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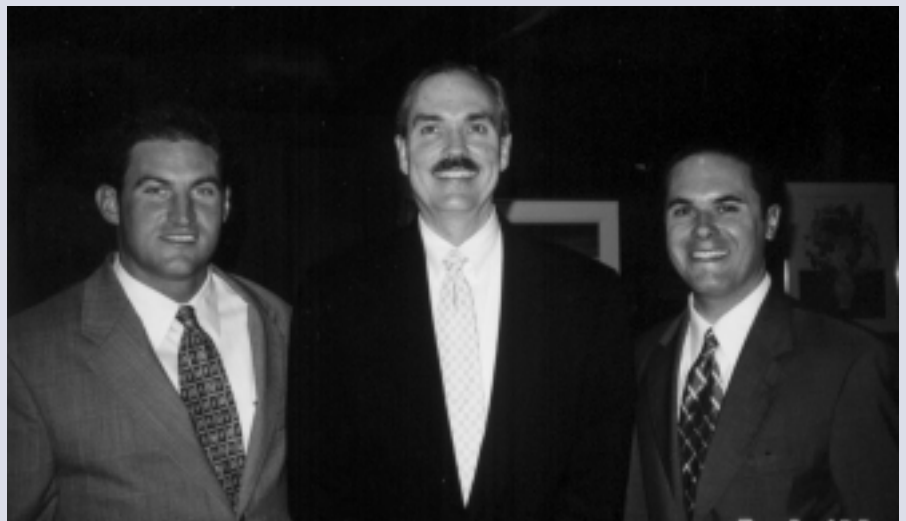
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Welcome

Three new Board Members were welcomed onto the San Joaquin College of Law Board of Trustees at the September 9th meeting. The new members included SJCL alumni Richard Caglia (1999), Edward D. Fanucchi (1995) and David Weiland (1992). The Board of Trustees of San Joaquin College of Law is the legally constituted policy-making body of the institution. Members are selected on the basis of their integrity and concern for the community, as well as their ability and desire to work unselfishly for the good of the College.



New Board Members: (R-L) Richard Caglia, J.D., David Weiland, J.D., Edward D. Fanucchi, J.D.

MCLE Requirement Judgment

The California Supreme Court in *Warden v. State Bar*, decided August 26, 1999, upheld the constitutionality of the state's MCLE requirements. Reversing the appellate court's finding of unconstitutionality based upon an equal protection challenge to the list of exempted members of the State Bar, the California Supreme Court found the exemptions rationally related to the purposes of the statute. Therefore,

while retired judges, officers and elected officials of the State of California and full-time law professors at accredited law schools remain exempt from MCLE, all other active members of the State Bar must continue to satisfy MCLE requirements.

For information on the MCLE courses available through SJCL, please contact Mary Felkner at 323-2100.

www.sjcl.org is a hit!

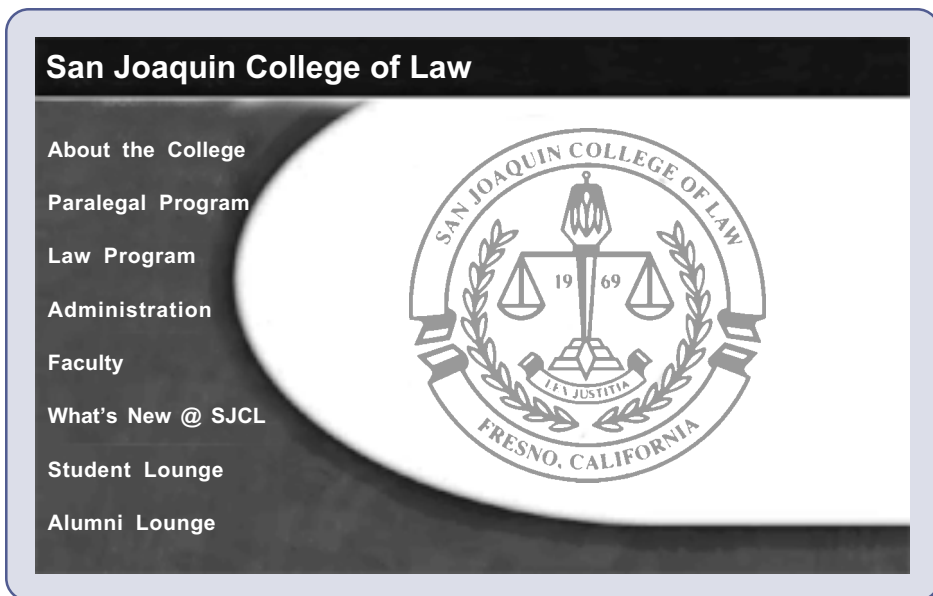
Many new options have been added to the San Joaquin College of Law web site that offer information and services to our alumni, students, and prospective students. The "Student Lounge" has been completed and offers course syllabi information, student organization information, job listings and a bulletin board for posting ideas, questions, etc. The "Alumni Lounge" offers Alumni Association and MCLE information, job listings and a bulletin board.



If you have ideas of how we can make sjcl.org a more user friendly or more useful web site, please email us at jcanalin@sjcl.org. Thank you for your input! :)

Post your ideas or questions on the Student or Alumni Bulletin Boards!

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Law Alumni Profiles

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

HON. ERIC HELGESEN CLASS OF 1979

Upon graduation, Eric worked for a year with the Tulare County District Attorney, then entered private practice. He was elected to the Woodlake Justice Court effective January, 1983. He sat on the Justice Court for twelve years, during which time it became the Central Division of the Tulare Municipal Courts. In 1995-96, Eric spent a year teaching at a mission school on the edge of the jungle in Ecuador, an experience which he greatly enjoyed. Upon return, Eric served for two years on assignment for the Judicial Council. Currently, Eric is serving as Vice President of Emmanuel High School in Tulare and sits by assignment during the summers.

In returning to education, Eric also returned to coaching. This year he coaches Emmanuel's football team. He, his wife, Betsy, and their four children also enjoy snowskiing, fishing in the Sierra, and being active in their church.

Eric remembers law school as an enjoyable time. He was able to spend more time with his then one child—another was born during law school. Although Eric entered law school with a Masters degree, he says that in law school he finally learned how to study!!!

JAMES McBREARTY CLASS OF 1989

Upon graduation from law school, Jim worked for three years with Borton, Petrini & Conron, LLP. Four years with Forrest & McLaughlin followed. Jim now works with Tuttle & McCloskey focussing on labor law and personal injury cases. Much of his work involves representing members of the California Teachers' Association.

Jim has four children. The oldest, Sean, plays football for Bullard Youth Football with his dad as his COACH!! Joe and Dan, the twin 8-year-olds, play bantam football—where dad also helps with the coaching. The twins also played rookie league baseball this year. Meaghan is in the 6th grade at Manchester and plays volleyball—which dad does NOT coach. Jim feels the sports enable him to spend time with his kids and also stay involved in sports, which he has always loved.

Jim's most memorable moment in law school was the day the bar results were released. Since his class posted a 95.2% first-time pass rate, there was a gigantic party at the old SJCL with champagne and a lot of very happy people.

RICHARD MONGE CLASS OF 1989

Upon graduation Rick did insurance defense work, first with Mushines, Cook & Morris, and then with Marderosian & Swanson. In 1993, he decided to specialize in Workers' Compensation Law and took a position with Ed Chatoian. In October of 1994, he joined Ninnis & Cribbs.

In October 1998, Rick became a Certified Specialist in Workers' Compensation Law. This year he served as Secretary of the California Applicant's Attorneys Association - Fresno Branch. In 2000 he will serve as Vice President.

Rick is married to Judi Monge, a court reporter for the Fresno Consolidated Courts. They play lots of tennis and enjoy traveling to San Francisco for the theater and Los Angeles for the Dodgers' games. Rick has three grown stepdaughters—a court reporter, a teacher, and a flight attendant.

About law school, Rick says, "I wonder how I did it. It was four years of sixteen hour days. I was working as a court reporter so I was in court all day, then in law classes or preparing transcripts every other minute." He remembers the good times with his study group—Maus, Monge, Magill, Long, Cercone—all of whom are still buds. (I remember that study group, too!—Jan)

CLASS ACTION PARTY "Back to School Night"

The annual "back-to-school" party was a wonderful event held at the Dave and Julie Camenson residence in Clovis. The evening began with a softball game (of course) which once again proved that Dave's team always wins. Dinner followed the ball game with music provided by D.J. Rick. Raffle prize give-aways included gift certificates for items from the book store, local restaurants and bar review courses. Its too bad that we only do this once a year!



Enjoying the festivities: (R-L) Debra Mosley, Professor Sally Perring, Nirmal Deswal

Moving into the Future with CD Rom Informational Cards

Imagine this . . . a CD Rom that is the same shape and size as a business card but holds up to 48megs of digital information about San Joaquin College of Law. Sound exciting? We thought so too.

In affiliation with Raw Data Corp, based right here in Clovis, SJCL is embracing the wonders of technology and is currently in the process of writing and producing this interactive recruitment mechanism. This CD Card will contain, amongst other things, video and audio that will allow prospective students to interact with menu-driven content so he/she will get the best idea of what SJCL is all about. Also, the CD Card interacts seamlessly with our

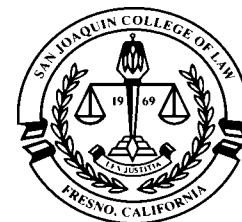
existing web page so any dynamic information can be hosted there keep reproduction cost down. But that isn't the best news! This new product is actually cheaper to produce than our current law catalog (as well as much cheaper to mail).

Look for them by January 1st!

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**JOHN E. HAYES
CLASS OF 1989**

John always wanted to live and work at the beach. Upon graduation, he moved to San Luis Obispo where he worked with the McKiernan Law Firm for five years, doing general civil practice. Then he embarked on his own practice, emphasizing civil litigation, plaintiff personal injury work, and business law. The practice has thrived—with a tiny 18-month hiatus between July 1995 and December 1996—when John was seriously ill with complications of peritonitis. He is now fully recovered and going great guns again.

John organized and runs the Lawyers in the Library program in San Luis Obispo. On the last Wednesday of each month local residents can consult with an attorney for free at the public library.

In February 1997, John married Jessica. They now have two sons, Jonathan and Jarrod. They love the BEACH!! In fall of 1998, they spent two months traveling through all 48 contiguous states in a recreational vehicle.

Asked about his memories of law school, John's immediate recollection was the first year party where he jumped into the swimming pool while carrying the dean. (Eight people tried to come to my rescue and they ALL ended up in the pool!!) He felt that the advantage of going to SJCL was that it was a small, quality school where one is taught how to be a lawyer, not just how to pass the bar.

**JANE T. SMITH
CLASS OF 1989**

Jane's legal career has been in insurance defense work. She has worked with Borton, Petrini & Conron, Forrest & McLaughlin, and Schmidt Hubbell, as well as doing contract work. Since June 1999, Jane has been with Ericksen, Arbuthnot, Kilduff, Day & Lindstrom. Jane enjoys the diversity of her work, ranging from construction defect to malpractice litigation.

Jane is currently single but planning to marry in 2000. Her daughter, Lesley, is now 16. Jane loves to workout at the gym and scuba dive. Recent diving outings have taken her to Palua in the South Pacific, Cozumel, Mexico, and Roatan, Honduras.

Jane's principal memory of law school is that it was hell and she wanted out as fast as possible.



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The 1998-99 Law Review Editors are pleased to announce that Volume 9 of the San Joaquin Agricultural Law Review is available for purchase for \$15.00/copy. Earlier volumes are also available for purchase at a cost of \$10.00/copy. Please call Mary Felkner at 323-2100 for more information.

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TO
HEAR FROM YOU***

PLEASE E-MAIL US AT
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TO UPDATE YOUR
ADDRESS, ETC.

SJCL 30th Anniversary

Fall of 2000 marks the 30th Anniversary of SJCL opening its doors to students. Big plans are in the works! The biggest is an All-Law-Class Reunion Party in the park in front of the new SJCL. If every member of every class were there, graduates alone would total over 800 people. Every professor who has taught in the SJCL Law Program over the years will also be invited. Details will follow, but plan now to attend this biggest-ever event!!

In anticipation of this event, we are trying to locate pictures of every graduating class. Group pictures of the classes of 1998 through 1999 (minus the class of 1989) already hang in the halls at SJCL. We have located a group picture of the class of 1975 which we will add to the collection. Someone in the class of

1989 has their pictures!! If anyone has a picture or pictures of the class of 1974 or any class 1976-1987, please let us know!

Does anyone recall the exact day that classes began in Fall of 1970? We would like the Reunion to occur as close to that date as possible. STAY TUNED!!!!



1999 Representatives Student Bar Association

Students play a major role in institutional governance at SJCL. All students are members of the San Joaquin College of Law Student Bar Association. The President of the Association is a full voting member of the Board of Trustees of the Law School.

The Student Association sponsors a number of annual events, including new students' orientation, new students' reception, and the annual spring student awards banquet. The Student Association created the Founders' Scholarship. The Association has contributed significantly to the betterment of the students' experiences at SJCL, having financially supported the new facility, and donated study carrels and CD-Rom players to the Library.

In addition, the Student Association coordinates the Outstanding Student Award Program. Each year, the outstanding student in each class is selected by the students of the class based upon scholarship, leadership, and contribution to the class.

The Student Bar Association officers for the 1999-2000 Academic Year are as follows:

The Student Bar Association class representatives for the 1999-2000 Academic Year are as follows:

President: James Myers	Vice President: Suzanne Golden	Treasurer: Nancy LeVan	Secretary: Michelle Pepper
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4th Yr Reps:
Susan Purvis
Kerry O'Brien

3rd Yr Reps:
Ricky Tripp
David Moreno

2nd Yr Reps:
Nick Zinkin
Ken Jorgensen

1st Yr Reps:
Ed Day
Jodi Woodsmith

ALUMNI UPDATE

Jennifer D. Reisz (Law '98) is working for the firm of Felger & Associates in Fresno.

Jessica Millar (Law '95) works for the Santa Clara County District Attorney's Child Abduction Team and resides in San Jose. Jessica was married in November 1988 in Hanalei Bay on the island of Kauai.

Brian L. Sottile (Law '97) works for the Los Angeles City Attorney's Office in the criminal division and resides in San Fernando with his wife, Kathryn, their Great Dane "Duke" and 2 cats, "Megan and Sierra".

Aaron P. Johnson (Law '97) is working in Salinas for the firm of Lomabardo & Gilles. Aaron earned his L.L.M in Taxation in 1998 from Golden Gate University School of Law. He specializes in corporate transactions/estate planning/land use and environmental law/agricultural law. He and his wife, Andrea, have two children; Jocelyn (6) and Nolan (1), and Neely the family Golden Retriever.

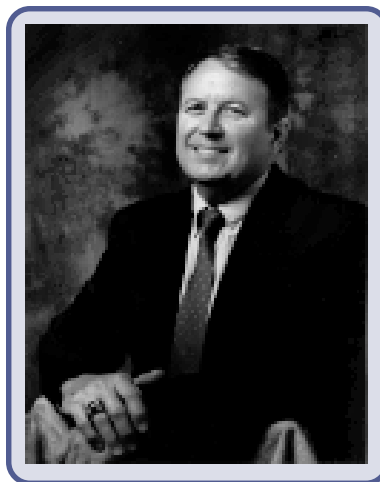
David R. Mugridge (Law '85) is working as a sole practitioner in Fresno as a certified criminal law specialist. He currently represents death penalty defendant Josefina Saldana. He is also in the process of co-authoring "Practical Real Estate Law-California Version (3rd Edition)". He and his wife, Sandra, have two children; James (10) and Sarah (5).

Kathi Kettel Kesselman (Law '78)

is working as a sole practitioner in Fresno. She and her husband, Mike, have two children; Katie and Michael.

James A. Dubbels (Law '92) is working for the worker's compensation defense firm of Klein, Testan, & Brundo in Fresno. James helped found the Fresno branch office in 1997 and is the managing partner. The firm has grown from 4 offices and 7 attorneys to 8 offices and 28 attorneys statewide. James recently passed his Worker's Compensation legal specialization exam. He and his wife, Linda, have three sons; Brad (24), Andrew (22), and Denton (13).

Dan W. Green (Law '97) is working as a sole practitioner in Santa Maria specializing in business and employment law. He and his wife, Heidi, reside in Pismo Beach. Their son and daughter-in-law, Chris and Shanda Green, both attend Cal Poly and live in Santa Margarita. Their daughter, son-in-law and granddaughter - Jennifer (homemaker), Danny (police officer), and Shelby (14 mo.) - live in Santa Maria.



Dan W. Green, Class of 1997



SJCL Alumni Board

Are you an alumni member interested in being on the board or do you know of someone whom you believe would be a great candidate? Nominations are now open for new SJCL Alumni Board Members. All nine positions are open beginning January 1, 2000. Five positions will serve two-year terms, and the other four positions will serve one-year terms. The Alumni Board has a major upcoming role to play in the All-Class Reunion and decisions as to whether SJCL should seek ABA accreditation. For more information, please call Priscilla Wright Craft at 222-9940. Nominations must be submitted in writing to the school by November 15, 1999.

