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San Joaquin College of Law's Law Library

In the land of Clovis, within the hallowed bastion of learning that is SJCL, there was a library. It was a fair library and had been well used.

Unfortunately, over time, it had started to show some wear and developed concerns. The carpet had become worn and was rippling and tearing. There weren't sufficient electrical sockets for laptop use without long extension cords that covered pathways. There was a limited amount of distinct and secluded study and seating space. The federal and state collections were dispersed around the library, and none of the most used materials were anywhere near a flat surface. To top it off, many of the library aisles did not meet ADA width requirements. It had become a challenge to make the library space useful for study and research.

Fortunately, an opportunity arose through the financial generosity of the SJCL donors and Student Bar Association to correct these problems and improve the overall ambience of the library. The carpet would be replaced, shelves adjusted to meet ADA requirements, collection reorganized and electrical outlets installed. New furniture would be purchased and the library reorganized to better accommodate the needs of students and patrons. It would be a herculean endeavor, but there was a secret weapon, a cadre of dedicated and enthusiastic SJCL staff!

So the intrepid SJCL staff, and a half-dozen or so others that were shanghaied

into the staff ranks, went to work over three grueling weeks to remove, reorganize and replace 50,000+ books and many tons of furniture and shelving, while trying to keep the library open and functioning as much as possible. It was an amazing demonstration of strength, endurance, and, let's face it, insanity. The whole undertaking was completed on time, under budget, and with a minimal amount of setbacks. The library is now a more inviting and comfortable place for study and research.

Thanks to everyone involved for their generosity, patience, and hard work. It couldn't have been done without you.



Founder Returns to the Classroom

If there is a silver lining to the retirement of U.S. District Judge Oliver Wanger, you'll find it in the classroom at SJCL.

Judge Wanger co-founded the Law School more than 40 years ago and taught classes for the first 20 years of its existence, but left after he was appointed to the Federal bench in 1991. He has now returned, co-teaching “Constitutional Torts and Civil Rights” with former Senior Deputy City Attorney Melissa White, a 1996 graduate of SJCL and former president of the Fresno County Bar Association.

Despite his 20 year absence from the classroom, Judge Wanger said “It’s like I never left... teaching is a labor of love and it remains equally rewarding.” He added with a smile on his face, “Can it be that the students are smarter and more prepared?”

As for White, she says “Teaching with him is an honor and a privilege,” adding “He knows how to entertain the students and at the same time teaching them a love for the law.” White says Wanger uses his extraordinary experience to show students everyday application of the law, “mesmerizing the students with his stories of cases he has tried and that have been tried in front of him.”



Retired U.S. District Judge and SJCL founder **Oliver Wanger** with former Senior Deputy Fresno City Attorney **Melissa White** (Law '96)

The work ethic of the 70-year-old Wanger is well known. The ABA Journal bluntly titles him a “workaholic,” whose caseload in the Eastern District of California was roughly triple the national average. That heavy workload will now be divided between the two remaining judges, boosting their caseloads to approximately 1,800 apiece.

Meanwhile, there wasn’t a big vacation for Wanger following his September 30th retirement; he immediately began work as a trial attorney and partner of the newly restructured Wanger, Jones & Helsley PC.

Wanger, a Los Angeles native, received his B.S. from the University of Southern California and his law degree from U.C. Berkeley’s Boalt Hall. He served as a Fresno County deputy district attorney from 1967 to 1969, which is the year he joined Fresno County Municipal Court Judge Dan Eymann and attorney John Loomis to found San Joaquin College of Law. Wanger transitioned to private practice, and was a partner with McCormick, Barstow, Wayne, Sheppard, Wayte & Carruth LLP prior to his nomination to the federal bench in 1991.

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Judge Ardaiz Returns to Teaching Evidence

James Ardaiz spent nearly 30 years building a judicial legacy. He started it as a Fresno County Municipal Court Judge in 1981, moving to Fresno County Superior Court in 1985, rising to the level of Associate Justice of the Fifth District Court of Appeal in 1988, and becoming Presiding Justice of that court in 1994.

During part of that time, he also taught Evidence at San Joaquin College of Law. He continued teaching up until about a decade ago, when his many other obligations including teaching other judges and working on policy and labor negotiations on behalf of the judiciary seemed to capture all his time outside the courtroom.

But the memory of his nine years in the classroom lingered at the law school, and Ardaiz credits Dean Jan Pearson for his return to the classroom this fall, adding she “pestered me interminably,” but “It took a few years before I realized she was sincere.”

Perhaps he should read some of the comments posted on anonymous student evaluations during his previous nine years of teaching:

“His strengths are his breadth of experience in all facets of the criminal justice system. Logical, straightforward analyses of the subject matter. Interesting real-life stories.”

“Justice Ardaiz has a way of making me proud of going into the legal field.”

“Tests are fair, very hard, but fair.”

“His dapper attire makes the rest of us look bad. Nice hair.”

“He obviously knows what the study of Evidence entails. He’s a tough blankety blank on Socratic dialogue.”

“He’s a walking code book.”

“I admit I faced Evidence at the beginning of the year with trepidation because Justice Ardaiz’ reputation preceded him like a rotten skunk. Everyone told me he was a tough questioner and a hard grader. I have come to admire and respect him tremendously... He wants us to be good lawyers. He wants to improve the legal profession. He believes in the importance of attorneys in society. Thank you, Justice Ardaiz, for sharing your idealism with us. You’ve done your job. We will go forward and carry the torch. We won’t forget.”

Ardaiz is now Of Counsel at the firm of Baker Manock and Jensen specializing in mediation, neutral appeal evaluation,



post judgment mediation and strategic appeal and trial planning. He writes in his spare time and has been excited to learn his book *Hands Through Stone* has been accepted for publication with a projected issue date this fall. He is busily at work on a new book which he hopes to finish by spring. He’s also written several articles for the Bar Bulletin and, if comments among current SJCL students are any indication, he’s building a new set of positive student evaluations.

Full-Time Faculty

Justin B. Atkinson, Richard M. Cartier, Gregory Gillett, Christine A. Goodrich, Denise M. Kerner, Janice L. Pearson, Sally A. Perring, Jeffrey G. Purvis, Peter Rooney

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Judy Wiseman Memorial Golf Tournament

The ninth Annual Judy Wiseman Memorial Golf Tournament was held at Eagle Springs Golf and Country Club on Saturday, September 10th.

This year we had generous sponsors and would like to thank: our two Eagle Sponsors – Dr. Mark Wiseman & the Visalia OB-GYN Medical Assn, and Price, Paige and Company; two Birdie Sponsors – Baker, Manock & Jensen and Brad Stevens; and finally, our six Tee Sponsors – Hedrick's Chevrolet, Law Office of Tim Magill, Nuttall, Coleman & Wilson, Weakley & Arendt, LLP, Maxco Packaging and Klein DeNatale Goldner Cooper Rosenlieb & Kimball LLP. We also want to thank the following donors and participants in the raffle prizes: Table Mountain Casino, Golfers Gallery, San Joaquin College of Law, Kathy McKenna, John & Carey Hartsock, Kim Mayhew, Joan Lassley, Copper River Golf and Country Club, Eagle Springs Golf and Country Club.



FIRST PLACE TEAM: **John Hartsock, Sean Carey, Jared Smith, and Tom Spencer**

The first place team was John Hartsock, Sean Carey, Jared Smith and Tom Spencer. They won a round of golf for their foursome donated by Copper River Golf & Country Club. The Craig Fry team, with Mark Creede, Mark Gentry,

Jeff Higton and Gary Church, placed second. They won a foursome donated by Eagle Springs Golf & Country Club. Men's longest drive winner was Landon Taylor and the women's longest drive winner was Kathleen Cerniglia. Closest to the pin male award winner was Joe Romero. Winners received gift certificates from the Eagle Springs Pro Shop.



SECOND PLACE TEAM SPONSORED BY CRAIG FRY (LAW '00): **Mark Creede, Mark Gentry, Jeff Higton, and Gary Church**

Many thanks to all our volunteers who made this event a great success: Kim Mayhew (Law '98), Carey Hartsock (Law '10) and student volunteer, Keith Teague. This event could not happen without the hard work of Joan Lassley, with assistance by Kathy McKenna (Law'99). Our special thanks go to the wonderful staff at Eagle Springs Golf Club, who provided tireless and friendly assistance, as well as a beautiful venue, great lunch and awesome weather!

Make sure to watch for next year's tournament!

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Judge Chittick Honored with Women's Equality Day Award

Superior Court Judge and San Joaquin College of Law Adjunct Professor Hilary A. Chittick received the very first "Women's Equality Day Award" from the League of Women Voters of Fresno on August 23rd.



League of Women Voters of Fresno Student Chapter Director **Dr. Diane Blair** presents **Judge Hilary Chittick** with the very first Women's Equality Day Award.

League President Francine Farber says the group was looking for a candidate to represent the achievements, spirit, and progress of women in areas of government or social policy. Farber says when Judge Chittick's name was mentioned as a possibility, the response from board members was "unanimous and overwhelming."

Judge Chittick was appointed to the Fresno Superior Court in 2002 and served as the Presiding Judge of the Superior Court in 2007-2008. She was the first female to hold the position of Presiding Judge in Fresno County history. Prior to her appointment, from 1989-2002, Judge Chittick was a member of the law firm of Gilmore, Wood, Vinnard, Chittick and Magness, where

she handled a wide range of business litigation in federal and state courts, and federal criminal defense. From 1980 to 1989 Judge Chittick was an attorney at the Fresno County Public Defender's Office, handling defense of homicides and major felonies. She has served as president of Fresno County Women Lawyers, chair of the Fresno Juvenile Justice Commission, and was named one of the top 10 business and professional women in Fresno in 2009.

Both Assembly Member Henry T. Perea and Congressman Jim Costa issued proclamations acknowledging both Judge Chittick's accomplishments and the historic nature of the honor of receiving the very first LWV Women's Equality Day Award.

Alumni Corner

As 2011 draws quickly to an end and we alumni go about our daily lives, a new group of students have begun their journey at SJCL. On behalf of the entire Alumni Association I would like to welcome them and wish them, along with the returning students, a successful year.

Your Alumni Association Board has been busy. We recently sponsored three successful events. The first was the Judy Wiseman Memorial Golf Tournament. Everyone had a good time thanks to the hard work of Kathy McKenna (Law '99) and our Alumni Liaison, Joan Lassley. Other volunteers included Carey Watt Hartsock (Law '10) and her husband John. A big thank you goes out to everyone who came out and made this day such a great one!

The Senior Citizens Law Day, was again chaired by Marcella Downing (Law '05). She along with many SJCL student volunteers and Brande Gustafson (Law '09) wowed the seniors with assistance in areas not previously offered by this successful program. Many thank you cards and gifts sent in by the seniors show just how much they truly enjoy and appreciate this yearly event. Great Job!

Got MCLE? occurred on October 15, 2011. This event, chaired this year by Nitza Coleman (Law '03) and Robert Abrams (Law '08), is a FREE service provided to our Alumni Association members but open to non-members. As always, we had interesting speakers and interesting subjects. The Alumni Board would like to thank the Honorable Jonathan Conklin, the Honorable Nickolas Dibiaso, the Honorable Jeff Hamilton, the Honorable Kristi Kapetan, the Honorable Mark Snauffer and the Honorable Steven Vartabedian. Additionally, we thank attorneys Roger Wilson (Law '97), Beth Best (Law '01), Alumni Liaison, Joan Lassley, MCLE Coordinator, Kasi Welte, and student volunteers

Please become a member, get involved, and support our one consistent connection-San Joaquin College of Law. We will look for you at our future events.

Dede J. Agrava (Law '07)
Alumni Association President

Central California Bankruptcy Institute

On September 22, 2011, over 100 attorneys, paralegals, CPAs and financial professionals crowded into a packed ballroom at the Radisson Hotel in downtown Fresno, to learn about the newest issues impacting bankruptcy.

This year marked the 25th Anniversary of the Central California Bankruptcy Institute (CCBI), an educational program created by the totally volunteer Central California Bankruptcy Association (CCBA).

San Joaquin College of Law has played a major role in the CCBI since its inception. In the morning of the second day of this informative two-day event, attendees had the pleasure of hearing about the history of the CCBA and the CCBI from the founders – “The Gang of Five” - Frank Lang, Judge Richard Ford, Riley Walter, Michael Wilhelm and SJCL’s own Dean Janice Pearson. Some interesting facts emerged from that session. The first two locations of the CCBI were held in buildings that would eventually file for bankruptcy. For those early institutes, the extensive bound materials were prepared before the advent of email, collating printers, and fax machines. The first institute was filmed with a handheld video camera, causing a good deal of vertigo amongst subsequent viewers. For stress relief, the first institute featured a comedian who “entertained” the audience by spraying them with silly string.

The CCBI was a groundbreaker. Several other Bankruptcy conferences nationwide were modeled after the CCBI. The Central California Bankruptcy Association and San Joaquin College of Law look forward to another 25 years of Institutes.



GANG OF FIVE (L-R): Frank Lang, Hon. Richard T. Ford, Riley C. Walter, Michael Wilhelm, Dean of SJCL Janice Pearson, and Institute Chair, Christopher Seymour



Judges Panel (L-R) Hon. Michel McManus, Hon. Ronald H. Sargis, Hon. Thomas Holman, Hon. Christopher M. Klein, Moderator Ian Jinkerson, Hon. Whitney Rimel, and Hon. W. Richard Lee.



The room was packed at the 25th Annual CCBA Institute

UC Merced Joins SJCL for Constitution Day

“Virtual Mayhem: Why Does the US Supreme Court Want Our Children to Become Violent Killers?” That was the title of this year’s Constitution Day discussion, which drew dozens of spectators, including about 35 U.C. Merced students who drove to the law school for the event on September 15th.

San Joaquin College of Law Constitutional Law Professor Jeffrey G. Purvis and UC Merced Visiting Professor Mark T. Harris took on the “Virtual Mayhem” topic and its First Amendment implications in light of the recent US Supreme Court decision on California’s attempt to regulate video game violence.

Last year, SJCL and Fresno State teamed up for a panel discussion titled “Obama-care - Landmark Legislation or Dead on Arrival?” This year’s combination with UC Merced is another natural partnership. SJCL’s graduating class this year included the first UC Merced alumna to earn a Juris Doctorate at the Law School, where several UC Merced alumni are currently on track for the same degree. Meanwhile, many UC Merced students are enrolled in that University’s Pre-Law Program, where Professor Harris is a major influence. He advised students unable to attend the discussion to listen to its broadcast the following day on KFCF, 88.1 FM.

Federal law mandates colleges and universities provide opportunities to learn about the Constitution to maintain eligibility for Title IV funding, but it does not require such sessions be boring. Previous Constitution Day events at SJCL have included titles such as “Death Panels Are Trying to Kill My Grandma”

and “Is It Constitutional for Me to Scream at Town Hall Meetings so that No One Else Can Be Heard?”

Aside from his teaching experience at UC Merced, Professor Harris has also taught at the University of Southern California, the University of the Pacific, Mills College and, most recently, taught doctoral candidates at Shanghai Normal University in China. His extensive resume also includes serving as Deputy Chief of Staff to the Secretary of the US Department of Commerce, the late Ronald H. Brown, during the Clinton Administration.

Professor Purvis has served as the James K. and Carol Sellers Herbert Professor of Constitutional Law at San Joaquin Col-



SJCL Constitutional Law Professor **Jeffrey G. Purvis** and UC Merced Visiting Professor **Mark T. Harris**

lege of Law since 1993. He is currently Chairperson of the Faculty Committee and Faculty Chair, and chair of the Curriculum Committee. His latest article, co-authored with SJCL alum Ben Greer (Law '08), is *Judges Going Rogue: Constitutional Implications When Mandatory Firearm Restrictions Are Removed From Domestic Violence Restraining Orders*, 26 WIS. J.L. GENDER & SOC'Y (forthcoming Fall 2011).



U.C. Merced Professor **Mark T. Harris** poses with some of the many U.C. Merced students who made the trek to SJCL in Clovis for the Constitution Day event.

A Hopper Happening!



BACK ROW (L-R): AUSA **Stan Boone**, **Jeremiah Paul**, **Kendall Reynolds**, **Satnam Brar**, **Chester Walls**, and Fresno County Superior Court Judge **Jonathan Conklin**
FRONT ROW (L-R): U.S. Magistrate Judge **Sheila Oberto**, Fifth District Court of Appeals Justice **Stephen Kane**, and Fifth District Court of Appeals Justice **Steven Vartabedian** (retired)

Weeks of classroom preparation at San Joaquin College of Law and days of oral arguments in the 2011 George A. Hopper Moot Court Competition culminated July 8th with the announcement of the winners.

First, however, competitors and audience members were treated to overall assessments by three of the judges. The Hon. Sheila Oberto credited the competitors for their ability to recover after having their arguments interrupted by onslaughts of questions and hypotheticals posed by the panel. The Hon. Stephen Kane noted that some competitors seemed nervous, but he was impressed by their eye contact, command of law, and ability to “pound the point home.” The Hon. Steven Vartabedian took the praise a step further, saying he believed the students had natural speaking and thought organization skills, but they had been honed to a critical level under the instruction of the Hon. Jonathan Conklin and Assistant United States Attorney Stan Boone.

SJCL extends special thanks to others who also judged the competition, including the Hon. Brian Arax, Justin Atkinson, Deborah Boyett, Henry Carbajal, Chrystine Carvalho, Ken Carver, Dan Casas, Hon. Adolfo Corona, Mark Cullers, Mia Giacomazzi, Gregory Gillett, Hon. Jeffrey Hamilton, Shannon Harding, Katherine Hart, Hon. Jim Kelley, Stefanie Krause-Cota, Louis Larres, Hon. W. Richard Lee, Jeremy Lusk, Hon. Rosemary McGuire, Kathleen McKenna, Yasin Mohammad, Jo Anne Morales, Carol Moses, Warren Paboojian, Sally Perring, Jeffrey G. Purvis, Kimberly Raven, Sharlene Roberts, Kevin Rooney, Roberta Rowe, Edwin Sasaki, Kathy Servatius, Hon. Mark Snauffer, Philip Tavlian, Robert Uriarte, Ann Voris, Harry White, Melissa White, Jody Winter, and Francine Zepeda.

Best Oral Advocate

Satnam Brar

Oral Advocate Finalists

Chester Walls
Jeremiah Paul
Kendall Reynolds

Best Brief

Charles Palmer & Derek Walzberg

Best Brief Finalists

William Buttry & Daren Stemwedel
Andrew Kucera & Josh Kruger
Kendall Reynolds & Tomas Kunder

Best Oral Advocate Semi-finalists

Michael Brady
Travis Ishikawa
Michael Shaddix
Rajjinder Sungu

Legacy Luncheons

Class of 1974-76



(L-R) Bill Cowin (Law '75), Hon. Gary Austin (Law '76), Paul Hager (Law '76), Janice Pearson, *Dean*, James Mele (Law '76), Hon. Don Penner (Law '74), Mio Quatraro (Law '74), C. William Brewer (Law '76), Judy Ward (Law '74), Richard Fairbank (Law '76), Ed Hunt (Law '74), and John Loomis, *Founder*

Class of 1977-79



(L-R) John Mesrobian (Law '79), Michael Marderosian (Law '77), Ernest Tuttle, *Faculty*, Kay Tuttle (Law '78), Janice Pearson, *Dean*, Phil Cline (Law '78), John Loomis, *Founder*, Paul Hinkly (Law '78), Katherine Coolidge (Law '79), Robert Perez, *Faculty*, Tim Magill (Law '78), and John Suhr (Law '78)

Class of 1980-82



(L-R) John Shehadey (Law '81), Peter Wasemiller (Law '82), Janice Pearson, *Dean*, Doug Haas (Law '82), Karen Kern (Law '80), Ron Henderson (Law '80), Hon. Nancy Cisneros (Law '80), and Philip Tavlian (Law '80)

Welcome First Year Students!

The incoming 2011 class of San Joaquin College of Law was greeted by hor d'oeuvres, new classmates, upper classmates, professors, staff, and alumni at the July 21st Dean's Reception.

After a half hour of mingling and munching, the class assembled to hear from upper classmates. Keith Teague spoke on behalf of the 2Ls, advising students to dive into the work and activities offered by the Law School. Sarah Santoyo (3L), who runs a business while attending law school, told the 1Ls to prioritize their time, and avoid being a perfectionist. Daren Stemwedel welcomed the 1Ls on behalf of the graduating class, telling them every single member of his class would help them in any way they could. He also pointed to the many SJCL student organizations and opportunities for externships.

Along with welcoming the incoming class, Dean Jan Pearson also welcomed SJCL Professor and alumnus Dan Rogers (Law '08) to the podium. Rogers recently completed teaching a course on "Interactive Media," including using Skype to bring experts to the classroom in real time. He talked about his current private practice, in which he negotiates contracts between agents who create video games and those who buy them. In one case, he used US law to broker an agreement between one group in Sweden and another in Israel. Despite his often international practice, he works from his home. Following his talk, he was swarmed by 1Ls with questions and comments; one reasoned the line was so long because Rogers "is a Rock Star!"

Rogers' particular line of work may be of special interest to this year's 1Ls. After an inquiry from the Business Journal regarding the number of students entering with business-related degrees, SJCL discovered more than a quarter of this year's incoming class hold such degrees, compared to less than ten-percent of last year's 1Ls.

The class includes alumni from seven of the ten UC campuses, but nearly half of the incoming class earned a bachelor's degree from a CSU campus, including Fresno State, CSU Northridge, CSU Stanislaus, and CSU Long Beach. Many have relatives who are alumni of the Law School, including one whose mother and father are both SJCL alumni.



Champions of Justice

Dean Jan Pearson congratulates Irene Ramirez (Law '06) for winning the 2011 Central California Legal Services "Champions of Justice" Attorney Award. CCLS, now celebrating its 45th anniversary, helps low income residents facing various legal challenges.



On Campus Interviews

Dean Jan Pearson welcomed Madera County District Attorney Michael Keitz (Law '91) for on campus interviews this fall. Other participating firms and agencies included McCormick, Barstow, Sheppard, Wayte & Carruth, the Fresno County Public Defender's Office, Lozano Smith, Parker, Kern, Nard & Wenzel, Baker, Manock and Jensen, and the Law Offices of Michael J.F. Smith.

Back to School Party



Kristina Garabedian (2L), Director of Student Services **Joyce Morodomi**, and SBA President **Raj Sungu (3L)**



Lucia Gonzalez (3L), Professor **Rich Cartier**, and **Gary Caine (4L)**



Jesse Molina (4L) and his daughter **Eliana** work up name tags



The crowd gathers at the SBA Back to School event, munching gourmet hotdogs while awaiting shows on the big screen



Andy (3L) and **Karin Kucera** with their daughter **Eva** at the SBA Back to School event



Libby Hellwig (2L), **Seth Mehrten (2L)**, and **Kellie Owens (2L)**



Institutional Advancement Associate **Kasi Welte**, **Rayne Walter-Young**, Dean **Jan Pearson**, and **Bill Klomhaus (2L)**



Dallas Thiesen (3L) and Alumni Association President **Dede Agrava (Law '07)**

Alumni Profiles

SJCL congratulates our alumni celebrating 10, 20 and 30-year anniversaries in 2011. It has been a wonderful opportunity to contact all of our alumni to write their amazing stories. Thanks to all for reading and participating.

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William E. Gunn

Since graduation Bill has practiced worker's compensation law, with social security disability, public employees retirement, and Medicare secondary payer law thrown in. Currently the majority of his practice is regulatory as he works on insuring State Fund in compliance with the federal Medicare secondary payer statute. Bill still does some litigation though not as much as in the past. Most of his litigation caseload is state agency cases. Bill has worked at three different firms, getting a taste of worker's compensation from all sides; Ninnis and Cribbs, Worker's Compensation Applicant's Attorney 1992 to 2001; Laughlin Falbo Levy and Moresi, Worker's Compensation Defense Attorney, 2001 and State Compensation Insurance Fund, Worker's Compensation Defense Attorney, 2001 to present.

Bill married Lena in 1997. Their daughter, Natanya, is 10, and son, Jonathan, is 8. Lena is a registered nurse and works part time. Both children are into ice skating sports. Natanya figure skates and Jonathan is planning for his entry into the NHL Hall of Fame. Natanya and Jonathan seem to be the activity drivers, and with having a son wild about hockey, Bill has become a rabid Sharks fan. They spend their spare time involved with their church and children's activities. They travel when they can and have recently taken trips to Yellowstone and Washington, D.C. with more to come.

Bill was a member of the California Applicant's Attorneys Association while an Applicant's Attorney and was President of the Fresno Chapter from 1996-1997. Bill became a California State Bar Certified Specialist in Worker's Compensation Law in 1999. Sitting for the specialist exam brought back memories of the bar, but fortunately you are only tested

on one subject. In 2005 he received an Award for Corporate Excellence from State Fund.

Bill has many pleasant memories from his days at SJCL. He always enjoyed break time with Jeff Levinson and Glen Williford when they would hop the fence and walk to the donut shop, and then hang out in the parking lot until they had to return to class. Catching the burglar with Glen Wilson was also an interesting event. Being in a small class for four years really allows you to get to know your classmates. You know who is going to ask the questions and most of the time whether you need to listen or not. Graduation was a fun evening and very fulfilling. The night after the bar was a blast with all his classmates until the hotel security guard came and told them to be quiet, but opening the letter from the bar and finding out you had passed had to be the best memory of all.

Michael Keitz

After law school, the call of law enforcement prompted Michael to join the Madera County District Attorney's Office in 1992, where he has practiced since. Michael is currently the Madera County District Attorney.

Michael, his wife, Mary, and son reside in Madera.

In his spare time Michael enjoys travel and anything that is outdoors. He is active in Kiwanis and attends many, many community events.

When asked about his time at SJCL he has wonderful memories of his study group, the great preparation for practice of law and "Pro Purr" Dean Pearson.

Jean Pinkerton

After graduation and passing the Bar, Jean joined the firm of Register and

Cartier and worked closely under the tutelage of G. June Register, practicing in family law areas.

Jean developed a specialty in drafting of retirement division orders pursuant to a divorce. When June Register retired in 1996, Jean opened a solo practice devoted entirely to drafting of QDROs and retirement divisions in divorce or legal separation cases. Today she does this work for cases all over the Central Valley area of California and for many courts and family law counsel.

Jean is married, a mother, a grandmother and daughter involved closely with family and friends. Some of her friends are those made many years ago from SJCL. Jean has great memories of classmates, instructors and the entire supportive environment that SJCL creates for its students.

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Daniel Bruce

Danny worked for an insurance defense firm for about a year after passing the Bar and really disliked it. Then, he and Nick Zinkin started their own firm, Zinkin & Bruce. It was at that time that Danny really learned how to be an attorney. Nick and Danny had the constant support and guidance of Nick's father, Dewayne Zinkin and Richard Fairbank (Law '76). While he has been a sole practitioner since 2008, he has maintained a very close relationship with Nick Zinkin, as they continue to share the same office. Danny does a lot of real estate based work and also keeps very busy working with professional athletes involved in Mixed Martial Arts. Working with these athletes is a great fit since he is such a huge fan of the sport.

Between work and school, Danny remembers being so burned out by the

third year; he could barely drag himself to class. Once bar prep came around, however, he was able to get a second wind and make it through. Taking the Bar didn't go without a hitch however. During the first morning of the test, he realized he had written his answer to Question No. 2 in the answer booklet for Question No. 3. After a panicked talk with the proctor, he casually said "just scribble over the numbers and make sure you put it in the right box." Danny did, but the thought of that mistake kept him up for many nights over the next four months. Thankfully, things worked out.

Not long after graduating and passing the bar in 2001, Danny married Melissa in Florence, Italy. They will be celebrating their 10 year anniversary this December. They have three wonderful children: Ricco, 8, Sophia, 6, and Rocco, 2. Ricco and Sophia attend St. Helen's School in Fresno where Danny is a member of the school board. With three kids in the house, as well as three dogs, things can get very hectic. However, they wouldn't have it any other way.

Beth Best Lee

Since July of 2005, Beth has been employed with the Fresno County Public Defender's Office. She is assigned to the Felony Trial Team and has practiced primarily criminal law since graduation.

Beth is divorced. Her first two children were one and two years old when she started law school. They are now 16 and 15. Both of her boys are doing wonderfully. Beth's career has allowed her to be single and sole support for many years to her boys. Beth has remarried and they have had a third son. Their youngest is now five years old. All of her free time is spent with family.

Beth is a board member of "The Other Bar." It is a state wide organization of attorneys and judges in recovery. They assist attorneys, judges, law students and other members of the legal community to get help for substance abuse related problems.

Beth states "I love my law school memories; all of them are special. My study group was this magnificent group of women that supported each other. Each one of them have a special place in my heart; Amy, Faith, Grace, Gina, Debra and Lynn. "

J. Brent Richardson

Brent upon admission worked as an associate with Bill Krieg doing consumer protection law. He then joined Hargrove and Costanzo which was his introduction to municipal law. Brent has now been the City Attorney for the City of Madera for five years. Municipal law has proven to be a great area of the law because it always poses new exciting issues.

Brent's wife is Mary and they have two children. Mathew is 23 and working at Cisco while finishing up a masters degree from Cal Poly in electrical engineering. His daughter Julia is 20 and working towards a psychology degree at Fresno State.

In those fleeting moments of spare time Brent enjoys anything outdoors, including boating, hiking, camping or getting on the bicycle and going for a good long ride.

His memories of SJCL include the many long study group sessions. There were certain members of their class who, realizing the propensity of students to talk about an exam afterward, would discuss "made up" doctrines after an exam just to cause panic in anyone who might overhear the conversation. Always good for a laugh.

Nick Zinkin

After graduating from SJCL and passing the bar exam, Nick worked for Myers & Overstreet. In 2002, he and classmate Dan Bruce partnered as Zinkin & Bruce. In 2008, Zinkin & Bruce was dissolved and each started his own practice. The two remain close friends and share office space to this day.

Nick devotes most of his practice to transactional work related to real estate, including acquiring property, financing and leasing. Nick also spends time reviewing and preparing license agreements and endorsement contracts for his brother's sports management company, Zinkin Entertainment.

In addition to his law practice, Nick is a principal of Zinkin Development, a family-owned real estate development and property management company. Nick feels very fortunate to be able to work with his father and brothers on a day-to-day basis. Nick also enjoys working with SJCL graduate, Richard Fairbank (Law '76), who has been in-house counsel for Zinkin Development for 35 years.

Nick and his wife, Amey, are raising three daughters and a son. With a background in athletics, they spend afternoons and weekends at events related to gymnastics, dance, soccer, cross-country and wrestling. Nick's favorite memory of SJCL is the day he got his bar results. Nick and Dan took their wives to dinner at The Elbow Room a couple of hours before the results came out. By the time dinner ended, the rest of their families and many friends had showed up. They decided to walk to a nearby friend's office to get the results. Word traveled among friends who were also at The Elbow Room and it felt like the whole restaurant walked over to see the results.

This was a sharp contrast to Nick and Dan's original plan to check the results in private. Although he felt confident that he had passed throughout the four-month waiting period, Nick was sure he had failed after he typed in his name and the hour glass just kept loading. He remembers looking around the room and regretting allowing so many people to join them. Fortunately, both Nick and Dan passed and they had plenty of people there with them to celebrate.

*“When you learn, teach.
When you get, give.” – Maya Angelou*

I am grateful to so many of you who have taken Maya’s quote to heart and made 2010-2011 the highest contributed Annual Fund in SJCL’s 41-year history. We broke last year’s record by almost \$20,000. As you peruse the pages of this Inter Alia edition, you will see your monies hard at work—from the library renovations to the new faculty positions—the annual fund is unrestricted dollars that allow the law school to continue to operate and provide an excellent legal education. On the following pages you will see the names of all of our generous donors over the last fiscal year and the results from this year’s Classathon challenge. This Inter Alia is dedicated to recognizing all our donors who have given so generously throughout 2010-2011 and continue to make SJCL a priority when choosing the organizations they philanthropically support each year. As we head into our 42nd year, we look forward to our continued relationship with our esteemed alumni, valued supporters, and ever-growing number of friends.

This year we continue to challenge everyone to help us reach our \$100,000 annual fund goal but as important, we are sending out a call to action for YOU to help us raise our alumni participation rate to 20%—It’s SJCL’s 20/20 vision! This past fiscal year, we had an alumni participation rate of 14.4%, and in 2009-2010 it was 16.24%. WE CAN DO BETTER! Every gift helps reach both goals, no matter the size. When you receive your Fall Annual Fund Appeal, please take a moment to consider increasing your past gift by 20%, or if you have never made a gift, consider sending in a contribution of \$20 to help with our participation rate.

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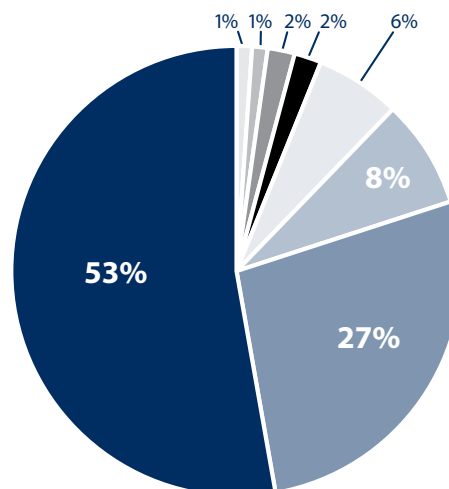
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Total contributions.....	\$86,186
Total 1st time gift – alumni donors	29
Total alumni donors.....	175
Total alumni participation rate.....	14.4%

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Total Contributions to all fund categories.....	\$163,013
Total % of funds contributed by alumni.....	46%

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Annual Fund	53%	\$86,186
Scholarships	27%	\$44,732
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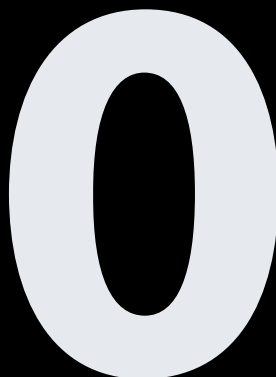
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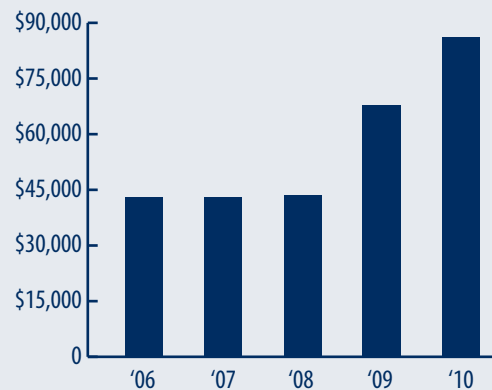
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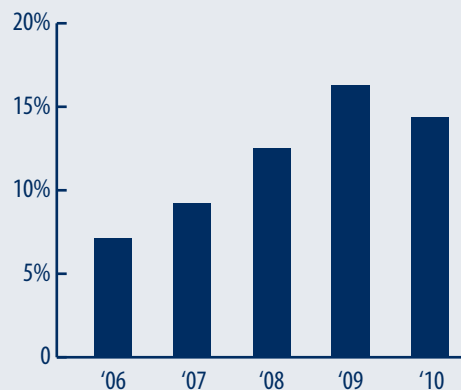
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