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9th Annual Donor Wall Reception

“Who Doth Inhabit the Primary Position” was the question of the night as a large crowd gathered together in the closest thing to theater in the round that can be accomplished in SJCL’s long hallway.

Hal Bolen and Greg Taber, from the Woodward Shakespeare Festival, delighted their audience with a Shakespearean take on the classic Abbot and Costello “Who’s on First.”

Prior to the 9th Annual Donor Reception’s entertainment, guests enjoyed hors d’oeuvres by The Painted Table and wine by Cru Winery donated by SJCL Board member, Steven Spencer. Dean Janice Pearson gave a brief overview of the last year and SJCL’s current focus in the coming year. She stated to the crowd “As I reviewed the guest list for tonight, to note who to acknowledge for their contributions to SJCL, I realized I would have to name every person in attendance. You have all made a tremendous impact on the law school!”

This year, twelve new donors were added to the donor wall, having given \$2,500 or more in cumulative gifts to SJCL. Fifteen donors elevated on the wall, having given additional gifts to move from one donor society to another. SJCL has experienced enormous support over the past year. The Donor Reception was a wonderful evening to thank our many supporters. For those of you who were unable to join us, we hope to see you next year.



Hon Dale Ikeda, Dean Jan Pearson, and Melissa White (Board and '96)



Joan Lassley, Cyrus and Dianna Madison (Board and '01)

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SAVE THE DATE

*Sally's Last Potluck and Joan's Farewell**May 9, 2014, 5-8PM at San Joaquin College of Law*

Please join us to thank and give well wishes to two pillars of SJCL. Both Dean of Academic Affairs Sally Perring and Facilities Coordinator/Alumni Liaison Joan Lassley are retiring on June 30, 2014 after more than a combined 45 years of service to the law school. These two women have given their professional lives to SJCL and helped hundreds of students. This party is to celebrate them and their accomplishments.

Sally wanted a Last Potluck. It was to be "Bring a Dish and a Check." She wanted the celebration of hers and Joan's retirements to help SJCL. Well, we can't really do a potluck of that size for safety reasons, but you are invited to bring cookies, chips, or non-alcoholic drinks (and a check). SJCL will provide barbequed tri-tip and chicken with appropriate side dishes. Any monetary gift you might make can be designated to any purpose of your choice for SJCL.

Sally served as an adjunct faculty member beginning in 1983. She joined the full-time faculty in 1991 and quickly became the Dean of Academic Affairs. Nearly

**Sally Perring and Joan Lassley**

75% of SJCL graduates to date have taken Real Property from Sally. She has also taught Professional Responsibility, Legal Analysis, Advanced Research and Writing, and in the Paralegal Program. Sally often taught a one-on-one class for a student who needed Advanced Research and Writing to graduate. She drafted and organized multiple WASC and COBE accreditation Self Studies, a staggering task. She was SJCL's assessment expert as well as the force behind curricular improvements. She served as Academic Advisor for multitude of student writers for the San Joaquin Agricultural Law Review. For many students, Sally was a crucial personal and professional advisor.

Joan served first as an Assistant in the Finance Depart-

ment. In 2003, she became the Facilities Manager/Alumni Liaison. Joan never met a person she didn't like or with whom she couldn't make a connection. She has been the face of SJCL among alumni and the Clovis Community. She has organized myriad of events, facilitated Inter Alia bios, and sought donations, including spearheading creation of the Soroptomists Scholarship. But Joan's first love will always be SJCL's beautiful building. She has conducted fundraising campaigns to help maintain it and sought every day to keep it in perfect condition.

Please join in this celebration to shower Sally and Joan with our thanks and good wishes.

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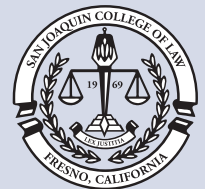
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SJCL Welcomes Rose Safarian as Full-time Faculty

The new face among the full-time faculty is far from new to the Law School; Professor Rose Safarian has been an adjunct professor for over 20 years.

Professor Safarian already has experience teaching Legal Analysis, Advanced Research and Writing, Professional Responsibility, Analytical Process, and Remedies. She was a Senior Partner at Rowley and Safarian, specializing in civil Appeals and Writs, Employment Law, and Civil Litigation, when she began teaching, but then continued her adjunct position for many years as she stayed home to raise her children.

She believes the timing of the offer to join the full-time faculty was ideal, in that her children are older now and don't need her around as much. She adds she "took a route many other women did not take" by staying home with her kids, but this opportunity has allowed her to return to the profession in a way she never expected.

She says she "loves thinking about the law, and this place allows me to do that."

Along with Safarian's real world experience in many of her subject areas, SJCL is also excited by the academic

support work she has done with the many incoming classes. She will teach Remedies and Research and Writing, along with continuing her contributions to Academic Support and Ethics.

Prior to taking her position as partner at Rowley and Safarian in 1992, Safarian was an associate attorney with Stroup and DeGeode for two years, an associate attorney at Thomas, Snell, Jamison, Russell and Asperger for a year, and a Senior Attorney for Justice Pauline Hanson, California Court of Appeal, Fifth Appellate District, Fresno, for three years.

Safarian earned her Bachelor's Degree in Sociology from UCLA and her J.D. from McGeorge, where she was the Legislative Editor for the Pacific Law Journal, supervising a staff of 30 writers and editors. Her publications include the comment *A Shot at Stricter Controls: Strict Liability for Gun Manufacturers*, 15 Pacific Law Journal 171, (October 1983) and Review of Selected 1982 California Legislation, 14 Pacific Law Journal 441, 621, 659, 732, 746 (January 1983).



Professor **Rose Safarian**

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Police Liability for Tactical Conduct Preceding the Use of Force – The Implications of *Hayes v. County of San Diego*

By **Michael R. Linden**, *Deputy Fresno County Counsel & Adjunct Professor* and **Justin B. Atkinson**, *Associate Academic Dean*

The Spring 2012 edition of the California Public Law Journal featured an article (written by the authors herein) entitled *Can a Lawful Arrest Be Negligent?* That article discussed the issue of whether law enforcement officers owed a legal duty to arrestees to use reasonable care in the tactics employed to effectuate an arrest. While citing authority supporting the existence of a duty to use reasonable force, the article also cited the cases *Adams v. City of Fremont* (“Adams”) and *Munoz v. City of Union City* (“Munoz”)

for the proposition that law enforcement officers did not owe a duty to potential arrestees with respect to the tactics utilized prior to the use of force.

Since the Spring 2012 article was published, however, the foundation of the broad rule of no duty set forth in *Adams* and *Munoz* has slowly eroded.

On August 19, 2013, the California Supreme Court issued a decision in the case *Hayes v. County of San Diego* that substantially limits the holdings in

Adams and *Munoz* in cases where police officers cause the death of a subject in the field. In light of the new Supreme Court case, we have published a follow-up article, *Police Liability for Tactical Conduct Preceding the Use of Force -- The Implications of Hayes v. County of San Diego*, to discuss the current state of law enforcement liability for conduct preceding the use of force.

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Students Tour the California Court of Appeal for the Fifth District

A group of SJCL students toured the California Court of Appeal for the Fifth District on February 18. The Fifth District Court of Appeal hears civil and criminal cases from nine counties, including Fresno, Kern, Kings, Madera, Mariposa, Merced, Stanislaus, Tulare and Tuolumne. Presiding Justice Brad R. Hill, Associate Justice Charles S. Poochigian, Associate Justice Rosendo Peña, Jr., and Associate Justice Jennifer R.S. Detjen spoke to the students regarding the construction of the Fifth District Court of Appeal building and the appellate process in general. They also fielded candid questions from our group following the presentation of oral arguments regarding three separate cases.



The tour included a behind the scenes look at Presiding Justice Brad R. Hill’s chambers, the law library, the judicial round-table, and the settlement conference room. The Justices encouraged the students to work hard and apply for externship positions with the court.

Special thanks to everyone who made this tour possible including; Presiding Justice Brad R. Hill, Associate Justice Charles S. Poochigian, Associate Justice Rosendo Peña, Jr., Associate Justice Jennifer R.S. Detjen, and Kristina Garabedian for arranging the tour.

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So, Cite Me!

This synopsis of a recent student comment featured in the San Joaquin Agricultural Law Review is part of an ongoing series for the Fresno County Bar Association's Bar Bulletin.

The *San Joaquin Agricultural Law Review*, founded in 1991, is the oldest agricultural law review in the nation. It is published annually by students of San Joaquin College of Law, and presents student and scholar works on legal topics of current interest to those in agriculture, government, business and law. Its articles and comments have been cited by the United States District Court for the Eastern District of California, the United States District Court for the Middle District of Tennessee, the California Supreme Court, the Minnesota Supreme Court, the Court of Appeal for the Fifth District of California and the New Mexico Court of Appeal among others. The complete Comment is available on line, along with the entire 22nd Volume and the previous 21 Volumes at www.SJCL.edu/SJALR. Professional articles are always welcome. Contact Volume 23 SJALR Executive Editor Amanda Kjar at amanda.kjar@student.sjcl.edu for more information.

The Asian Citrus Psyllid and the Regulatory Takings that Organic Farmers in the State of California May Face with its Eradication Program

By Candace Clark
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As you drive through the State of California you are bound to see the incredible amount of land used for agriculture. California is famous for its citrus industry, and is home to the second largest citrus producing region in the United States, generating a 1.8 billion dollar citrus harvest, 1.2 billion dollars for California's economy, and nearly 25,000 jobs. Now imagine that California-grown citrus disappeared.

Many jobs would be lost, California's economy would decline, and California's iconic citrus trees would be a thing of the past.

Indeed, the California citrus industry faces such a threat of loss from a tiny insect only 3mm in length. The Asian Citrus Psyllid ("the Psyllid") is an invasive species from Asia that lives and feeds on citrus trees. The Psyllid has spread to the United States, including California. The insect itself is not the threat; rather, the insect is a vector for a bacterial disease called Huanglongbing ("HLB") or citrus greening. HLB infects the vascular system of citrus plants. Diseased citrus plants display discolored leaves, produce inedible fruit, and will eventually die. The only known way to stop HLB is to destroy the vector (the Psyllid) and any plants exhibiting disease symptoms or testing positive for HLB. Allowing the Psyllid and HLB to spread throughout California would negatively impact California citrus growers, and thus California's economy.

Implementation of a Psyllid control program in California may face unique challenges with organic farmers who, unlike "conventional" farmers, choose not to use synthetic pesticides (i.e. non-organic). The California Department of Food and Agriculture ("CDFA") is currently working to prevent the spread of the Psyllid and HLB with synthetic pesticides. As of now, commercial farmers are making most of their own decisions on how to deal with possible infestations of the Psyllid on their crops. This may change if the situation worsens, since the CDFA will be responsible for stopping the spread of HLB with means they consider to be effective. The Psyllid control program currently in place will treat residential areas with insecticides that are within 800 meters of a tree that

was found to be infected with HLB. Commercial citrus trees that are found to be infected will be treated along with any orchard that intersects with the 400 meter radius of the find site. The lack of an organic alternative in the Psyllid control program would negatively affect organic farmers if a mandatory spray regimen required the use of synthetic pesticides on organic crops, resulting in a loss of organic certification.

To gain the status of "organically produced" in the United States, a farmer must refrain from utilizing any synthetic pesticides for three years. Becoming organically certified involves a lengthy application process, registration fees, and inspector's fees. There is a significant investment in becoming organically certified, so any loss in organic certification would effect this investment in a negative way. This Comment advocates for compensation for a loss of organic certification resulting from current and future Psyllid eradication programs.

This Comment analyzes if an inverse condemnation suit in response to a mandatory synthetic pesticide regimen initiated by the CDFA would be successful, especially considering that payment of just compensation for a regulatory taking is not required when the State is protecting the public from a nuisance. The Comment goes on to advocate that current regulations for the Psyllid eradication program would not always be abating a public nuisance. The Comment recommends that the State of California not find a public nuisance when synthetic pesticides are sprayed on healthy organic citrus trees. This would allow compensation to organic farmers who may temporarily lose their certification because of the Psyllid eradication program.

O'Neill Book Drive Beefs Up CUSD Libraries

SJCL wishes to thank everyone who contributed books to the Elizabeth O'Neill Memorial Book Drive!

Lincoln and Jefferson Elementary Schools, both Title I Schools in Clovis Unified, divided up the stack of 333 books as eager students perused the pile. Lincoln Librarian Becky Grace and Jefferson Librarian Gwen Kubo were especially excited to split a pile of six brand new books written and autographed by Jean Chaffee, the widow of Dr. Paul Chaffee, for whom the Chaffee Zoo is named. Each book is the true story of a beloved animal at the zoo.

This is the 6th year for the Elizabeth O'Neill Book Drive, resulting in a total of over 1,600 books headed to Clovis elementary school libraries. The Drive commemorates a woman whose concern for children is a lasting legacy for the Valley. O'Neill's life was at first



Jefferson Librarian Gwen Kubo (L) joined Lincoln Elementary students along with Lincoln Principal Matt Verhalen and Librarian Becky Grace (R) as the books donated to the Elizabeth O'Neill Memorial Book Drive were divvied up!

focused on raising five children before completing her law degree from Boalt Hall in 1969, but her concern for children never ended. She became a nationally recognized expert in family

law including child custody, visitation, and child abuse. She was one of the founders of Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) of Fresno County and the Fresno Council on Child Abuse Prevention.

"She's the Shoe Box Girl"

It's a title 14 years in the making for SJCL student Kristina Garabedian.

It began around the time her father, dentist Dr. Robert Garabedian (Law '81), made a trip to Armenia to do free dental work for poor or orphaned children and distribute soccer uniforms he had collected from Fresno-area teams who were sporting new uniforms. He brought back an exchange student, who lived with the family for a year. Kristina began experiencing the culture from an insider's perspective, which came crashing home when she visited Armenia and found "houses I couldn't believe people lived in."

Returning to America, she remembered a story about a pastor who put shoeboxes under the seats in each pew, asking his parishioners to fill them with items for needy children in Mexico. Kristina decided to do the same for children in Armenia, but her father said she needed to set a goal for her first year. "A hundred?"

"How about a thousand?" he asked.

So she founded a nonprofit called "Shoe-Box Sharing." Kristina, who will earn her Juris Doctor from SJCL this spring and her MBA from Fresno State the following year, was barely a teen when she began. The motto for her new nonprofit was "Children Helping Children Be Children."

As time went by, Kristina's family began sending sea containers containing everything from CAT scan machines and incubators to hospital beds and dental equipment. Kristina says people trusted her with their donations because she always personally checked on where the donations went, adding "everywhere my stuff goes, I go," whether that meant travelling to Armenia, India, Rwanda, Bolivia, or Romania.

Meanwhile, Kristina decided to try making fleece blankets for children. Soon, she was buying dozens of bolts of fabric each year, enlisting various groups to



Kristina Garabedian (Law '14) stands in front of the fleece blankets she donates to needy children each year.

help her cut and tie the blankets, and sending about 3,500 of them to eager homes.

While ShoeBox Sharing now reaches around the globe, it also embraces its home community, with packages for children sent everywhere from CASA to the Craycroft Center and Marjaree Mason Center.

The 13th Running of Race Judicata

What compels about a thousand people, including more than a dozen perpetually sleep-deprived law students, to bolt out of bed the morning after Valentine's Day and head to San Joaquin College of Law in the predawn hours? It has to be the 13th running of Race Judicata!

By **Ray Keys-Bramlett**, *Sierra Challenge Express Running and Racing Club*

Runners came from as far away as Turlock, where 32 members of the "Love in Action" running team boarded a bus at 5 a.m. to join us for Race Judicata, 2014's first Valley Runner of the Year ten-point race. Love in Action was founded by Wakefield Elementary School kindergarten teacher Maria Montejano to introduce low income students to sports.

Talley Timing was there long before the sun rose to set up the Start/Finish arch. Volunteers began setting up at 6:15 in preparation for the race.

Estel Salcido, the chairperson of Race Judicata, helped set up tables and directed other volunteers as she relied on her years of experience in organizing and supporting activities for Sierra Challenge Express Running and Racing Club.

Tents and registration tables, both for those that were already registered, and for many who were registering that day, were set up. Water stations along the course and, of course, hot chocolate for afterwards. Activitynut provided water at the finish line, Starbucks donated coffee, Wawona Foods provided fruit cups, and Toledos brought breakfast burritos for all.

Key sponsors were SJCL's Student Bar Association, Sierra Challenge Express Running and Racing Club, and our generous title sponsor, Bryant Whitten, LLP. While total proceeds were not available as this edition of *Inter Alia* goes to print, last year the event raised about \$8,000. Proceeds benefit the Clovis Police Foundation, SBA student scholarships, and scholarships sponsored by Sierra Challenge Express Running and Racing Club.



Determined runners take on the Kids' Race!



5K runners dig in for the competition!

There were over 400 runners for this run with participants ranging from 6 to 72 years old in the four races – the 1/4 Mile Kids Run, the 2 Mile Walk, the 2 Mile Run and the 5K Run.

Top male and female finishers in each category were: Kids ¼ mile: Spencer Powell and Sara Avent; 2 Mile Run: Josh Guzman and Ericka Guzman; 2 Mile Walk: James McCall and Marsha Pope; 5K Run: Robert Hernandez and Molly Friel.



SJCL Students **Jennifer Deruosi** and **Sara Santoyo** display their awards.

2014 Judy Wiseman Memorial Golf Tournament

SJCL would like to thank everyone who made the 11th Annual Judy Wiseman Memorial Golf Tournament the best ever!

We had 20 teams representing many law firms, including McCormick Barstow (which sent two teams), Baker Manock, Brian Cuttone, Dowling Aaron, Lang Richert and Patch, and Borton Petrini.

We also had teams from Kaiser Medical Center, Price Paige Accounting Firm, United One Productions, and two teams from the City of Clovis.

Amazing raffle prizes came from three golf courses: Fort Washington, Belmont and Eagle Springs. Meanwhile, donated

raffle prizes came from Beth Waldow, many alumni, SJCL, and other players.

Special thanks to SJCL Alumni who either assisted or competed in the Tournament this year, including Deborah Coe Hood (Law '91), Nitza Coleman (Law '03), Brian Cuttone (Law '99), Craig Fry (Law '00), Brande Gustafson (Law '09), Andrew Kucera (Law '13), Kim Mayhew (Law '98), Jesse Molina (Law '13), Greg Norys (Law '02), Bob Price (MS, Tax '87), Judy Rogers (Law '04), Beth Waldow (Law '09), Margie Webb (Law '07), and Roger Wilson (Law '97).



FIRST PLACE TEAM (L-R): **John Benjamin, Scott Hardy, Ron Lewis, and Robert Howk**



SECOND PLACE TEAM (L-R): **Tom Spencer, Pheng Ly, John Hartsock, and Mike Perkins**

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Robert, John, Scott, and Ron

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John Hartsock Team
John, Mike, Tom, and Pheng

THIRD PLACE

Brad's Auto Body
Brad, Greg, Ron, and Mike

Alumni Corner

With winter ending and spring officially beginning, the Alumni Association is preparing to welcome this year's graduating class as fellow Alumni.

In an effort to help ease their transition from law school student to new alum striving to pass the California Bar Exam, the Alumni Association put on its Annual Bar Survival talk on March 31 and April 1, complete with cookies and coffee.

Spring also represents the welcome of new faces to the Alumni Board. Pauline Seiler (Law '10), Jim Miller (Law '07), and Sherylyn Beard (Law '09) join Beth Waldow (Law '09), Ron Henderson (Law '80), David Margolin (Law '11), Nitza Coleman (Law '03), and Roger Wilson (Law '97) for this coming year.

The Alumni Board is busily preparing for several events including:

- Hall of Fame – September 11
- Senior Law Day – October 18
- Got MCLE – November 8

The Alumni Association continually endeavors to provide topics for Got MCLE that are contemporary and valuable to its members. You are invited to submit suggestions for topics and speakers.

Don't forget that your Alumni Association dues of \$30 allow you to attend Got MCLE and receive three hours of continuing legal education for FREE! If you are not a member and would like to take full advantage of this benefit, you can join the Alumni Association by simply

going to www.sjcl.edu or by dropping a check in the mail to SJCL.

The year will wrap up with the annual Christmas party for the mothers and children of the Marjaree Mason Center. This event includes a fully decorated Christmas tree, presents, a choir, Santa Rick Horowitz (Law '06), and Santa's helper Kopi Sotiropolous from KMPH. Each year this event lights up the faces of children and mothers alike thanks to the generous contributions of all alumni.

I hope to see you at one of our events in the near future.

Sincerely,
Brande Gustafson (Law '09)
2014 Alumni Association President

SAVE THE DATE

Fundamentals of Bankruptcy

Thursday, May 22, 2014
6.50 MCLE Hours

Join us for a one day course designed to provide practical knowledge about basic bankruptcy concepts and procedures. It will give the non-bankruptcy practitioner or someone new to the field a solid overview of what bankruptcy is all about. It is also a good primer for accountants, bankers and paralegals.

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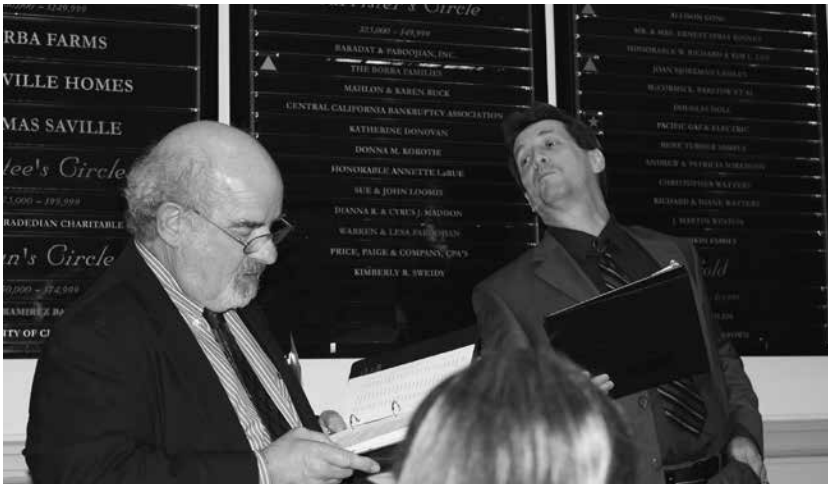
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David Weiland (Board and Law '92) with his daughter **Julia**



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Billy Williamson and **Annette Ballatore-Williamson** (Law '97)



Justin Atkinson, *Associate Academic Dean* and **Robert Perez**



Jan Pearson, *Dean*, **James** (Law '87) and **Piti Witherow**



Dear Faux Amici

By Jeffrey G. Purvis, *Constitutional Law Professor*

There are write-in advice and answer columns in hundreds of newspapers, magazines, and blogs, addressing every conceivable topic. But how many of these openly address fabricated e-mails from “audience” members who are admittedly imaginary? Only one! “Valley Views on the Law,” SJCL’s monthly legal information radio show on FM 88.1. KFCF, in Fresno, does just that.

In the “Dear Professors” segment, I answer the pressing and topical legal questions generated by my own perverid imagination (along with one actual e-mail from an actual listener) every month, for the edification of the audience. You can also send me an e-mail to jpurvis@sjcl.edu. Here are some recent ones preceding a discussion of the Fresno Public Defender’s Office.

Dear Professors

I’ve lived in Fresno my whole life, and so I’ve driven through the intersection of Shaw and Blackstone about a million times. Back when Bush was President, there would always be a small group of people protesting the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan, holding up signs and chanting and stuff. I always thought to myself, “These people are weirdos. What do they think they are accomplishing?” I’m not going to change my political views because I see someone holding a sign on a street corner. The only thing that is going to happen is that they will cause a traffic accident and get someone hurt. Can’t the police do something about this?

—Abdel Fattah al Sissi Jones
Fresno CA

Your e-mail makes me sad and frightened, Mr. Jones. The Patriots’ blood that is symbolized by the red stripes on the American flag was spilled so that the government could never silence us by forbidding expressive activities in public. (Parenthetically, that was my attempt to frame this issue in emotional terms, ala Professor George Lakoff, as conservative political operatives have done so successfully over the past few decades.) What you and many modern Americans regard as an annoyance and a public disturbance is the exercise of our most important constitutional right, freedom of speech. Every day, most Americans learn about something the government is doing that they regard as harmful

or wrong. But only a few people have the courage and the willingness to do something about it. When billionaires like Tom Perkins feel like they are being persecuted for being too rich, they publish a letter in the Wall Street Journal or they get themselves interviewed by Fortune magazine. How are we in the other 99.99 percent supposed to communicate our views to our fellow Americans? Sometimes the only way is to go out on the street and try to get noticed by holding up signs and chanting your message. The propertied white males who adopted the Constitution and the Bill of Rights lived under a regime where government permission was necessary to speak out publically, and our own Supreme Court has repeatedly said that a vigorous and informed citizenry is critical to ensure that the limitations on government power in the Constitution are effective. The only way we can be informed is if everyone has a right to communicate their views, in whatever way they can, without interference by the police, or, worse, the military. Public speech activities, on the sidewalk or on the internet, are a sign of a healthy democracy. You should worry when you don’t see much of that going on. It might mean that the NSA has finally frightened everyone into silence. I have a feeling that our guest, Mr. Rhodes, would still be willing to speak out. We should all be thankful for that.

You must really be paranoid, Professor Purvis, to think that the government is out to get you and your crazy liberal friends. There is something about your voice that puts me to sleep, so I play a recording of your program every night to help me nod off. All you talk about is how the government is going to take away our freedom. I’ve lived in Fresno for many years, and I’ve never had a police officer bother me, or been stopped from doing anything I want by the government. The only people who need to worry about surveillance are criminals and terrorists. You ACLU types are like the proverbial boy who cried “Wolf!” If the government ever did anything wrong, which is very unlikely, no one would pay any attention because of all the whining you’ve been doing about constitutional rights.

If you want to do something useful, get out and protest the persecution of wealthy people by unfair taxation and the rationing of caviar.

—Jay Pritzker Smith
Fresno CA

I have to acknowledge, Mr. Smith, that I often speak in apocalyptic terms about circumstances that I regard as a potential threat to our constitutional rights. I make the same mistake that the environmentalists in America made, exemplified by the title of Rachel Carson’s book, *Silent Spring*—exaggerating the degree and imminence of the danger out

of a misguided perception that no one will pay attention unless one screams loudly that catastrophe is just around the corner.

So when I talk to my constitutional law students about the secondary effects doctrine, in which the Supreme Court permitted a city to regulate speech while pretending to regulate criminal conduct, I'll say something like, "This could be the end of our freedom of speech." What I should say is that if the secondary effects doctrine is expanded by the courts to apply in contexts other than sexually explicit videos, then it would significantly increase the power of government to control the content of our speech. But that doesn't have the same emotional impact.

Not that it justifies my sensationalism, but the political right does the same thing. When there is a proposal to require background checks on gun purchasers to insure that felons and the insane aren't buying guns, the American Rifle Association and its allies shout that the jack-booted thugs of the UN are coming in black helicopters to seize our guns and create a totalitarian one-world government. It seems to work really well for them, but their political success is probably based more on the money they give to politicians.

Most of the time, the government isn't violating our constitutional rights; in fact, the government isn't directly affecting us in any particular way. Speaking as a white person, I have hardly any contact with the police--I drive through Clovis several times a week and never even draw a glance from a police officer. Most people aren't fired from their jobs for disagreeing with their boss, but if you are an at-will employee, and you disagree with your bosses, you can and often will be fired. How often does that have to happen before everyone knows not to disagree with the boss?

Similarly, government violation of constitutional rights is not frequent, but has an important impact on everyone. This

Maria Cordova wins the Michael McGonigle Scholarship



Congratulations **Maria Cordova** (3L), winner of the Michael McGonigle Scholarship at the 2014 Mario G. Olmos Banquet! Superior Court Judge **David Gottlieb** (far left) presented the award to **Maria** (third from left) on behalf of the Fresno La Raza Lawyers Association.

radio station exists in part because of a violation of the right of free speech.

In 1968 what was then Fresno State College decided not to retain a professor named Robert Mezey, supposedly because he had not demonstrated merit as a teacher, but there was strong evidence that public pressure was brought on the administration to terminate Mezey because of his outspoken views of the Vietnam war, racial discrimination, and harsh drug laws. Mezey's termination by Fresno State was permitted, and he subsequently joined the faculty at Pomona College and had great academic success. So he may not have been permanently injured by the violation of his rights.

But the impact of seeing a government institution seek to destroy the career of an employee because of the political views he expressed must have had a profound silencing effect on many others who were unwilling to risk the disruption of their lives that job loss would entail. However, not every consequence of that situation was bad--during Mezey's ordeal, some other Fresno State

Faculty formed the Fresno Free College Foundation, which owns and operates this radio station.

People are busy getting on with their lives, trying to provide for themselves and their families, and they don't feel they have time to worry about bad things that might be happening to other people. They are not interested in politics, let alone constitutional law. Something isn't important unless it has an immediate impact on them personally, or unless somehow their attention is drawn to it by the media, through modern communications technology, or some other means.

As Edmond Burke never said, "All it will take for evil to prevail is for good people to do nothing." It's a fake quotation but it contains an important truth. In order to protect your constitutional rights, you have to be willing to see that everyone's constitutional rights are protected. That means speaking out about government wrongdoing when you discover it, and paying attention when others do the same.

Alumni Profiles

For the first time in our history we want to thank and congratulate four classes as we celebrate anniversaries of 10, 20, 30 and 40 years. It has been our honor to contact so many of you these past fourteen years and I look forward to touching base with many of you this year. Thanks so much in advance for your participation.

—Joan Lassley

The first class at San Joaquin College of Law began with over 58 students and, after taking the Baby Bar, which was required back then, 17 of those returned for the second year, along with 3 transfer students. That year the first student body officers were elected and Mio Quatraro was its first president. Classes were held at Pacific College (Now Fresno Pacific University) and after-class meetings were held at the Outpost. Mio reports that great and lasting friendships were forged along with a couple of lingering professional rivalries.

1974

Mio D. Quatraro

During law school Mio worked for Fresno County Public Defender's office as a Student Professional Worker. In that position, she defended in her first trial...speeding. The jury (which was allowed back then) was out 3 hours and her client eventually received a \$16.00 fine. (She considers that a win.)

After law school Mio worked as a Deputy Public Defender, a Deputy District Attorney, and 6 years as an Assistant United States Attorney, before going into private practice. In 1986 she and classmate, Peggy Liggett ('74), formed Liggett & Quatraro and after several successful years together, Mio moved her office to Clovis. After nearly 18 years of a varied and interesting solo legal practice in Clovis, Mio retired in January 2014.

Always participating in community and professional organizations, Mio was one of the 1996 Top Ten Business and Professional Women of the Year, in part because of her work with Volunteers in Parole, Clovis Convalescence Hospital, SJCL Alumni Association, the Clovis Chamber of Commerce, and the Salvation Army (Rosecrest). Since then, she has also been an active member of Soroptimist International of Clovis, New Hope Community Church, Samaritan Women, and Prison Fellowship. Mio is a mother of 4, grandmother of 11. She

enjoys writing, reading, Bible studies, needle craft, and RVing with her husband, Daniel, and two dogs.

Mio states that her time at SJCL and within the legal profession were both fun and fulfilling, but today she is thoroughly enjoying retirement.

Judith Ward

One of four women who graduated in the first class from SJCL, Judy was determined to help people in the area of family law and probate. Judy was a legal secretary and worked for great attorneys in those early years. After graduation she opened her own paralegal firm and did contract work for attorneys including Bob Sullivan, Harold Parichan, Marian Mosley and Julia Brungess. During her career she participated in numerous CEB seminars advising how to create Probate checklists and create systems to make the process easier to administer. She operated her own office for about 12 years, and then did consulting work from home.

Judy found great pleasure in tutoring. She volunteered her time for several years in the Adult Literacy Program and also worked with first grade students at Tarpey Elementary. She loved this work; seeing adults and children blossom before her eyes was very rewarding.

Judy was married to John in 1964 before she came to law school. This year they celebrate 50 years of marriage. She

is looking forward to a great party to celebrate. They have no children of their own but stay in touch with her nieces and nephews, who live in New Jersey and Connecticut.

Judy has many fond memories of the early SJCL days - the night Judge Wanger was late for class and they were all locked out of the classroom; the night she was pulled over by a CHP officer and could not comprehend what she had done wrong, only to discover it was Jim Wasson, a classmate, pulling a prank on her; the nights of Judge Wanger's class when they would all notice that the back of his yellow legal pad pages were covered with his children's drawings and scribbling; the times when Roger Vehrs' dog would emit vulgar sounds (and sometimes smells) during class; and most of all, the great evenings at the Outpost, where they could unwind from a very busy schedule.

Judy thoroughly enjoys reading and serves as chair of a book group which has enriched her life and expanded her horizons. Although she and John can no longer vacation as they once did, they relish their memories of all the wonderful trips they have taken over the years.

1984

John Garland

John participated in the December 2004 Inter Alia for the 20th Anniversary of the Class of 1984. Now, 10 years later, he is still working as a sole practitioner primarily in federal criminal defense. Not much has changed in his practice since 2004. However, he and Susan now have two grandsons ages 5 and 3 years.

Steven R. Hrdlicka

In 1980, Steve married his high school sweetheart, Debbie. Soon thereafter he started classes at SJCL, which were temporarily held at the St. Paul Armenian Church on First Street, while the facility at Shields and Bond was being completed. Steve took the Bar in August 1984, and his first daughter, Jamie, was born September 2. Children Brent and Shannon followed.

At the time of graduation, Steve had been working for the law firm of Gates and Lusk with SJCL graduates Glen E. Gates, Keith W. Lusk, and Stephen M. Denning, together with future graduate, Renee D. Logoluso. He focused on collections and unlawful detainers.

In 1985, Steve began working with SJCL graduate William L. Cowin at a firm which would be called Cowin and Hrdlicka. Bill Cowin was raised as a farmer, obtained his real estate license, had several business interests, was an attorney, and never saw someone in need that he wouldn't try to help. He therefore seemingly worked on any type of civil case or real estate deal that walked through the door. During his first week with Bill, Steve was helping him with paperwork relating to the sale of a Las Vegas casino. That was Steve's first experience, (but certainly not his last) working on a very complicated sale. Steve remembers asking Bill if he had typed in too many zeros, because Steve had not dealt with millions of dollars before.

Steve began working with SJCL graduate John D. Suhr in 1991. They formed the law firm of Suhr and Hrdlicka, solely representing owners and managers of rental properties, and doing a lot of unlawful detainers. They were working with Brad Jacobson, a process server/businessman. John left, and the firm morphed into the Law Offices of Steven R. Hrdlicka & Associates. SJCL graduate James M. Gerecke worked in the office for a time.

Largely because Steve was self-employed, he and his wife, Debbie, were able to rearrange schedules over the years and assist their kids with numerous activities, coaching multiple sports, and traveling.

In 1996, Brad Jacobson and Steve also started Capital Collections, LLC. The law firm and collection agency have been very successful. They continue to expand the businesses they serve, including many property management companies, homeowner associations, about 50 law firms, governments, and private

entities. The main office currently employs 22 people.

During the recession, they also partnered with Rebecca Abel, a long-time employment recruiter, and formed Hire Up Staffing Services, a full-service employment agency. The Business Journal recently placed Hire Up in the top 10 staffing firms in the area, at number 7. Every year, they work with St. Agnes Hospital, host a toy drive for MDA, and do the Supplies for Success Back to School Drive.

Steve is also the Educational Chairman for the California Apartment Association Greater Fresno. He has developed and teaches many classes each year for the rental housing and collection industries, some of which have been approved by the State Bar for continuing education credit.

Dennis Marshall

After graduating from SJCL Dennis went to work for the office of Fresno County Counsel and was selected by the Board of Supervisors to become County Counsel in 2004.

Dennis retired as Fresno County Counsel in 2008 and was recruited to be Santa Barbara County Counsel to lead the office through major downsizing resulting from the great recession.

After major restructuring in Santa Barbara, Dennis retired again in December 2013.

Dennis and his wife have returned to Clovis to be near their sons: Jason, a behavioral analyst and Jared, a local law practitioner.

1994 Eileen Deimerly

For 15 years after law school, Eileen practiced insurance defense litigation. She started first with a firm that served as in-house counsel for Farmers Insurance and was offered tremendous opportunities to develop practical skills like managing a caseload, taking depositions, and settling a case. In addition, she had her first trial within six months! From

there, Eileen went to work for Zurich Insurance as in-house counsel, handling high exposure commercial general liability claims and some construction defect litigation.

In 2009, Eileen accepted an appointment to the position of Administrative Law Judge with the California State Personnel Board, where she adjudicates labor and employment matters of state employees. On a daily basis, she finds her work challenging and meaningful.

Having relocated to Sacramento in 2009, Eileen became a member of the Sacramento County Bar Association, which has teamed with a local school district to form a Law and Public Policy Academy at the high school level. Each year, volunteer attorneys and judges serve as mentors to high school students enrolled in the academy who are interested in pursuing careers in the legal field. Eileen has been a mentor for the past two years and enjoys seeing the interest of today's youth in a career field she has always loved.

Eileen is also a member of the Junior League of Sacramento, a group that focuses on volunteerism to improve the local community, with a particular emphasis on children in the community.

Eileen enjoys reading and especially loves that she has time to do so (unlike law school, when she remembers having to wait for the semester break to read the latest Stephen King novel!). Eileen is currently a member of two book clubs, one devoted to the classics and one geared toward professional development.

Eileen is still working on her long-term goal of visiting all 50 states and 7 continents – 23 states and 2 continents to go! This summer she has plans to visit friends in Oklahoma and Texas, so she will be making a little progress there. Eileen is also training for her first half marathon and is excited for a family hike up Half Dome this summer.

Her fondest memories from law school are the weekly study groups with

Lori Mayfield, David Alderson, and Randy Risner. They studied, but more importantly, they commiserated and bonded...she couldn't have done it without them!

Hon. Rosemary McGuire

Upon graduation from SJCL, Rosie became an associate with the law firm of Eldridge, Anderson and Weakley. In 1997 she joined the firm of Weakley & Ratliff. In 2001 she became a partner in the firm of Weakley, Ratliff, Arendt & McGuire, which became Weakley, Arendt & McGuire in 2009. Rosie's law practice focused on handling complex civil rights and tort litigation for public and business entities and their employees.

In December of 2010, Rosie was appointed to the Fresno County Superior Court. She is currently in a Family Law assignment and enjoys all of the challenges that this new venture brings.

When she is not in court, she loves spending time with her husband, children and grandchildren. She also enjoys traveling, golf and reading. Rosie has fond memories of her classmates at SJCL, especially her study group which included Priscilla Craft, Jim Cipolla and Jim King. She remembers attending night classes at the old building on Shields Avenue and wondering if she would ever make it through four years of school, while working and raising a family. Fortunately, she did!

Robert L. Romanacce

Robert has now been working for the Fresno County District Attorney's Office for almost 19 years. He is keeping criminals off the street which is a very busy job.

2004 Denise Cahill

Denise has worked for Wells Fargo Bank since graduation. She is currently a Region Loan Team Manager with Central Food and Agribusiness covering 21 states in the Midwest and located in Chicago.

Denise said it is now all work and no play. She does like to travel for pleasure when she can, especially to Europe. New Zealand is next on her list (hopefully). She tries to spend time supporting her nieces and nephews at events. Denise likes to snow ski but doesn't get the chance much anymore.

While in Tulare, Denise was a CASA advocate for several years. She was also involved in California Women for Agriculture and Visalia Sunset Rotary. Since moving to Chicago she has not had an opportunity to become involved yet due to her work travel schedule.

Denise has many fond memories of SJCL, including her Visalia study group, Judy Wiseman's strength and determination, and the helpful, friendly and knowledgeable staff at SJCL.

Sofian Dawood

After Sof passed the bar exam in 2007 on his sixth try, he was sworn in on 6-24-2007 and opened a law office a week later, on 7-1-2007. Since then, he has been honored to help hundreds of clients. The diversity of the work made him decide to focus on Civil Litigation (PI & business), and Immigration.

Sof feels his law education continues to pay off. He gets rewarded by helping a lot of people, but once in awhile, he will handle a case that, in his client's perspective, means his/her entire life. Being a lawyer makes him feel that he is accomplishing things in his lifetime, that without the SJCL law degree, he would need more than one life-time to accomplish.

Lifting his parents' heads high is his greatest joy. Every time he succeeds in a case, he feels wonderful.

Jan Pearson, Sally Perring and many others have always been his mentors. Lately though, he often comes into contact with Dave Camenson, who taught him Tax Law at SJCL. Dave is becoming his third favorite and his teachings have not stopped since 2004. Sof likes to go to Dave for any questions that he does not have knowledge or experience to answer.

Sof plans to keep doing what he is doing. He enjoys spending time with his daughters and making his wife happy. He would like to open an additional law office in Madera.

Sof has two young girls, Mariam (3 yr), and Fatimah (2 yr). He loves being their dad. They are so sweet and kind. As far as hobbies, once every two months or so, he continues to play soccer.

Sof is a member of the California Professional Engineers Association. He was voted to join the Board of Directors of Masjid Fresno from 2012 through 2014. As a Board Member during that time, he got the chance to do a lot of community work.

Sof remembers when Professor Purvis called on him for the first three times, and three times in a row, he was not prepared for the Constitutional Law class. The truth was that he could not understand the English language used by Professor Purvis or the language of the Constitution; both were over his head. He understands much more now, all thanks to SJCL.

Ella R. Floresca

In November 2007, Ella began working for Dias Law Firm, Inc., in Hanford, where she is currently an associate. The focus of her practice is personal injury and civil litigation.

In 2009, Ella met her husband, Bill Soltis. They were married in June 2011, and their son, William Jr., was born the following year in October 2012. Currently, they reside in Fresno with their two dogs. Outside of work, most of her time is spent chasing their son around the house, making sure he and the dogs do not get into any trouble. They are quite the handful! When Bill and Ella do get the chance to get out, they enjoy taking drives with their son, reading books, and playing the piano.

Ella is an active member of the Kings County Bar Association and also a member of Consumer Attorneys of California ("CAOC").

While Ella has many memories of her time at SJCL, the most memorable was studying for exams with her study partner, Jonette Machado (now Montgomery), with whom she currently works at Dias Law Firm, Inc. in Hanford. In addition, she enjoyed meeting so many people working as a proctor in the law school library as well as being a member of La Raza Association and Delta Theta Phi law fraternity.

Maribel Hernandez

Maribel Hernandez is an associate in the Fresno office of Ericksen Arbuthnot, where she advises and represents employers in all areas of employment, with an emphasis on employment litigation involving claims of discrimination, harassment, retaliation, wrongful termination and wage and hour class actions. Prior to joining Ericksen Arbuthnot, she served as in-house counsel for the City of Fresno, and was employed with Liebert Cassidy Whitmore, and Weakley Arendt & McGuire, where she represented both private and public employers in employment and traditional labor law matters. Before practicing law, Maribel worked for small and large corporations in Human Resources Management, including assisting Gap Inc. in the start-up of its local distribution center.

Maribel enjoys reading, swimming, tennis, and drinking coffee with friends. But more than anything else, she enjoys spending time with her parents, family, and twin nephews, Matthew and Luke.

Maribel currently serves on the State Bar of California Labor & Employment Law Section's Executive Committee, and is a past member of the Board of Directors of the Fresno County Women Lawyers and Valley Caregiver Resources Center.

Maribel is a frequent speaker on a variety of employment topics both locally and throughout the State of California. She also provides pro-bono assistance to various non-profit organizations, and individuals dealing with employment related issues.

Her best memories were the most difficult times. The times her colleagues and she shared helping each other study, resolving personal difficulties, and cheering each other on despite the challenges they individually faced. Aside from those, a favorite memory, was the time over a dozen students took a long break from class (aka ditching) and found themselves in the same spot. What a joy, but good times!

Cristina Jelladian-Buchner

After graduation, Cristina worked for Julia Brungess until October 2006 in the area of family law. She continued her family law practice at Wild, Carter & Tipton since November 2006 and is now an associate attorney.

Cristina is married to husband, Bob, and they have 2 children. Cristina enjoys spending time with family, and catching up with friends.

Cristina is a member of the Fresno County Bar Association, Family Law Section, and Fresno County Women Lawyers. She stays very busy with her two little ones so she does not have much time for outside activities.

Cristina treasures the lifelong friendships she made with classmates and their families while at SJCL. Some of Cristina's other special SJCL memories include long nights studying at IHOP and Starbucks; planning events with the other Student Bar Association (SBA) members of SJCL; and family dinners with the Ohanesians.

Raed "Ron" Nijmeddin

During law school, Ron worked for the Fresno Superior Court as a Senior Family Law Examiner. After passing the bar, he became the interim Family Law Information Center Attorney for the Court. In 2009, Ron left the Court to work with Sheri Rich Mount. Then, in 2011, Ron opened a solo practice, exclusively dealing with family law. Some of the most challenging, but rewarding, work in his practice is representing minors as minor's counsel.

Ron's wife of 23 years is Fida Nijmeddin. Their eldest son, Adnan (20), is an MP in the Army National Guard and is attending Fresno City College—majoring in political science. Their daughter, Katherine (19), is a sophomore at Fresno State and wants to be a graphic designer. Their youngest, Yasin (5), is rockin' kindergarten.

Ron tries to spend as much time with the family as they will allow him. Having a busy solo practice challenges the amount of time spent with the family and other interests—like traveling, reading, and visiting with friends.

Ron has been recognized twice as a "Star Performer" by the Fresno Superior Court. He is currently the chair of the Family Law Section of the Fresno County Bar Association and sits as a School Site Council member at his child's school.

In his spare time, Ron teaches family law to paralegal students at Heald College on an alternating quarterly basis.

Ron has so many memories made at SJCL, it would be difficult to pick just one. One thing he can say is the friends made at SJCL continue to be friends today, more than 10 years later. A lot of growing up took place there, and they were lessons well learned.

Judy Rogers

Since graduating from SJCL, Judy has continued to run her job training and development program for persons with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities called Vocation Plus Services Inc. In 2004 she also formed a non-profit called United One Productions that currently operates the largest community center in the City of Fresno, the Mary Ella Brown Community Center or MEB. MEB is located in West Fresno, an area ranked nationally as one of the most poverty stricken areas in the nation. It has been extremely challenging and rewarding to develop programs and services for kids 5 to 18 years old and to offer alternatives to the gang lifestyle so prevalent on Fresno's west side. MEB is surrounded

by 9 different gangs that have become friends, protectors and supporters over the past 10 years. One thing all of these parents have in common, whether they are gang affiliated or not, is that they want a better life for their kids, so that is what is strived for. United One offers tutoring services, leadership training, job training, mentorship and scholarships. An ounce of prevention is truly worth a pound of cure.

Judy enjoys traveling around our own beautiful country and has also been to China and India since graduating from SJCL. She especially enjoys the time she gets to spend with her 5 wonderful grandchildren who range in age from 3 months to 16 years. They are the biggest blessings in her life and inspire her daily to work hard as the policy and political activist that SJCL prepared her so well to be.

Since 2004 Judy served for 4 years on the SJCL Alumni Board. She is a founding member of the California Alliance - a statewide policy group advocating for persons with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities and also participates on the Central Valley Regional Center Vendor Advisory Committee. In 2007, she accepted the Producers award for promoting excellence in Christian Performing Arts through United One Productions. In 2009, she accepted the "Exemplary Employer" award for Vocation Plus Services Inc. from the California Department of Fair Employment and Housing in Sacramento. United One Productions has been honored with awards from the SW Policing District in 2007 - 2009 - 2012 and 2013 for their work in "Bringing Broken Neighborhoods Back to Life" through MEB. In 2012 Judy was honored by the Greater Fresno Human Services Center with the Dr. Martin Luther King Business award for extraordinary impact on "Healing

the American Dream." In 2009, the National Republican Senatorial Committee presented Judy with the "Small Business Award" in Washington, D.C. In 2012 she was honored by BWOPA "Black Women Organized for Political Action" for providing extraordinary service to the community.

Judy belongs to Clovis Hills Community Church and is involved in several community outreach projects through them.

When asked about her fondest memories at SJCL she responded, "Cadee Ohanesian Peters trying to tutor me so my highly dyslexic brain could finally pass the BAR. I vowed to keep a picture of Cadee and me on my desk until I could finally pass the bar. I still fondly look at our picture every day."

Brent Woodward

Brent started out working for a small law office practicing immigration law and plaintiff's civil litigation. Then he opened his own law practice focusing on immigration and child custody issues. Brent worked in that capacity until August of 2013 when he accepted a position with the Office of the County Counsel representing the Fresno County Department of Social Services in CPS cases.

Brent and his wife now have seven children. When he graduated, they had four. Some classmates may remember their four-month-old daughter, Emma, on stage with him when they graduated. Emma just turned 10! Since then they've had three more wonderful children. Their oldest is now 14 and will be going to University High School next year. Their youngest is now two. There are four boys and three girls in all and they keep them very busy. Brent's wife, Erin, is also an alumnus of SJCL. She is

currently practicing law part time. Brent enjoys spending time with his family and enjoys reading about and keeping up with foreign affairs.

In addition to the State Bar of California, Brent is also admitted to practice in the Eastern District of California, the Southern District of Texas, and the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals. He is a past member of the American Immigration Lawyers Association. Last year Brent was acknowledged as a "rising star" by Northern California Super Lawyers. For a few years at the beginning of his practice, he volunteered with Project First Step, which is a collaboration between the Fresno County Women Lawyers Association, the Pro Bono Section of the Fresno County Bar, the Voluntary Legal Services Program of Central California Legal Services, Inc., and the Marjaree Mason Center, providing pro bono representation to victims of domestic violence seeking restraining orders in family court. Brent tries to find small opportunities to volunteer in his kids' activities. For three years he was the coach of the chess club at their neighborhood elementary school.

Brent's fondest memories at SJCL are of professors who explained and helped him understand and remember new ideas and concepts in the law. Sometimes he still hears the voice of Professor Cartier saying the word, "Helicopteros", and referring to the Supreme Court justices as "The Supremes." Or Wills & Trusts Professor Kesselman warning, "If you have a client walk in with this issue, double your fee! Triple your fee!" Basis bucks and basis goggles. Professor Perring's real property multiple choice problems. He is still untying those knots in his mind!

He can't believe it has been ten years!

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