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Dean **Jan Pearson** (Left) and **Ron Henderson** (Law '80, Right) congratulate Inductee **Art Baggett** (Law '93) and his wife, **Phyllis**



Hall of Fame Member and Fresno County District Attorney **Lisa Smittcamp** (Law '95) congratulates **Honorable Houry Sanderson** (Law '87) on her induction.

Newest SJCL Hall of Fame Inductees: Judge Sanderson and Art Baggett

Two people, who started from very different places and vastly different interests, found themselves both being honored at the Robert E. Coyle Federal Courthouse.

The Hon. Houry Sanderson and Arthur G. Baggett, Jr. were inducted into the San Joaquin College of Law Alumni Hall of Fame on September 14th.

Judge Sanderson, a 1987 graduate of SJCL, arrived in the United States as an immigrant from Lebanon when she was just 13 years old. She remembers her parents had prepared her for the transition and her English language skills were strong, but she still struggled, feeling like she didn't quite fit in. "Nobody can say your name," she recalls. "That hasn't changed, but now they call me 'Judge.'"

As a child, Judge Sanderson was taught about the 1915 Armenian genocide and

the fate of her grandparents and their communities. The knowledge of these atrocities paved the way for her interest in law, although she admits her mother probably knew she was going to be a lawyer long before she did. Judge Sanderson recalls having an argument for every situation when she was a child and her mother responding "Stop playing a lawyer." After she passed the bar, her mother would respond to the same arguments by saying "Stop being a judge." She was appointed to the bench in 2005.

Judge Sanderson graduated from Fresno State with a Bachelor's in business law before enrolling at SJCL, where she clerked for Tom Campagne (Law '75). She stayed on as an attorney for a year after passing the bar. Next, at the Fresno County Counsel's Office, she worked with her counterparts in the Public Defender's

and District Attorney's Offices, practicing dependency law.

Judge Sanderson's next move was to the District Attorney's Office. In 2003, former District Attorney Elizabeth Egan (Law '95) appointed Judge Sanderson to be a Chief, with six divisions under her supervision. She oversaw 26 attorneys, and was assigned a full vertical felony trial team. She jokingly liked to call herself the "Chief on Wheels," because her units were spread from the 10th Street location, to the County Plaza building, to the credit union building. She learned to delegate to her teams and trust their judgement. The test, she says, was not how she would do a task, but whether it was it being done well, and justly.

In addition to her courtroom duties, Judge Sanderson and her husband, Jim Sanderson (Law '80, and now retired from the Fresno County District Attorney's



A Message From the Dean

Everyone associated with San Joaquin College of Law strives to ensure the law school provides an excellent, affordable legal education. Students, faculty, staff, board, alumni, and friends all make the difference. When external entities acknowledge those efforts, it makes all of us recommit to the goal.

During the last year, SJCL has been reviewed by four different entities – the Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC), the Committee of Bar Examiners (COBE), the California Bar Interest on Lawyers' Trust Accounts Commission (IOLTA) and the California Department of Social Services (CDSS). The latter two provide funding for the New American Legal Clinic where students get practical experience working with clients. Whew!!

Retaining WASC accreditation means that SJCL is in substantial compliance with an extensive set of criteria, including governance, financial stability, curriculum, assessment, library, long-term planning, and student services. From the students' perspective that accreditation means students are eligible for federal financial aid. The review consisted of a massive self-evaluation report and a six-person site visit team. WASC's objective always is to inspire an institution to become even better, so there are always recommendations for improvement, but SJCL received reaccreditation for the longest period in its history – 8 years.

The Committee of Bar Examiners, the entity that grant's SJCL's degree-granting authority, conducts a visit every five years to verify that SJCL is in compliance with very specific standards and guidelines. This, too, required a significant report submitted in advance of a site visit. That three-person team reviewed course syllabi and unit allocations, the quality of examinations, and student answers, and the quality of instruction. SJCL's accreditation was renewed for another five years. SJCL has been fully accredited by COBE since 1976.

The IOLTA and CDSS audits served to verify that funds were being expended appropriately in support of the New American Legal Clinic.

In working with these entities, SJCL strives to meet or exceed all expectations and objectives in a manner that is ethical and provides the highest quality of services to students and clients. We are proud of the results of these reviews and hope you are as well.

Thank you to everyone who put massive energy into preparing these reports and visits. And thank you to all the members of the SJCL community who work diligently to ensure that SJCL continues to provide an excellent, meaningful, affordable legal education.

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SJCL Alumna Monica Diaz Appointed Superior Court Judge

Monica R. Diaz (Law '98) saw her phone ring at lunchtime. The long-time Chief in the Fresno County District Attorney's Office didn't recognize the number, but, for some reason, answered anyway. Josh Groban, senior advisor to the governor in the Judicial Appointments Unit got right to the point, congratulating her as the newest member of the Fresno County Superior Court Bench.

"I was in shock," she says. "I could not even speak. He kept asking if I was still on the line and all I could say was 'I'm still here.' It's something I've wanted my entire life."

Groban told her she could not tell anyone except immediate family until after the Governor's official announcement, which would not come for another three days. Judge Diaz says the 40-minute drive home to the family was the longest ever. "I wanted to scream, just explode, and tell them the news, because they all knew how much I wanted this."

Following a huge family dinner and celebration, she says she still faced several more days of going to work without being able to share the news there. By the second day, she says she just "shut the door" to her office" to avoid the temptation of blurting it out. The hardest part was "feeling guilty" as she sat in meetings where plans were being made, because she knew she would be leaving.

Judge Diaz has worked in the District Attorney's Office since 2000, prosecuting cases ranging from misdemeanors to domestic violence and homicides. At the time of her appointment, she was Chief of the Misdemeanor Unit, leading a team of a dozen attorneys.

Previously, she spent a year as a deputy public defender for the Fresno County Public Defender's Office and was an associate at John A. Barker and Associates prior to that.

Judge Diaz becomes the 44th SJCL alumni to become a bench officer and the



18th to be appointed to the Fresno County Superior Court.

She fills the vacancy created by the elevation of Judge Kathleen A. Meehan to the Fifth District Court of Appeal.

Judge Diaz says she's "really excited for this new chapter," but otherwise, admits she is "still speechless."



New Mugridge Moran Partnership Showcases SJCL

A man who taught Spanish and French at a private Catholic High School for 11 years would seem an unlikely candidate for a 2nd career as an attorney, but David Mugridge's (Law '85) entry into law wasn't planned by design. Both his parents were killed in an accident by a drunk driver. David didn't like the fact that the owner of the store who sold the alcohol could not be sued.

He enrolled at SJCL because "I wanted to become a prosecutor," David said, but he ended up spending the next 30 years in criminal defense.

An internship at the US Attorney's Office and two years working as a research attorney for Presiding Justice George Brown of the 5th District Court of Appeals impressed David enough to make him change his mind about prosecution.

"I saw how hard prosecutors worked, and saw enough of issues of IAC of trial counsel that I knew if our legal system was ever going to (be) fair to everyone, it would require an aggressive, dedicated defense attorney."

As a vigorous defender of the California and US Constitutions, David's career has fostered a passion for those who have been accused or convicted of a criminal offense. His credits are many, including an A-V rating with Martindale-Hubbell, and the title of "Super Lawyer" by Thompson Reuters. He was also listed as a "Top 100: Attorney by the National Trial Lawyers Association."

Recently, in a move that is part forward momentum, part eventual wind-down, David joined forces with fellow SJCL graduate Amanda Moran (Law '16). The unusual twist here is that Amanda is a first-year attorney, who is now a partner. "Amanda is buying out the practice," David said, so later, he will become simply an advisor of counsel. There is nothing simple about "Team SJCL," however. Mugridge Moran boasts an all-SJCL cast that includes



(L-R): **Jason Oleson (3L)**, **Janay Kinder (Law '17)**, **Pedro Ramirez (1L)**, **Amanda Moran (Law '16)** and **David Mugridge (Law '85)**

Associate Attorney Janay Kinder (Law '17), Jason Oleson (3L), and Pedro Ramirez (1L), each as vital members representing a different generation on the age/experience spectrum.

While still in law school, Amanda began working at the firm as a Certified Law Clerk in 2014, and an as an Associate in 2016. Amanda has written complex legal motions and has a wide range of courtroom and trial experience. As the workload at the firm increased, she brought in more SJCL grads and students. One of David's fortes is legal writing, Writs and Appeals. "(They are all) excellent writers," David says, so we are one of the only Central Valley firms to handle Criminal Writs and Appeals.

"Everybody matters here," Amanda said. "We are all working together to grow."

Though small in size, Mugridge Moran is like the little engine that could. They are in the midst of five murder cases and one eight-year death penalty case, just to name a few.

"This team works for us," David says. "This is going to be a kick-ass team! It's the best group of people I've ever worked with."

While discussing the full spectrum of tasks the firm covers, "we deal with intense stuff, the nitty gritty of state, federal, trial, and juvenile (defense)" David said. The others grinned in agreement.

Janay noted how other offices lack the mentorship and learning opportunities available at their firm. "Here, we get to do things. Even on my first day, I was given opportunities. They told me, go learn, you'll figure it out!

In addition to the varied skills and knowledge divided among the team, David likes the fact that everyone is locally invested. They all know the needs of the community. "It's a quality crew and I'm very proud of them," David Said. "Twenty years from now, these will be the top (legal) dogs in this area."

NALC Shares \$250,000 Citizenship Grant

San Joaquin College of Law (SJCL) and the Fresno Adult School (FAS) are pleased to announce they will split a \$250,000 grant from U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS). The grant, which will flow over a two-year period, will enable SJCL to maintain and file a minimum of 280 naturalization petitions. The grant will also enable FAS to add two more part-time Citizenship teachers and more classes.

The grant is an attempt by USCIS to assist California low-income legal permanent residents who are eligible for naturalization. In 2014 (the latest available data), 2,470,000 California residents were eligible for naturalization, at least 118,000 of which reside in Fresno, Kings, Tulare, and Merced Counties.

Through a partnership of FAS and SJCL's "New American Legal Clinic (NALC)," legal permanent residents take citizenship classes and, if needed, English language classes at FAS and then are provided free naturalization services through NALC, including filing necessary forms and providing representation through all phases of the process, with an attorney attending every interview.



(L-R): NALC Director **Gregory Olson**, Client Services Coordinator **Aracely Mota**, and Administrative Assistant **Ana Yansi Gonzalez** stand ready to greet new clients.

In its five-year history, NALC has provided such services for legal permanent residents from at least 25 different countries. NALC has two full-time attorneys, client services coordinators, student advocates, and volunteer attorneys from the community.

The Valley's population is ethnically diverse; 22 percent of its population is foreign born and English is not the language spoken in the home for 47 percent of the population. Less than 15 percent of Valley

residents hold a bachelor's degree and more than a quarter live below the poverty line. This combination demonstrates the Valley's need for English language training, citizenship instruction, and naturalization assistance to break the poverty cycle.

This grant, the third of its kind to FAS and SJCL, will help these prospective citizens fully participate in the American economy and life.

For more information, please contact SJCL Dean Janice Pearson at (559) 323-2100 or jpearson@sjcl.edu.

On Campus Interviews



On campus interviews got underway October 25th including (L-R) **Karen Samman**, General Legal Counsel for Clovis Unified School District and members of the Fresno County District Attorney's Office: Senior Deputy District Attorney **Stacey Phillips**, Chief Deputy District Attorney **Traci Fritzier** (Law '97), and Deputy District Attorney **Kelsey Peterson**.

Combining a Juris Doctor and Beer?

Absolutely, says SJCL grad Kristi Costa (Law '10), who, along with husband Alex, and a few partners, own the two widely popular Mad Duck restaurants. Aside from her time, long ago, as a server at the original Mad Duck while prepping for the bar exam after law school, Kristi uses her legal training now to manage HR for the business, licensing for brewing the beer, all contracts, and any additional legal matters.

“Restauranteurs who don’t have the luxury of their own law degree must go elsewhere for legal work,” says Kristi. And, as with any business, there are all sorts of areas where legal work comes into play.

The origin story of the Mad Duck is as humble as its name, as the beginnings of many highly successful ventures are. The name, Mad Duck, is an anagram of the names of the investors. And the concept for the craft brewery/restaurant came from Kristi’s husband Alex, and college buddy Mark Bagdassarian, who enjoyed fooling around in the backyard with a small beer making kit. They loved creating their own beer concoctions so much they eventually decided to “go big” and open a restaurant. The original small keg is still in use at Mad Duck #2, in the Campus Pointe Shopping Center, next to the giant tanks where the big batches of designer beer are made.

In addition to her work for the restaurants, Kristi serves as of counsel at the firm of White Canepa, LLP, where she specializes in medical malpractice defense. Two additional SJCL grads, Suzanne McGuire (Law’99), and Karen Ray (Law’10) are also attorneys at White Canepa, where Karen was named a 2017 Northern California Super Lawyer Rising Star.

Before attending SJCL, Kristi attained both a bachelor’s and a master’s degree in communications from Fresno State.

In her “spare time”, Kristi serves as a professor at Fresno State, Madera Community College, and Clovis Community College on the subjects of Public Speaking, Group Communication, and Argumentation. With that kind of schedule, one could really appreciate owning their own craft brewery.



SJCL Alumni & CCLS Provide Valuable Service to Local Seniors

Word has gotten out about the SJCL Alumni Association's Annual Senior Citizens Law Day. This year's event was as well attended as it was appreciated. Several SJCL Alumni as well as local law enforcement officials, gave up a Saturday morning in October

to present valuable information on topics like Estate Planning, the Intricacies of Medicare/Medi-Cal, and Elder Abuse to local seniors. In addition, Central California Legal Services was again on hand to provide no-cost, one-on-one appointments for those who qualified. The SJCL

Alumni Association wishes to thank everyone who so generously volunteered to present this valuable community service. Through your support, SJCL is making a difference in our community.



Sabrina Ashjian, Esq. and Detective Drew Mosher presented on Elder Abuse at Senior Citizens Law Day.



Deborah K. Boyett (Law '01) talks on "The Benefits of Estate Planning"



Joy Dockter (Law '10) presents "Getting the Best Possible Senior Health Coverage: Medicare, Medi-Cal, and Other Plans, Oh My!"



Attendees of Senior Citizens Law Day



Judge Brian Alvarez (L) shared his experience as a Veteran earning his law degree with KSEE's Alex Delgado (C) and SJCL Staff member Francisco "Javier" Rosas (R), also a Veteran, on the *Central Valley Today Show*.

Veterans Who Become Attorneys Thrive

While waiting for the recent Veterans to Law School Forum to begin, Brian, one of the attendees, munched on crackers and cheese, and talked about his entanglement in an unusually long and messy divorce. His Naval experience in special warfare had taught him enough about policy and law to know that proper procedures regarding his case, were lacking. That's when Brian realized he knew quite a bit about the workings of the law, as well as the importance of meeting legal standards. Now he thinks a career as an attorney might be his next calling.

Brian was among the 20 Veterans gathered at the Clovis Veteran's Memorial District in November, to hear a jointly-sponsored panel discussion by San Joaquin College of Law (SJCL) Alumni, who also happen to be Veterans.

Another attendee, Freddy, had already begun his pathway to law school. He is currently completing a second bachelor's degree at Fresno State, and then plans to enroll at SJCL. His military experience was as broad as his interests are diverse. In the Army, Freddy worked with artillery and later as a drill sergeant, before retiring and attaining his first bachelor's in anthropology. His current degree, in Cognitive Science, is reflected in his business as a tech consultant, where he advises the agricultural sector on technology integration, using drones.

For Freddy, the need to serve has gone unfulfilled since he retired from the military, even though his endeavors have met with financial success. "As a civilian, nothing is big enough to fill that military-trained need to serve," he said. "(I want to take) the next step to protect what's right. When you apply justice, you can significantly change a person's life (for the better)," Freddy said.

Panelist Raed Nijmeddin, Chief Attorney of Fresno County's Department of Child Support Services, knows all about the need for job satisfaction after military service. For fellow Veterans like him, who parlayed their military experience into a successful career in law, "Law school becomes a new mission," and a passion for serving as an attorney provides that satisfaction of purpose, he said. Raed served four years in the Marine Corps before enrolling in law school. He said the military teaches how to set goals and then achieve them, in addition to sheer tenacity. "Boot camp was the most difficult thing I ever did, and I used that ability (to complete it) to complete law school as well.

The Honorable Brian Alvarez served in the US Air Force in Operation Desert Storm before he enrolled at SJCL. He worked at the Fresno County District Attorney's Office upon his return from the military.

"My military service taught me many of the skills I needed to complete law school," Judge Alvarez said. "Specifically, the ability to work on a team, and in law school, to create a strong study group."

Raed agreed, "Your study group is your squad, and you all have a common mission/goal," he added.

David Lange, a Family Law Attorney with the Tulare County Department of Child Support Services, served in the US Air Force for 20 years in various capacities. Flight simulators, modifications teams, and radio and telecommunication systems were a few of his specialties, in addition to scooping ice cream at Farrells before he joined up. David says planning and organizing your time are two essential keys in the military, as well as law school, and beyond. He strongly recommended investing in an abundance of extra socks and underwear as well, so that laundry issues don't derail your schedule.

Panelist Vaughan Rios agreed. As a first-year law student, mother of three, and wife of a military Veteran, (Lt. Col. Lorenzo Rios, CEO of the Clovis Veterans Memorial District), Vaughan listed resilience, learning to prioritize, and making do as valuable skills she gained during her husband's service. Vaughn also spoke about the ability of military spouses to use their partner's education benefits to attend college, like she is.

Hopper Moot Court Fall 2017



(L-R): Oral Advocate Finalist **Anthony Muia**, Oral Advocate Finalist **Brian Chin**, Best Brief Finalist **Leticia Guzman**, Hon. **Jeffrey Hamilton, Jr.**, Justice **Rosendo Peña, Jr.**, Oral Advocate Finalist **Daniel Cisneros**, Hon. **Mark Snauffer**, Best Oral Advocate winner **Zena Sin**, and Best Brief winner **Morgan Day**.

“Don’t chase the red herring!” These were part of the words of praise Judge Jeffrey Hamilton, Jr. had for San Joaquin College of Law students who had battled through the final rounds of the George A. Hopper Moot Court competition. The Judge added the oral advocates did not allow the judges to knock them off course, “even with trick questions.”

Justice Rosendo Peña, Jr. noted the importance of the non-evasive nature of the advocates’ replies to the constant nudging questions from the panel of judges.

Judge Mark Snauffer was also impressed. “You stuck to your guns and did not concede points. You all have a great future ahead of you.”

Hopper Moot Court is a three-night affair every year, so it may seem rather ordinary. The extraordinary part is the

number of attorneys and bench officers who volunteer to work every single time. San Joaquin College of Law offers sincere thanks to everyone who takes time out of already over-loaded schedules to help hone the law students’ skills. They include: Robert Abrams, Dede Agrava, Hon. Brian Arax, Mark Broughton, Nicholas Capozzi, Monrae English, Trevor Goossen, Hon. Erica Grosjean, Amy Guerra, William Hahesy, Hon. Jeffrey Hamilton, Jr., Hon. James Kelley, Jr., James Lambe, Sophia Lecky, Hon. Leanne LeMon, James Miller, James Mugridge, Connie Parker, Justice Rosendo Peña, Jr., Professor Jeffrey G. Purvis, Kathleen Servatius, Hon. Geoffrey Sims, Hon. Mark Snauffer, Philip Tavlian, Anastasya Uskov, Peter Wall, Mark Waller, Harry White, and Jody Winter.

Congratulations to the
Fall 2017 George A. Hopper
Moot Court Competition
Winners

Best Oral Advocate

Zena Sin

Oral Advocate Finalists

Brian Chin
Daniel Cisneros
Anthony Muia

Best Brief

Morgan Day

Best Brief Finalist

Leticia Guzman

SJCL Leads Effort to Improve Legal Access for all in the Valley

Law professors, lawyers, judges, students, and legal services experts joined together for the Rural Legal Access 2017 Summit, here at SJCL in November. Some five dozen attendees from all over California explored methods and practices to improve legal access services for underserved residents in specific San Joaquin Valley communities.

Keynote Speaker Ana de Alba, a shareholder at the law firm of Lang, Richert & Patch, brought her wealth of experience in representing both plaintiffs and defendants with employment related matters, discrimination, sexual harassment, and much more. Additional guest speakers and roundtable discussions were held on topics related to rural, pro bono, and low bono legal access.

The summit was an outcome of the collaborative efforts by UC Davis, UC Berkeley, Fresno State Community and Economic Development, Central California Legal Services, San Joaquin Valley Rural Development Center, and SJCL to expand access to legal services for residents of modest means, who live in rural communities. The effort was entitled “Practice 99” – how to bring legal services to the 99% of the population who cannot afford them.



(L-R): Adjunct Professor **Andrew Kucera** (Law '13), UC Berkeley School of Law Professor **William Kell**, and UC Davis School of Law Professor **Mary Louise Frampton**



(L-R): Central California Legal Services Executive Director **Patience Milrod** and Law Library Director **Alicia Diaz Wrest** (Law '10)



Repudiating the Statistics to Win a California Bar Foundation Scholarship

SJCL congratulates Rosie Palomino (1L), who was honored at a special dinner at UC Hastings this fall, for winning a California Bar Foundation Diversity Scholarship. Rosie was one of 29 scholars who beat out some 400 applicants for the awards. She received \$7,500 from Southern California Edison.

In the program for the awards ceremony at Hastings, scholarship winners' photos and personal statements are listed across several pages. Rosie is featured next to scholars from Pepperdine, UC Berkeley, and UCLA, with others attending USC Gould and Stanford. One of the goals of the scholarship is to encourage much needed diversity, and greater cultural competency in the legal profession.

Rosie's interest in law began in childhood. Both her parents were incarcerated at various times, her father for 16 years, and her mother during Rosie's entire childhood. She and her siblings were raised by their Spanish-speaking Grandmother Maria, along with three uncles. "My Grandmother was born in Mexico, and is now 86 years old," Rosie said. "She is a very important force in my life."



Not only does Rosie represent the first generation in her family to graduate from college, she also is the first to even attend. As an undergrad at the College of the Sequoias, Rosie started a club called the "Society of Legal Studies" which helped her to meet certain pre-law pathway requirements. There, she took classes on the administration of law, and went on to earn a B.A. in Criminology, from Fresno Pacific University.

For the scholarship application, Rosie had to show financial need, as well as write an essay. With her unique perspective on the legal profession, Rosie wrote about her own life, and how many children with incarcerated parents also deal with the stifling results, like poverty and abandonment.

"I grew up as a child of the incarcerated," she wrote in her personal statement. "Society tells me I shouldn't be a college graduate, and that I am unworthy of becoming a lawyer. I have actively repudiated the statistics."

Defined by the California Bar Foundation's (CBF) website as "the last line of defense for our most vulnerable communities," lawyers as a professional group are exceedingly non-diverse. While, as their website states, 60% of current Californians are people of color, nearly 80% of today's lawyers are not. Predictions say the majority of Californians will be people of color by the year 2050. The CBF has as its vision "to see more lawyers who look like the people of California." The Diversity Scholarships are one of the ways the group is addressing this issue.

George Hopper Memorial Scholarship



Congratulations to SJCL student **Raquel Busani**, winner of the 2017 George Hopper Memorial Scholarship. Perhaps an even bigger honor was that she got to meet California Supreme Court Justice **Mariano-Florentino Cuellar** (L).

Christian Legal Aid Summit Scholarship Award

BY EMILIO AVELLANEDA

The 2017 Christian Legal Society National Conference at Newport Beach brought over 125 law students from over 30 different schools across the US for an amazing experience in October. In addition to praise, worship, and pursuing our calling together, the conference presented a vast array of opportunities to learn from lawyers, scholars and religious advocates.

Before attending the conference, I received a scholarship award to attend the legal aid summit, which provided me with great insight and knowledge on how to start and operate a legal aid clinic in the community. “One of the great things about the Christian Legal Aid network is that we are a community with the same mission serving the same Lord,” said Ken Liu, Legal Aid Ministries Director for CLS.

As a metaphor to illustrate, Mr. Liu stated, “like the trees in a forest whose roots are so intertwined, we seek to mutually help each other when we’re struggling and when we’re growing.”

I am thankful to Christian Legal Society and everyone who helped to make it possible for me to attend the 2017 legal aid summit and conference. All the inspirational and encouraging messages by the speakers at these events certainly exceeded my expectations. The stimulating discussions we had together taught me how to live out my faith in the legal profession. It also helped me to understand the significance of contributing a service to the community by working toward establishing a new Christian Legal Aid clinic in the future.



Emilio Avellaneda and Legal Aid Ministries Director for Christian Legal Society **Ken Liu**

Hanson Scholarship.



Congratulations to SJCL student **Raquel Busani**, winner of the Hanson Scholarship. Pictured left, Busani receives the honor from **Nancy Stegall** (Law '96), Chair of the Hanson Scholarship Committee, at the 30th Annual Justice Pauline Hanson Dinner on November 16th.

Law Review teams with National Agricultural Law Center

JOHN SOARES - SJALR VOL. 27 PRODUCTION EDITOR



San Joaquin Agricultural Law Review Board Members gathered for a reception celebrating the release of Volume 26. They included (L-R): **Jaskaran Gill**, Vol. 26 Executive Editor; **Allison Ryan**, Vol. 26 Editor-in-Chief; **Jeremy Matthews**, Vol. 26 Staff Member; **Christina Cardenas-Gonzalez**, Vol. 27 Notes and Comments Editor; **Annemarie Monique Taylor**, Vol. 27 Community Liaison Editor; **Jennifer Nguyen-Bui**, Vol. 27 Executive Editor; **John Soares**, Vol. 27 Production Editor; and **Ryan Lopez**, Vol. 27 Editor-in-Chief.

The *San Joaquin Agricultural Law Review* is a legal periodical published by the Law Review students of San Joaquin College of Law. The *Law Review* provides an informative and objective national forum for analyzing legal issues affecting our nation's most vital industry – agriculture. Every year, the student Editorial Board Members of the *SJALR* gather, edit and publish articles written by legal scholars and practitioners and comments and case notes written by students of San Joaquin College of Law.

The *Law Review* has the distinction of being one of only two agricultural law reviews throughout the United States and has reached legal professionals from the San Joaquin Valley to the United States Supreme Court. Membership on a school's law review is often a distinction, indicating rank at or near the top of the class and/or success in a rigorous writing competition.

Membership in the *Law Review* is highly coveted as its members possess qualities that are attractive to prospective employers. Many prominent practicing attorneys, judges and professors commenced their legal careers by writing a comment published in their school's Law Review. Recognition as a member of the Law Review is a distinction achieved by only a few percent of all graduating law students.

The various writers, editors, and staff members of the Law Review celebrated the release of its twenty-sixth volume at the Lime Lite Restaurant on October 27th, where they previewed the contents of the current volume to family, friends, and colleagues. It was a wonderful night, honoring the substantial effort made by attorneys and students in writing, editing, and preparing their writings for publication. The *Law Review* has also been working hard behind the scenes to form a collaboration with the Arkansas-based National Agri-

cultural Law Center, which is the nation's leading source of agricultural and food law research. Our respective institutions were pleased to announce that for the first time ever, the Center hired two of our *SJALR* editors to research and write for their website. This presents another exciting opportunity for the *SJALR* and our Law Review Editors and Staff to work under the *SJALR* and National Agricultural Law Center umbrellas.

The *San Joaquin Agricultural Law Review* has provided legal commentary on various agricultural issues for over twenty-five years. Its current projects, along with the new partnership with National Agricultural Law Center, aim to continue providing the agricultural community with legal commentary for another twenty-five years. Volume twenty-six is available to read now in print and at www.sjcl.edu/sjalr. The Law Review looks forward to bringing Volume twenty-seven to publication sometime in 2018.

A Toast to our Summer 2017 Barpassers



FRONT ROW (L-R): Carey Haydon, Janay Kinder, Christina Piña, Ingrid Caero, Brittaney Contreras, Allison Ryan, and Shanna Hesketh
MIDDLE ROW (L-R): D'Artagnan Montrose, Richard Placido, Jason Trupkin, Brandon Hamparzoomian, Alexandria De La Fuente, and Roshana Shirzad
BACK ROW (L-R): David Devencenzi, Michael Kerr, Jeffrey Castleton, Jeff Robinson, Matthew Lear, Jasdeep Lasher, and Elizabeth Mehling.
Also passing but not pictured: Lenore Christensen, Jaskaran Gill, Carmen Kalashian, Chris LeFever, James Orr, Elliot Pease, and Tara Tarasen

“Are you and your husband still together?” The words from her daughter’s elementary school teacher hit Barpasser Richard Placido’s wife hard.

“Why would you ask that?”

“Your daughter says she doesn’t think your husband is sleeping at the house anymore.”

That story was accompanied with laughs and a glass of bubbly at the Champagne Reception for San Joaquin College of Law barpassers on November 20th. She recalls her husband leaving for school in the morning before their kids awoke and returning home after they were in bed.

Relief was just part of the joy, as families of bar passers recalled the stress of law school. Ingrid Caero’s partner clearly remembers plying her with candy in the days leading up to the Bar, while Christina

Piña’s son says he never had to worry about her stress, mainly because she was never around. Christina will be home more, but still busy; she is among the majority of bar passers who had a “You pass, you’re hired” offer from a law firm. She will be an Associate Attorney for Gina Barsotti.

Meanwhile, David Devencenzi has been hired by the Law Offices of Nathan McMurry; Shanna Hesketh becomes the newest Associate Attorney at the Sawl Law Group; D’Artagnan Montrose heads to Michael Sullivan & Associates; Brittaney Contreras becomes an Associate at Fagen, Friedman & Fulfroost; Allison Ryan is now an Associate Attorney at Motschieder, Michaelides, Wishon, Brewer & Ryan; Jeffrey Castleton joins the Castleton Law Firm in Merced; Matt Lear has been hired by the Yarra Law Group; Brandon Hamparzoomian becomes the newest Associate

at Coleman & Horowitz; Janay Kinder joins the Mugridge Moran Law Firm as an Associate Attorney; and Jaskaran Gill moves into an Associate Attorney position at Griswold LaSalle.

At least four other barpassers are awaiting word from various District Attorneys’ Offices in the Valley while another is hoping for a Public Defender position.

Barpasser Jason Trupkin is among the few without a job offer, possibly because he hasn’t sent out a single resume. Trupkin, along with fellow barpassers Michael Kerr and Carmen Kalashian, is a veteran. He says his ten years of service in the U.S. Coast Guard gave him the discipline to succeed in law school. It may also have given him extra confidence. As for the job hunt? He just says “I’m not worried.”

Hall of Fame from Page 1



Master of Ceremonies **Phillip Cline** (Law '78) with his wife **Marcia** and son, **Jarrett Cline** (Law '02).



office), are members of the Fresno Philharmonic. She is an active member of the International Armenian Relief Society, the North Fresno Rotary and a board member of the Ararat Armenian Cemetery. Judge Sanderson says she is proud of their two stepsons and seven grandchildren, adding simply "Family is important."

Inductee Art Baggett, who graduated from SJCL in 1993, came to the Law School from a completely different background. He had stellar science credentials, including a master's degree in Environmental Science from Antioch College. Still, he notes that for "a kid from Mariposa up in the mountains, I've come a long way."

His interest in law came after being elected to the Mariposa County Board of

Supervisors in 1986, serving two terms. He realized land use issues and general day-to-day politics were based on understanding the law. His political mentor, Congressman Tony Coelho, and Park Superintendent Bob Binnewiess, convinced him that law school would provide a huge benefit in his position; it was something neither of them had pursued, and regretted.

As longtime residents of El Portal, Baggett and his wife Phyllis, to whom he gives much of the credit, had to overcome many obstacles for him to attend law school. His full-time county supervisor position, along with the commute to SJCL - 100 miles each way - was a lot. He figures he drove over 60,000 miles during that time, incurring only a single speeding ticket.

Governor Gray Davis appointed Baggett to the California State Water Resource Control Board in 1999, and again in 2003. In 2007, Governor Schwarzenegger reappointed him. There, he ran an agency with over 2,000 staff and 44 attorneys, and personally presided over most of the water rights hearings. Baggett notes he spent "twelve years on the Water Board, dealing with the Harvards and the Stanfords," but having attended SJCL, he was not intimidated. "I had the basics," he says. "I am comfortable with the pedigreed Rhodes Scholars."

As a scientist and teacher, Baggett has been on the faculty of Yosemite Institute and the University of California's Sierra Institute, served as adjunct faculty for Fresno State's Department of Chemistry and continues to teach Environmental and Water Rights Law at SJCL.

Baggett currently mediates complex water and resources disputes as a principal for AG Baggett and PJ Weber, Inc. In his spare time, he's a musician in his son's bluegrass and country bands, and skis and hikes the backcountry of the Sierra Nevada.

With the induction of its two newest members, the SJCL Alumni Hall of Fame swells to 24, including eight bench officers and the California Secretary of Health and Human Services.

Hall of Fame Members in attendance for the ceremony included Phil Cline (Law '78), Deborah Coe (Law '91), Rene Sample (Law '88), Hon. Alan Simpson (Law '83), Lisa Smittcamp (Law '95), and the Hon. Rosemary McGuire (Law '94), who offered closing remarks.

Other members of the bench in the audience included Hon. Jane Cardoza, Hon. Jonathan Conklin, Hon. Jeffrey Hamilton, Hon. Glenda Allen-Hill, Hon. Gary Hoff, Hon. David Kalemkarian, and Hon. Rosendo Pena.

In closing his speech, Master of Ceremonies Phil Cline said many things have not changed in the nearly 40 years since his graduation. The professors are still "good at teaching, but also good in their profession. After class, they can still be found in the halls talking and laughing with the students. It's a culture of caring about students," he notes. "San Joaquin has always been about the students."

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 Fresno County Bar Association's Bar Bulletin. The *SJALR*, 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 Appeals among others. The previous 26 Volumes are available on line at sjcl.edu/sjalr.

Professional articles are always welcome. Contact Volume 27 *SJALR* Executive Editor Jennifer Nguyen-Bui at Jennifer.Nguyen-Bui@student.sjcl.edu for more information.



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AFFH Role In Housing Policy Without Long-Lasting Reform For Agricultural Workers

BY JEREMY MATTHEWS, STAFF MEMBER, SAN JOAQUIN AGRICULTURAL LAW REVIEW

Quality and affordable housing is an important element of the American Dream. Despite a history of extensive government oversight that has shaped the American housing market, agriculture workers across the United States are often faced with substandard housing. The history of housing programs in the United States provides evidence of progress to provide quality and affordable housing throughout the nation, but also demonstrates slower than expected improvements in housing conditions for migrant workers. Acceptable housing conditions for migrant workers are often below average standards and sometimes are found to be unhealthy or even dangerous. Many factors contribute to the challenges in housing faced by migrant workers including immigration status and the transient nature of their occupation.

Bipartisan supported housing policy is necessary to effectuate meaningful housing programs that support all who pursue the American Dream. The furtherance of these goals is attempted by The Department of Housing and Urban Development ("HUD") and the recent Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing ("AFFH") law. AFFH aims to reverse a history of discrimination, segregation, and poverty in housing markets. To do so, AFFH highlights the disparate impact theory found in employment and discrimination law, which suggests certain policies are illegal because of their disproportionate impact on persons in a protected class. AFFH also aims to reverse perpetuating concentrated poverty in government assisted housing by requiring federal grant programs to be used in what are called "areas of opportunity"

AFFH has received both strong support and opposition across political party lines.

A significant criticism suggested by groups opposing AFFH suggest that it gives HUD a new national power to affect local zoning and land use laws which have traditionally been within the discretion and authority of local communities and leaders. Supporters argue that AFFH strikes the appropriate balance between regional and local decision making processes that is necessary to ensure underserved populations are not overlooked.

While the intent of the law is worthy, its effect on underdeveloped communities, which are often inhabited by agriculture workers, is widely unknown. Furthermore, the use of an executive order may be highly vulnerable to the bipartisan support that is necessary for sustainable housing improvements. This comment analyzes the AFFH HUD rule to understand its purpose, scope, and impact on migrant workers

Dear Faux Amici

In the “Dear Professors” segment, I answer pressing and topical legal questions generated by my own perfervid imagination every month or you can submit your question to jpurvis@sjcl.edu.

BY JEFFREY G. PURVIS, CONSTITUTIONAL LAW PROFESSOR

Dear Professors

Every month on a Thursday afternoon some jackass in our shop turns the radio to Valley Views on the Law, and I have to listen to you idiots spew your liberal whining about everything you don't like about the greatest President ever, Donald Trump. Then I read this tweet from the President: “So happy that failing fake-news Valley Views on the Law has been canceled! Their ratings worse than Schwarzenegger. Very bad people. Enemies of America. SAD! Covfefe”

I knew then that I had to write you an e-mail so I could be on the final Dear Professors. I checked my Reddit for “alt-left sickos” and found out that your topic is President Trump trying to save America from the Muslim Terrorists. I know that you will EXPLETIVE DELETED all over it like you always do, which just shows for one last time how clueless and stupid

you liberals are, and why there will never be Democrats in control again. What can't you snowflakes understand about preventing Muslim Terrorism by keeping the Muslim Terrorists out of America? Even my mom gets that, and she's a woman!

So good riddance to you, Professor Purvis, you are a traitor to your race and you always made me want to puke! I'll kinda miss that Atkinson guy—I liked the sound of his voice. We'll be coming for you with the Fist of Truth, which in my case is the Confederate Battle Flag and a 12 gauge shotgun.

Joe the Auto Mechanic, Toledo, Ohio

It's always good to hear from Trump supporters, Joe, because you tell it like you want it to be, whether it is or not. I'm not subtle enough to be good at spotting innuendo, but it sure sounds like you just

threatened to shoot me because you don't like my constitutional analysis or my political views. You are a true patriot, waving the flag of our nation's deadliest enemies as you seek to silence with violence anyone who disagrees with you.

I want to reserve my constitutional analysis for later, but your e-mail does give me an opportunity to address the public policy, as well as constitutional, implications of government action like President Trump's self-described “Muslim Ban.” The scenario is a law or rule that is said to address a matter of concern that appears legitimate, but the nature of that law raises suspicions that other objectives may be the prime or sole motivator for the regulation. For example, “crack” cocaine was seen as such a serious problem in the last century that the punishments imposed for its possession, use, etc. were increased very greatly. But at the same time, the penalties for using ordinary powder cocaine were not increased, and were thus much lower than for crack. Statistical evidence, which was not called fake news at that time, showed that crack cocaine was overwhelmingly used by African-American users, while powder cocaine was mostly used by white users. So an African-American crack user could go to prison for many years, while a white cocaine-snorter would face a much milder penalty. Who can deny that the use of crack is a matter of public concern that should be ameliorated? Still, I think it is important to ask whether the purported concern of crack cocaine was influenced by legislators' attitudes toward African-Americans. Perhaps, as some have suggested, Congress only wanted to protect African-American communities from the scourge of crack cocaine, while powder cocaine presented only a mild threat to people at parties in Hollywood. My point is that the potential that African-Americans were somehow targeted should be of great concern to us all.

Terrorism is a terrible threat, and government should take action against it. A great deal of terrorist activity is done by persons who describe themselves as Muslim. But there have been many kinds of terrorists in the world, including Jewish terrorists in Israel during the British Mandate, Tamil terrorists in Sri Lanka, Communist terrorists in Peru, and American



Professor **Jeffrey G. Purvis** shares a laugh with his wife, **Susan** (Law '00), Academic Dean **Justin Atkinson**, and a student in advance of this year's Constitution Day Lecture.

terrorists in the United States, all of whom were not Muslims. When our government takes vigorous action against terrorism, what are we to make of the fact that it acts almost exclusively against terrorists who are Muslims? Would the 160 people killed and 600 plus injured by Timothy McVeigh agree with the potential explanation that non-Muslim terrorists are not worth protecting against? I'm not saying that the government should not focus its resources effectively, but how is banning every person from certain "Muslim-majority" nations from entering the US an effective way to prevent terrorism? Why was the nation that spawned Osama Bin Laden, and supplied the majority of the 9/11 airplane terrorists, Saudi Arabia, not included in the ban? What about people from Afghanistan, the home of the Taliban? Reasonable people committed to our constitutional system should be very interested in these potential contradictions.

Just as when the government of Mexico began sending its nation's rapists to America, and we instituted the ban on anyone from a majority-Mexican nation entering the United States, followed by extreme vetting of such persons, it may turn out that a government program that appeared racist was in fact perfectly neutral. If recent political events indicate that openly racist government policies may once again become acceptable, and no longer need to be couched in neutral-sounding language, then worrying about "hidden" targeting of races or religions may not be of public or constitutional interest. World events suggest that the Confederates and the Nazi's, and their foreign equivalents, may be on the rise. The first whiffs of a potential for revived militarism can be sniffed coming from Japan. But one thing is sure. When a group like the National Rifle Association says "we are coming for you with the Fist of Truth" to our nation's press, they are not intending to stage a debate.

So wave the Stars and Bars, Joe! It's just a wonderful symbol of America's past, a part of our history we want to preserve and celebrate. No racism in a Confederate flag, or maybe it doesn't matter whether there is any. There were plenty of good people on both sides of the Civil War. Now where did I put that statue of Benedict Arnold?

Film Screening and Lecture Bring Crisis into Focus



The relentless civil war in Syria and the resulting refugee crisis is "one of the most important things happening in our time," says Professor of International Security Law, Andreas Borgeas. "It's the story behind every movement that matters," he said. Professor Borgeas provided a brief history of the modern Middle East before a screening of the film documentary "Dayla's Other Country," presented by SJCL's student group Law Students for Community Advancement (LSCA).

Professor Borgeas' comments provided context on the current situation in Syria, and the resulting displacement of some six million Syrians inside, and another five million outside the country, who have been scattered to the winds in search of a safe and peaceful place to land.

By looking at the evolution of the region through a contemporary lens, we can better understand the significant events that have propelled the people of the Middle East from one phase of development to another, the most recent being the pursuit of democracy.

The Syrian civil war that began during the "Arab Spring" over seven years ago, when the people of other dictator-dominated countries (like Libya and Iraq) succeeded in freeing themselves from iron fisted rule, has not met with success. The grip of the long-standing Assad regime, in addition to the complexities caused by insurgent zealots like ISIL (Iraqi and Syrian Islamic League), has lead not to democracy, but the worst humanitarian crisis in recent history.

"Dalya's Other Country" chronicles the experiences of one family, narrated by Dalya, the teenaged daughter, as they maneuver through the clash of culture and acceptance while attempting to start over in America. From their perspective, we come to understand how one's sense of life's purpose can be lost by displacement, a far greater hardship than the difficulties of fitting in someplace new.

"I think the challenge is the priority of what we do on a daily basis that will help the families most, and advocacy sometimes doesn't fix the fact that we have fourteen people living in a two bedroom apartment today. [It] doesn't help that we have discriminatory housing practices happening in our city with the Syrian refugees," says Zack Darrah, Executive Director of the Fresno Interdenominational Refugee Ministries (FIRM).

Event co-chairs Ali Huda and Raquel Busani said they were pleased LSCA was able to present such a timely and important event.

"This event sheds light on a major international crisis that locally affects us all," Ali said.

"The beauty of hosting community events like these is that everyone has their own story to tell and is impacted by the stories they hear in very different ways. Although one of the specific goals behind hosting the event was to bring further awareness to the plight being suffered by the local Syrian refugee community and to spotlight FIRM and the work they have done for the cause, our primary goal is really just to get people to talk and connect – even when they disagree," said Raquel.



In Memoriam

Debora (Debbie) Yakovetic, 1955-2017

In July of 2013, Debbie Yakovetic joined the SJCL staff as our Staff Accountant until her passing, on October 20, 2017. She was extremely knowledgeable in the accounting field and her skills were top notch. There was never a job too large or small for her to take on, and she offered to help in any way possible. Debbie took great pains to make sure things were done correctly the first time. She cared about people, including the staff, students, and faculty of SJCL. Debbie had a wicked sense of humor that she shared with the people who she worked closely with. She would use her life stories to connect, and provide guidance and laughter to staff members. Debbie was a rock and a consummate professional. She was a very caring person, and she will be greatly missed.

Out and About

What are these brand new babies doing in my copy of *Inter Alia*? We're kicking off a brand new section for alumni called "Out and About." While "On the Move" remains dedicated to new jobs, promotions and so on, Out and About celebrates the things that make the success worthwhile. Send us a picture of your vacation (with you in it), your new baby, or even your wedding (again, with you in it).

As for the picture to the right, that's three-year-old Olivia, standing in for her mom, Randell Harper (Law '14) with the family's new twins, Owen and Penelope. Too cute! Send your photo and caption to mcartier@sjcl.edu.



SJCL ON THE MOVE

New job? Big promotion? Special honor?

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W. Allen Bennett (Law '94) is now General Counsel for Centuries Communities. It is the 12th largest home builder in the United States with communities in Washington, Utah, Georgia, Texas, Nevada, and Colorado and over 1,000 employees. Allen has six associates working with him and supervises 35 outside counsel.

Jeffrey C. Castleton (Law '17) is now an Associate Attorney at the Castleton Law Firm in Merced.

William L. Chaddock (Law '16) is now an Associate Attorney at Michael Sullivan & Associates, LLP, where he represents self-insured employers, insurance carriers, third-party administrators and corporations in all aspects of workers' compensation.

Brittaney L. Contreras (Law '17) is now an Associate Attorney at Fagen, Friedman & Fulfrost.

David A. Devencenzi (Law '17) is an Associate Attorney at the Law Offices of Nathan McMurry.

Jonathan J. Echols (Law '14) is now an Associate Attorney at Stander Reubens Thomas Kinsey.

Jaskaran S. Gill (Law '17) has moved into an Associate Attorney position at Griswold LaSalle.

Bret Grove (Law '06) has been accepted as one of the 2017 American Institute of Legal Council's Ten Best Workers' Compensation Attorneys in California for exceptional and outstanding client service.

Charles P. Hamamjian (Law '14) is now an Associate Attorney at Sagaser, Watkins and Wieland.

Brandon A. Hamparzoomian (Law '17) is an Associate Attorney at Coleman & Horowitz.

Shanna N. Hesketh (Law '17) is now an Associate Attorney at the Sawl Law Group.

Amanda Moran Hines (Law '16) is now a partner at the Mugridge Moran Law Firm.

Feras M. Khoury (Law '12) is now Chief Operating Officer for Livingston Community Health in Livingston, CA. Per their website “LCH is a non-profit community owned health center providing comprehensive primary and preventive health care services to all patients regardless of their ability to pay.” They serve 14,000 patients from Livingston, Delhi, Stevinson, Hilmar, Cressey, Ballico and the general rural area at six health clinics.

Janay D. Kinder (Law '17) has joined the Mugridge Moran Law Firm as an Associate Attorney.

Matthew M. Lear (Law '17) is now an Associate Attorney for the Yarra Law Group.

Daniel A. Martin (Law '16) is now an Associate Attorney at Overstreet & Associates, where he will be working with the principal of the firm, David Overstreet (Law '81) and Associate Attorney Rachelle Taylor Golden (Law '13).

Claire Tuttle Meredith (Law '13) has been named to the 2017 Business Street Online “40 under 40” list, recognizing “outstanding business professionals in the private and public sectors of Central California who have yet to reach the age of 40.” She is currently an Associate Attorney at Michael Sullivan & Associates.

Craig R. Meredith (Law '13) has been named to the 2017 Business Street Online “40 under 40” list, recognizing “outstanding business professionals in the private and public sectors of Central California who have yet to reach the age of 40.” His is currently an Associate Attorney for Tuttle & McCloskey.

D'Artagnan R. Montrose II (Law '17) is joining Michael Sullivan & Associates as an Associate Attorney.

Kim K. Nakagawa (Law '15) is now an Associate Attorney at Law Office of Parker Kern Nard & Wenzel.

William K. Nelson (Law '11) is now a shareholder in the Law Firm of Sierra IP Law.

Christina C. Piña (Law '17) is now an Associate Attorney for Gina Barsotti.

Warren R. Paboojian (Law '85) has been recognized by Fresno State's College of Arts and Humanities as its 2017 honoree for outstanding accomplishments and remarkable achievements. He is a partner in the law firm Baradat & Paboojian, Inc.

Jonathan O. Peña (Law '10) has opened the Law Office of Peña & Bromberg, PC.

Allison M. Ryan (Law '17) is now an Associate Attorney at Motschiedler, Michaelides, Wishon, Brewer & Ryan.

Michael C. Titus (Law '14) is now General Counsel at Valley Wide Beverage Company.

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