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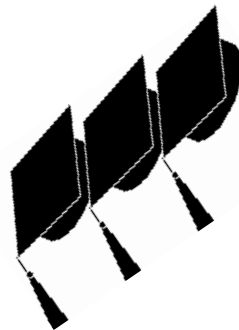
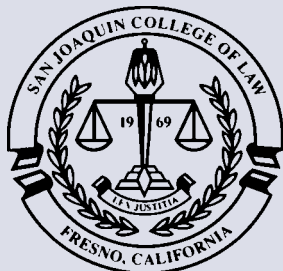
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1999 SJCL Paralegal Graduation

On February 26, 1999, San Joaquin College of Law Paralegal Students celebrated the end of an arduous year of study with a reception at the School. There were eight who successfully completed the entire program. And celebrate they did. The reception was attended by about 90 friends, family, instructors and SJCL Board of Trustees member, Susie Osterberg. After the party fare, came the introduction of the class members, a speech by instructor Harry Pascuzzi, speeches in absentia from instructors Tom Armstrong and Deborah Owdom, and valedictory speeches by Martha Peck and L.J. Manwaring.

The graduates include: Coleman Alberta of Oakhurst; Janet Gott of North Fork; L.J. Manwaring of Fresno/Clovis; Matt Nunley of Oakhurst; Martha Peck of Fresno; Maria Pulliam of Fresno; Deborah Schneider of Fresno, and Kimberly Secrist of Clovis. Although this was a small class individually, it brings the total number of Paralegal graduates, since the beginning of the program in 1981, to over 500. Many have jobs; and several plan ultimately to return to SJCL to the Law Program. SJCL congratulates all of the 1999 Paralegal Graduates and wish them well in their future endeavors.



Left to Right: L.J. Manwaring, Coleman Alberta, Martha Peck, Janet Gott, Maria Pulliam, and Matt Nunley. (Kim Secrist and Deborah Schneider not pictured)

1999 SJCL Law Graduation

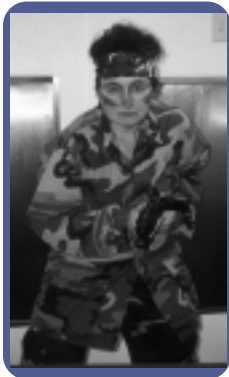
May 29th, 1999
Warnor's Theater
1400 Fulton - 3:00 P.M.
Fresno, CA

For more information, call Pat at 323-2100

“A Night in Paris” A Big Hit!

The 1999 SJCL Spring Banquet was a great success. The annual scholarship and awards banquet was held at the Clovis Veteran’s Memorial Hall on March 26.

Throughout the evening, many SJCL students were honored with scholarships as well as entertained by the comedy team of “Hal and Dave”. Hal Bolen and David Camenson are well known in the local legal community for their humorous



Dean Jan as “Tanya”

skits and antics during past Spring Banquets. Although the usual professional roast of Doug Noll took place, the 1999 Spring Banquet marked the first “Doug Noll Award” ever presented to the most deserving SJCL student. Congratulations to first year student, Jeff Bohn for winning this prestigious award.



Jill Waller Randles, Kurt Randles, Joyce Morodomi and Pat Smith enjoying the festivities.

SJCL receives WASC reaccreditation

At its February 24, 1999 meeting in San Francisco, the Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC) reaffirmed the regional accreditation of San Joaquin College of Law. Accreditation was reaffirmed for ten years. The Western Association of Schools and Colleges is the accrediting entity for all major colleges and universities in California and Hawaii.

SJCL was first accredited by WASC in 1993 for a period of five years. Regional accreditation recognizes an institution as a serious educational institution. Regional accreditation is necessary for students to be eligible for Federal Financial Aid. Regional accreditation involves a year of self-study by the institution and evaluation by its peers, an invaluable process for the development of the institution.

San Joaquin College of Law is the only state and regionally accredited law school in the Central San Joaquin Valley. Founded in 1969, SJCL has contributed greatly to the legal profession in the Fresno area. In fact, 25.5% of all attorneys practicing in the Fresno area are graduates of SJCL, including 42% of female attorneys and 28.5% of minority lawyers.



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Law Alumni Profiles

Throughout 1999, Inter Alia, will highlight the lives of the 1979 and 1989 SJCL graduates.

HON. JOSE BANUELOS CLASS OF 1979

After completing law school, Jose went to work for the California Department of Social Services in the Licensing Unit representing the State in administrative hearings regarding day care centers, board and care facilities, and the like. In 1992, he became an Administrative Law Judge doing fair hearings on issues of AFDC and general assistance. He is currently the Presiding Judge in the Fresno office consisting of five administrative law judges.

Jose and his wife, Carol, have two sons and twin daughters. Matthew, the oldest, has a teaching credential from Fresno Pacific University and now teaches in Dixon. Heather is a second-year student at USC law school. Holly is pursuing a Masters Degree in classical music at the Cincinnati Conservatory of Music. Joel is completing his B.A. in psychology at UC Berkeley and plans to be a physical therapist. Carol works as a Coordinator of Outpatient Care at Valley Children's Hospital.

Jose does three things for fun—read, play golf, and ride motorcycles. He and a group of buddies undertake a one-week ride each winter and a two-to-three week ride each summer.

Jose remembers his first law school study group. His entering class started, as he recalls, with 115-125 people, but only 26 advanced to the second year. All of his study group passed the first year and then passed the Bar on their first attempt.

RANDY LONG CLASS OF 1989

Randy worked with Chuck Magill at Smurr, Henry & Gelegan for approximately a year and a half after graduating from law school. In April 1991, Randy opened his own practice in Reedley, emphasizing estate planning and business planning. Randy is also a Certified Financial Planner and a partner in an investment advisor business. His practice is extremely busy but Randy reports that he absolutely loves what he does, especially since he is rarely in court so he seldom wears a tie.

Randy and his wife, Lydia, have four children (12, 9, 6, and 4), whom Lydia has been home schooling. They love to snow ski and have a cabin at Hume Lake and another on the coast. The two oldest children—the girls—are active in Club Volleyball. Randy is a Foundation Board Member for the Mennonite Brethren Church and a trustee of the U.S. Mennonite Brethren Conference. He is counsel for the Hartland Christian Camp and Immanuel High School.

In hindsight, Randy says law school taught him to think like a lawyer and to recognize issues. He has fond memories of a lot of hard work done with his study group.

CHARLES MAGILL CLASS OF 1989

Chuck worked as an associate with Smurr, Henry & Gelegan, then opened a sole practice focusing almost exclusively on criminal law. The high points of that practice for

Chuck have been representing clients who were profoundly innocent and being able to prove it. He is discouraged by recent changes in the direction of criminal law, emphasizing incarceration even for less violent crimes and ignoring rehabilitation, as well as the continuing loss of individual civil rights.

Chuck has joint custody of his two boys, who are 6 and 12. Chuck describes them as the joy of his life. He spends endless hours with them at soccer and baseball games.

Chuck remembers law school as a trying and difficult time, but time well spent. In fact, he even misses the intellectual challenge.

JANET MAUS CLASS OF 1989

Upon graduation, Janet worked briefly for Perez, Makasian & Williams where she had served as a law clerk during law school. Janet then worked with Georgeson & Belardinelli. In 1991, she joined the Law Offices of Edward B. Chatoian specializing in plaintiff's personal injury work and worker's compensation. In March 1998 she joined Yohman, Parker, Kern & Nard, working in the Subrogation Department. Janet files complaints or intervenes in existing actions on behalf of workers compensation carriers in an effort to recoup funds the carriers have paid in benefits to victims. She also does some workers compensation fraud and defense work. Janet co-teaches the Administrative Law class in the Fresno City

Our Gem Needs Polishing UPDATE

The excitement is mounting as most of the windows of the SJCL building (and old Clovis High School Building) have been painted. The lead removal has now been completed. We received a wonderful \$200 discount from Romeo Garza of Ro's Precise Painting & Sandblasting towards that project. If the weather cooperates we hope to complete the entire paint job by the middle of May.

We have reached 85% of our goal, and the donations are still trickling in. You can still be a part of the memorial hallway plaque as we have extended the date to make donations to the first of May. In June we will host the unveiling of the hallway plaque.



Painters from Elia Painting hard at work



Joan Lassley
Law Program Coordinator/
Facilities Administrator

I am proud to be a Clovis High School graduate and I want to take this opportunity to thank all of you who have participated in this wonderfully rewarding campaign. Those who have contributed have shown an incredible commitment to the history of this outstanding building.

I would also like to thank the Clovis High School Painting Campaign committee:

Carol (Smittcamp) Copeland,
Rita Davenport
Carole (Pendergrass) Linenbach
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Thank you!


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College Paralegal Program with Dennis Nard.

Janet lives with her American Eskimo dog, Columbine, a deaf cat, Pennzoil, and a 17-year-old cat, Thirty Weight. She LOVES to travel, sojourning frequently to Colorado to visit her family and Monterey to visit her boyfriend, but her favorite travel destination of all is San Francisco.

Janet says she remembers law school and her study group fondly—Sue Cercone, Rick Monge, Randy Long, and Chuck Magill. She remembers when she left with Rick and Sue to drive to LA to take the Bar. At the top of the Grapevine, she opened the trunk of her car to get some snacks and realized she had not brought any of her clothes. Tom Armstrong ended up as the hero, ferrying from Fresno enough clothes for the bar exam.

When bar results were coming in, the class had arranged to all call Janet. She remembers the excitement of the phone ringing off the hook for several hours as they discovered that nearly all of the class had passed on the first attempt.



www.sjcl.org has a new look!

The staff of SJCL is proud to announce that after many weeks of reconstruction, our web site is better than ever! The new web page, found at www.sjcl.org, has many new features that offer information to prospective students all over the world. Web surfers can now download the Law and Paralegal Catalogs, find out when the next informational forums are scheduled and make a reservation to attend, meet the administration and faculty of SJCL and even download an application! We would appreciate any comments/suggestions



on our new web site. We are in the process of adding more features including: alumni information, donor/gift information, MCLE information, special student programs/organizations information and class syllabus information. If you have any ideas of how we can better make our web site a useful resource, please e-mail Jennifer Canalin at jcanalin@sjcl.org. We would also like to link all available e-mail addresses to our faculty/adjunct faculty page. If you are a professor at SJCL and would like to have a link to your home page or e-mail address, please send that information to jcanalin@sjcl.org.

1999 Scholarship Recipients

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Rod Kodman
Charlotte Hylton
Julie Wittwer

Kristine Kelly
Nancy LeVan
Suzanne McGuire
Wesley Stupar
Debra Mosley
James Myers
Ann Roberts
David Schneider
David Soldani
Stephanie Krause

Shelly Pepper
George Herman
Deborah Boyett
Fred Meine
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Ernest S. Kinney Scholarship
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Congratulations !

SJCL Moot Court Team in Traynor Moot Court Competition

The San Joaquin College of Law Moot Court Team has once again fared well in the Traynor Moot Court competition. Moot Court Directors, Jon Conklin and Stan Boone, accompanied Stefanie Krause, JoAnn Morales and George Herman to Berkeley for this year's event.

SJCL's first round competitors were from Trinity College of the Law. Jon Conklin reported that although their competitors were well prepared and did a fine job, they were no match for JoAnn and Stefanie, who were both well prepared, poised, and very professional in their presentation.

The team and its fearless leaders were very pleased, but not surprised, to learn that they had advanced to the semi-final round that was to be held later that day. In this round they competed against a team from John F. Kennedy School of Law. This round was particularly challenging because they were required to change sides and argue as respondents. After watching the arguments, both Stan and Jon concluded that Stefanie and JoAnn did an even better job during this round.

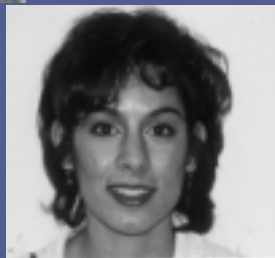
Due to the number of teams, only two advanced beyond this round and, unfortunately, the SJCL team was not one of them. (This elimination, from ten down to two teams, should change next year to allow more teams to advance to the next round.) At the request of the organizers, the team stayed until Sunday to watch the final round. The two teams, one from California Pacific in Bakersfield and the other from U.C.L.A., according to Jon, did a great job. "While they clearly deserved to advance, there was no sharp difference between those teams and our team. All three team members, Stefanie, JoAnn and George, are to be congratulated for their fine performance. They were a great example of the high quality of advocate that is being produced at SJCL" said Jon.



Stefanie Krause



George Herman



JoAnn Morales

Bookstore News

The SJCL bookstore has the following titles for sale at a discounted price:

International Income Tax Code and Regulations 98-99 ED., CCH
\$40.00

A Practical Guide to U.S. Taxation of International Transactions 2nd ED., CCH
\$65.00

CEB Books *Taxation of Real Property Transactions*, John J. McGregor
\$38.00
(Publisher price-\$125.00)

Calif. Real Property Remedies Practice, Craig H. Scott \$38.00
(Publisher Price - \$125.00)

Calif. Real Property financing Workouts and Bankruptcy, Book #2, Gordon Graham
(Publisher Price - \$125.00)

Calif. Mortgage and Deed of Trust Practice (2nd Ed), Roger Bernhardt
\$36.00
(Publisher price-\$125.00)

Calif. Real Property Financing-Basic Loan Documentation, Book 1
Gordon Graham \$40.00
(Publisher Price - \$125.00)

Please call Jill Waller Randles at 323-2100 to reserve your copy!

ALUMNI UPDATE

Ron Calhoun (Law '88) was recently elected District Attorney of Kings County.

Richard A. Lima (Law '96) is practicing law in Fresno and is the 1999 President of La Raza Lawyers Association as well as part of the Board of Directors of the Fresno Hispanic Scholarship Fund.

David R. Mugridge (Law '85) is working in Fresno and was recently certified as a Criminal Law Specialist by the State Bar of California. He coauthored a book entitled, "Practical Real Estate Law - California Version" and was appointed defense counsel in the special circumstance case of "*People vs Saldana*". David is married to Sandra and together they have a 9 year son, James and 4 year old daughter, Sarah. David is also currently teaching "Intro to Law and the Legal System" at Fresno Pacific University.

Gregory Tanner (Law '89) is working for the law firm of Green and Shinee in Encino, CA. He is practicing public sector labor law and is the staff counsel for ALADS, the Association for Los Angeles Deputy Sheriffs.

Michael G. Marderosian (Law '77) is working in Fresno with a concentration in State and Federal Trial Practice, tort and business litigation and insurance issues. As a side hobby, Michael has developed an expertise in music law and publishing, assisting many local bands in their quest for stardom.

Marianne O'Banion Hammack (Paralegal '87) is living in Tehachapi with husband Ted who is a retired teacher. Together they are enjoying their grandchildren, Joseph and Rebekah, and learning how to play golf.

Peggy Galletley (Paralegal '91) is working as a paralegal for the Zenith Insurance Company in Fresno. She has a one year old granddaughter, Jacquelyn, and a three year old grandson, Wyatt. Peggy's daughter, Laura, is a dental assistant and her son, Jon, works with computers. Peggy has just completed her IEA courses in Workers' Compensation Law and has enjoyed being a claims examiner for the last five years. She has been instrumental in achieving a couple of workers' compensation insurance fraud convictions.

M. Diedre Wilton (Paralegal '87) is working as a paralegal for the law firm of Auchard and Stewart in Fresno as well as an administrator at the Bertha & John Garabedian Charitable Foundation. Diedre has a 14 year old son, Kyle and a significant other, Darryl Coleman.



M. Diedre Wilton and Son, Kyle

1999-2000 SBA Officers

The Student Bar Association selected its officers and class representatives for the 1999-2000 Academic Year:

President:	James Meyers
Vice President	Suzanne Golden
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Secretary:	Michelle Pepper
2nd Yr Reps:	Nick Zinkin Ken Jorgensen
3rd Yr Reps:	Ricky Tripp David Moreno
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MCLE Update

Conflict Management Theory & Practice Seminar Series

Origins of Human Conflict
Tuesday, May 11, 1999
6:00 P.M. - 9:15 P.M. \$119.

Conflict Analysis-A Workshop
Saturday, May 15, 1999
9:00 A.M. - 4:30 P.M. \$189.

*Practical Peacemaking-
A Workshop*
Saturday, May 22, 1999
9:00 A.M. - 4:30 P.M. \$189

Program Speaker: Douglas Noll is an experienced and practicing attorney knowledgeable in the area of peacemaking and conflict management.

For more information contact
Mary Felkner at 323-2100.

