is still going strong, driving herself to and fro about town in her little silver Mercedes... good genes! Yes, life is good. Thank you SJCL!

Marvin Helon

Since graduating from San Joaquin and passing the bar in 1978, Marvin has worked at Helon & Manfredo LLP in Fresno. He had the benefit of learning from and practicing with

his father, Marvin E. Helon, Donald F. Manfredo and James Gregory who were long-time respected Fresno attorneys. Marvin's practice has focused on estates, trusts, guardianships and conservatorships, where he has done both transactional work and litigation, and on transactional business law and real estate work.

Marvin has been married to Leslie A. Helon since 1979. They have two children, Matt Helon, age 26, and now a graduate student, and Megan Helon, age 21, and now in her senior year of college.

Marvin has spent years active in his kids' schools. He has served as a temporary judge and as a court appointed attorney and court appointed referee in probate matters. Marvin was also the chairman of the Fresno County Bar Association Probate Section.

He served on the Board of Directors of the Fresno County Bar Association. Marvin says he has the San Joaquin College of Law Alumni Association to “thank” for that. One of the few times he took a vacation of any length and while he was out of town in late 1983, his partner, Don Forbes, was hosting a San Joaquin Alumni Association meeting at their office. It just so happened (they say) that the annual notice from the Bar Association showed up with their list of persons nominated by the Board for election as directors and it had the still to be found statement that the general bar membership could nominate any other person with a petition and a specified number of signatures.

Marvin suspects that while “cocktails” were being served at the alumni meeting the conversation turned to “we don't know these people” or “we don't like these people” the Board nominated and if Helon has time for a vacation then he damn sure has time to be on the Board of Directors. The Alumni Association members apparently had enough members present

to nominate him and when Marvin returned he found himself nominated and soon elected. Marvin was told by Val Wesson, then Executive Director of the Bar Association, they didn't quite know what to do, as they had never had (or could not remember) someone being nominated by the general membership, let alone then elected.

Marvin said his only interest is working. He does admit that he works too much but, then again, if he took a vacation, he might end up elected to something else. As to other interests, like a lot of guys, he likes sports and cars.

Marvin believes he was in the one (and only true) day class. He remembers being told when they started that the majority of them would not make it; out of about 60 that started in the day class only 18 graduated. Marvin was the youngest having come straight from college. He remembers it as the first time he really had put in much time studying.

Ysidro Macias

In 1988 Ysidro and his wife took a trip to the "Big Island" of Hawaii. It was love at first sight-love in the sense he had already been thinking of leaving Fresno and was looking for the "perfect place." This wasn't easy, given they had five kids and the oldest was just graduating from high school.

A friend recommended that they go to Kauai. During Easter of 1989, Ysidro took the whole tribe to Kauai and fell in love with the place because it reminded him of the Salinas Valley where he had grown up (agricultural, small towns). While there he made a ridiculous offer on a condo in Poipu Beach. The ridiculous offer was accepted with owner financing. Then he knew that his wife would be open to coming back since they had a piece of the island.

Ysidro put his "new-age thinking" into place and started projecting a possible move to Kauai. Sure enough

all the pieces came together kind of magically. They went over in the fall of '89 and he took the bar exam. He managed to hire a hispanic woman practicing workers' comp for the State Compensation Insurance Fund who could handle his Spanish-speaking clientele in Fresno. Like clockwork, everything fell into place so that they moved in June 1990.

Ysidro practiced a "gentleman's practice" (very slow) on Kauai for 1 1/2 years until his employee notified him that she was moving on, and so Ysidro returned by himself for 1 year to take over his practice again (in Fresno) until he found another person who could handle the Spanish-speaking caseload. In the meantime, his wife proceeded with plans they had to open a Mexican taqueria, which turned into a restaurant. It opened in early 1992.

Hurricane Iniki hit the island in September 1992 while Ysidro was still on the mainland. Initially, the island was awash with federal monies and the restaurant was doing great. The good economic times continued until early 1994, when the federal monies dried up, and the island economy went into a deep funk.

Since the beginning of the restaurant, they had put a small tortilla machine in the back to make fresh tortillas, an item unknown in the islands at the time. In early 1994, the local Safeway store called, asking if Ysidro wanted to put their tortillas in the Safeway store because customers were asking for them. Ysidro became responsible for that portion of the family business. By the end of 1994, their tortillas were in all the stores on Kauai.

In late 1994 they called Costco, who told them that if they moved to Oahu their tortillas could go into Costco warehouses. Their #2 son and Ysidro moved to Oahu. They set up the tortilla operation with new larger machinery, and were off and running. Initially, the going was slow, as

Hawaii consumers are white rice eaters and unfamiliar with tortillas. They doggedly kept plowing away, gaining small victories little by little and dealing with competition from another tortilla operation which opened up roughly the same time on Maui.

The Maui competitor went belly up in 2000, and they have steadily grown into becoming "Hawaii's tortillas" to the present day. Their main competition all comes from the mainland, Mission tortillas primarily.

Ysidro sold his law practice in 1994 and has never looked back. As he tells anyone interested, "I'm a lot happier feeding people than feeding off of them." I left all my suits on the mainland, including ties; shorts and T-shirts are my usual wear at all times, with "slippas," of course.

"My best to Jan and all the folks in Fresno. I admire your ability to keep trucking with the law school."

1988 Ron Calhoun

Ron was a police officer before becoming an attorney so his heart has always been in law enforcement.

After graduation Ron went to work for a private firm in Hanford. Ten years later he ran for and was elected District Attorney of Kings County. Ron has held that position since, and intends to run again when he comes up for election.

Ron has been married to Sherill for 35 years and they have two children. He is blessed with two grandsons and a granddaughter is on the way.

Ron enjoys their grandchildren, hunting, fishing, golf and woodworking.

He has belonged to the Elks, Chamber of Commerce and the Kings Partnership for Prevention during his professional career.

His best memories of law school were studying with Beth, Russ and Rene.

Todd Meek

Todd lives in Henderson, Nevada and is employed by RxAmerica as vice president of insurance-based operations. RxAmerica is a pharmacy benefit management company providing services in all 50 states and the District of Columbia to more than 8 million individuals. They are also the nation's 9th largest Medicare Part D plan, insuring more than 560,000 Medicare Part D subscribers. Todd is the president of RxAmerica's subsidiary, Accendo Insurance Company, a life and health insurer providing insurance coverage to RxAmerica's Part D subscribers. RxAmerica is owned by CVS/Caremark.

Prior to joining RxAmerica, Todd was CEO of Summerlin Life and Health/NevadaCare, a regional health plan serving Nevada, Hawaii, Iowa and Illinois, and was subsequently Chief Operating Officer and General Counsel for Hawaii Management Alliance Association in Honolulu, Hawaii. Todd is an active member of the California and Hawaii Bar Associations, and maintains active membership in the Association of Life Insurance Counsel.

Todd has been married to Debbie for 22 years. They have two sons, William (16) and Thomas (14). Debbie is a certified US Swimming coach, and enjoys competing in open water swimming events. William and Thomas are also club swimmers and have nationally ranked times. School and music are also important priorities, keeping their family quite busy.

Todd has received various recognitions for fundraising and community activities: Health Underwriters, Ronald McDonald House Charities, Nevada Association of Health Plans, Exchange Club. His interests include masters swimming, snow and water skiing, and classic muscle car restoration.

Todd has also served on the Board of the American Heart Association, and the Ronald McDonald House, of greater Las Vegas, Nevada.

Todd's special SJCL memory is: Surviving the first year.....

Holley Perez

In 2004, Holley retired from the County of Fresno and the State of California. She calls herself technically retired, although, she now seems to be as busy as she was when she worked fulltime.

In 1988 after passing the Bar, Holley became a Deputy County Counsel in the Office of the Fresno County Counsel. Initially, her primary assignment was probate law as the attorney for the Fresno County Public Guardian/Public Administrator. However, later she became one of the primary employment law attorneys in the office handling employment/personnel law issues pertaining to the County of Fresno.

In November 2002, Holley left the office of the Fresno County Counsel. At that time she was a Chief Deputy with supervisory responsibilities for the attorneys representing the County of Fresno Health and Human Services Departments, including the attorneys representing the Department of Children and Family Services in juvenile dependency cases. In addition to her supervisory duties, her individual areas of responsibility were employment/personnel law and acting as legal counsel to The Children and Families Commission and the Workforce Investment Board.

In December 2002, Holley began employment with California State University San Marcos as the University Legal Compliance Officer. In this capacity, her responsibilities included reviewing and making recommendations to the Vice President for Finance and Administration/Chief Financial Officer and to the President concerning overall University objectives, poli-

cies, and plans relating to risk management, human resources, employment relations, contracts and other matters that might have legal impact upon the University.

In 2003, Holley was promoted to Assistant Vice President, Human Resources and Legal Compliance at California State University, San Marcos. Her responsibilities then, in addition to those responsibilities as the University Legal Compliance Officer, included the supervision of the University's Human Resources and Equal Opportunity Department relating to employee relations, recruitment, benefits, workers' compensation, ADA, labor relations and, the employee training curriculum.

Holley is presently "of counsel" with her husband's law firm, Perez, Williams & Medina. In this capacity, she conducts fact finding investigations regarding complaints of employee misconduct, discrimination/sexual harassment and fiscal impropriety and provides consulting services for public sector employers concerning a variety of employment/personnel issues. Holley also assists with probate law matters related to the firm's workers compensation and personal injury cases.

Since retiring, Holley has also been employed as a part-time consultant for California State University, Sacramento and California State University, San Marcos and as an attorney in the Fresno County Counsel.

Holley is married is to Robert F. Perez. They have a wonderful daughter, Jennifer Woods, and son-in-law Michael Woods, and two fantastic grandchildren (grandson, Colby, age 7, and granddaughter, Danielle, age 3). She is very fortunate to be able to spend a lot of quality time with her mother, daughter and grandchildren every week because they all live in Fresno.

Holley takes pleasure in reading, music, cooking, enjoying family and

friends and spending time at their home in Mendocino. Holley is a member of the Court Appointed Special Advocates of Fresno and Madera Counties Board of Directors (CASA).

Holley has fond memories of the time spent with her study group members. She especially remembers the 7 a.m. Friday morning breakfasts with her bar exam study partner, Diane Lushbough. In addition to taking the bar review course, Diane and she met every Friday morning to discuss written practice bar exam issues and visit while having breakfast.

Robert Shinn

Since graduation from law school, Robert spent a few years in Fresno engaged in civil litigation before moving to Grand Rapids, Michigan. There he worked for the Social Security Administration as an Attorney-Advisor, within the Office of Hearings and Appeals. Soon Robert was promoted to Senior Attorney-Advisor. This position involved writing disability decisions at the direction of administrative law judges, researching law and regulations, and screening cases for early disposition. Ultimately he was empowered by SSA regulations to adjudicate fully-favorable cases on-the-record without the necessity of a hearing.

In December 2007, Robert seized upon a retirement opportunity. That lasted about 3 weeks. In early January 2008, Robert started a new law practice, North American Disability Advocates, PLLC. This practice is limited to representation of disability claimants before the Social Security Administration and the Federal Courts. Business development is well ahead of the expectations of his business plan, he is happy to say. Self-employment will likely be his last job.

Robert's father past away a few years ago. His passing has left a void in his life. Robert's mother and his siblings

continue to live in the Reedley and Orange Cove area.

Robert enjoys writing and has completed a manuscript that chronicles the corruption, fraud, waste, and abuse of power that Robert witnessed during his federal government employment. He is currently working on a novel as well as an association with a literary agent.

Robert loves motorcycle riding. He owns a heavy touring cruiser motorcycle, upon which he has logged many miles riding through beautiful northern Michigan. Fall is his favorite time to ride, with all of the wonderful, changing colors and wildlife.

Robert wants to help those who struggle with disabilities. His years with SSA brought into focus the plight of many who are struggling to survive with the disadvantage of physical and mental disabilities. This includes many who live with severe chronic physical and emotional pain, while at the same time required to cope with loss of income and health insurance.

Robert has so many special memories – from the first night of class in that large classroom with 56 students, to the small group of folks who walked with him to receive their JD's and witness Greg's concert piano piece. What a wonderful group of souls with whom he experienced those four years – both students and professors. Robert is especially thankful for the ethics instruction at SJCL. Robert has been bewildered by the actions of graduates of other law schools (mostly government managers) who appear to be devoid of the ethics foundation with which he has been blessed.

Each and every day Robert reflects upon the opportunities provided to him by those with the insight to be a founder, professor, and/or supporter of an institution which has provided so many opportunities to him, and those that he serves, with the education that he received at SJCL.

1998

Nick & Delilah Schuller

Shortly after graduating and passing the bar, Nick and Delilah were both hired by the Tulare County District Attorney's Office and moved to Visalia.

Like most deputy district attorneys, they were immediately thrown into a whirlwind of hearings, trial work and chaos. They both admit during their time at the DA's Office they have gained invaluable legal experience and have met some of their dearest friends.

In January 2004, Nick and Delilah became the parents of twin girls, Sofia and Paloma. At that time, Delilah's legal career was immediately put on hold. She decided it was time to exchange her briefcase for diapers and bottles. Shortly after, Nick and Delilah had their third baby girl, Camila, in September 2006. Delilah happily remains a stay-at-home mom.

Nick, however, has continued his career as a prosecutor. He has been with the DA's Office for a decade now and has prosecuted hundreds of cases involving major narcotics, sexual assault, and gang crimes. He is currently a Senior Deputy District Attorney on the homicide unit prosecuting gang murder and death penalty cases.

Nick and Delilah spend most of their free time with their three beautiful girls who love to go to the park, swim and ride bikes.

Somehow, between work and family, Nick was able to record his first solo classical guitar CD, titled "Carpe Diem." Music and art remain an integral part of his life.

Nick's fondest memory of SJCL is winning the George Hopper Moot Court Competition with the best co-counsel ever, his beautiful wife Delilah!

Advancement Developments

This advancement article is dedicated to all the individuals and organizations that have supported SJCL in 2007-2008. We thank you for your generosity and your commitment to give to SJCL, even during these uncertain economic times. We are privileged to have you as donors and honored to call you friends. The law school is pleased to report a 59% increase in total contributions over the last year!

An assortment of fundraising activities and events have highlighted the past year. From the debut of the re-invented Barrister's Ball in February 2008 to the monthly Legacy Luncheons, the 2008 Alumni Hall of Fame induction and reception, the SJCL Lecture Series, and the spring Annual Fund Phona-thon used to personally contact many of our alumni, we strive to keep you "in touch" with what's going on here at SJCL. We are constantly striving to improve our services to alumni and donors and welcome your input.

Congratulations to this year's winners of the 2007-2008 **CLASS**athon. You are now a part of SJCL's history in the making and are permanently emblazoned on the perpetual plaque in the school's main hallway. Thank you for your generosity in giving towards our future endeavors.

Here's to having made 2007-2008 a great year of giving!

With Regards,



Robin Leppo
Director of Institutional
Advancement

2008 CLASSathon

Winning Class for Total Contributions

Class of 1993 (\$2,550)

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Class of 1980 & 1990 (25%)

Annual Fund Recap for Fiscal Year 2007-'08

(Goal of \$50,000 and 10% participation rate)

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Total 1st time gift – alumni donors 29

Total alumni donors..... 103

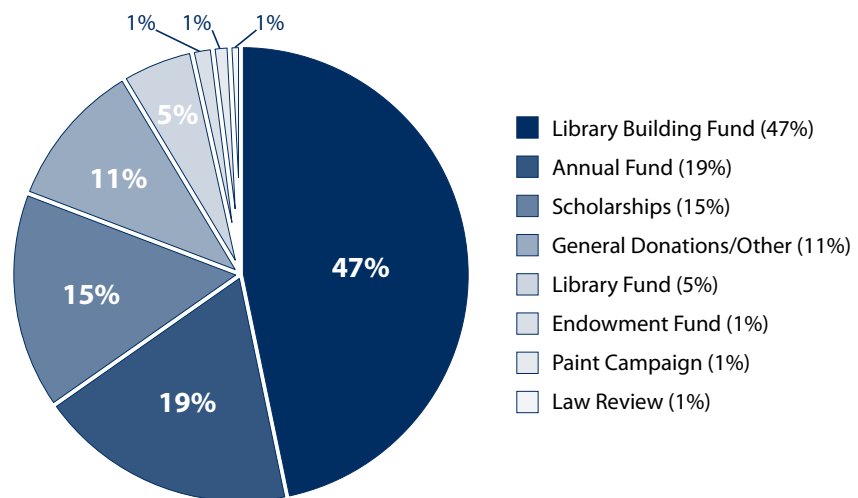
Total alumni participation rate9.5%

Total Giving Report for Fiscal Year 2007-'08

Total Contributions to all fund categories.....\$232,926

Total % of funds contributed by alumni.....67%

Total Giving (August 1, 2007 - July 31, 2008)



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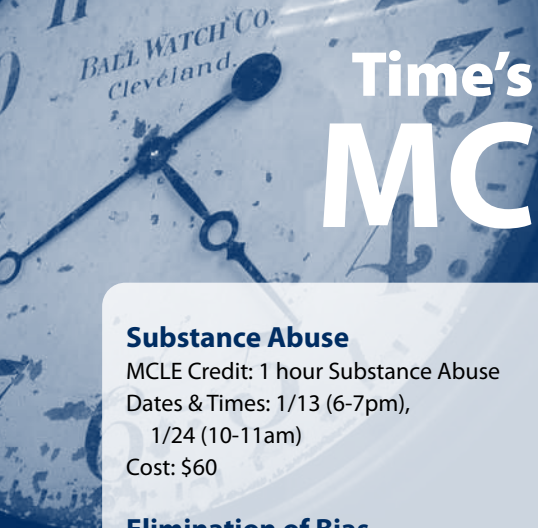
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(L-R) **Robin Leppo**, Director of Institutional Advancement, Outstanding Volunteer Fundraiser **Edward D. Fanucchi, Esq.** with children **Sofia** and **Luca**, **Joyce Morodomi**, Director of Student Services, & **Yezdyar Kaosji**, AFP San Joaquin Chapter President.

SJCL Board Member Edward D. Fanucchi, Esq. (Law '95) was named 2008 Outstanding Volunteer Fundraiser by the Association of Fundraising Professionals, San Joaquin Valley Chapter. Those benefiting from his philanthropic leadership, besides SJCL, include the Business Associates Program at CSUF Craig School of Business, Boys' & Girls' Towns of Italy, St. John's Cathedral, St. Mary's Catholic Church, St. Anthony's School, and Nazareth House. Eddie was instrumental in bringing Opera to Fresno and sits on the Board of the Fresno Grand Opera and San Joaquin College of Law. Eddie plays a key role on SJCL's Development Committee and has resurrected the annual Barrister's Ball to benefit the law school.



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Cost: \$60

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