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Season's Greetings

*From the Faculty and Staff of
San Joaquin College of Law*



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New name, look, and lots of information

San Joaquin College of Law has changed its homepage address from sjcl.org to sjcl.edu. Along with the name change, SJCL has redesigned the look for better navigation and continues to add new features and articles to the website.

All the articles in this issue of *Inter Alia* and the last issue are published on-line in the *SJCL News* and *Alumni News* sections with color photographs, instead of black and white. You can download these to your computer. Watch for additional articles and news, not in the *Inter Alia*, to be published on-line.

If you haven't had a chance to see our facility, take our photographic *Campus Tour*. If you want to update your address or tell us what you're doing, use our form in the *Alumni News* section. Want to see some great legal resource webpages? Then check out our helpful *Links* page under the *Alumni News* section. If you have favorite websites, let us know and we will add them to our list.

Interested in mailing a particular person on the Faculty or Staff? Now you can. All full-time Faculty and Staff have email addresses which are posted under their photos on their respective pages under the *Contact Us* section.

You can benefit from your credit card incentives while your donation benefits SJCL. Starting in two weeks, we will be offering the option of donating by credit card on-line. This new service is secure and convenient.

It is our goal to make our website a valuable resource for our alumni. Any suggestions you may have to further improve our site are welcome. Please submit all suggestions or comments to webmaster@sjcl.edu.



Personal Calendar

Another great way to keep up on events at SJCL is through a new website by *The Fresno Bee* called www.CentralValley.com. This site offers a free personal calendar. When you sign up for your calendar, you can choose SJCL as one of your Community Calendar members and SJCL news and events will be automatically posted to your calendar.

Congratulations bar passers



(L-R) Kirsten Corey, Cynthia Arroyo, Gary Brunsvik, Stefanie Krause, and Jo Anne Morales are all smiles prior to the swearing-in ceremonies on December 4, 2000.

Congratulate the following SJCL graduates who passed the July, 2000 California State Bar Examination: **Ray Allen, Cynthia Arroyo, Gary Brunsvik, Kristy Burns, Rich Caglia, John Coniglio, Kirsten Corey, Craig Fry, George Herman, Charlotte Hylton, Kristine Kelly, Rod Kodman, Stefanie Krause-Cota, Kathy Mackie, Jo Anne Morales, James Myers, Amy Rappaport, Dave Schneider, and Dave Soldani.**



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Marjaree Mason Center hosted for Christmas party

By Priscilla Craft

President, SJCL Alumni Association Board of Directors

This year, we were fortunate to have the entire Marjaree Mason Center transported to the law school for our annual children's Christmas Party on December 14. We fed a light meal of sandwiches and brownies for about 45 children and their mothers. SYSCO generously donated all the food. Kopi Sotiropolous hosted the event, with members of the Fresno State golf team attending and helping Kopi. Santa showed up to personally deliver gifts to each child, and about a dozen additional gifts



Mike Watney, CSUF Golf Coach, looks on as host **Kopi Sotiropolous** entertains the group.

were sent back to the Center for future-arriving families. Thanks to all the SJCL alumni who very generously donated towards the gifts this year.

Other donations included Mary Kay gift packets and homemade chocolates to each mother, as well as raffle prizes for the mothers donated by the Scales of Justice Lions Club. The children and mothers were all very appreciative. Thanks also to Tony Woodruff at the Center for organizing the event from the other end, and to each member of the Board of Directors who put in many hours of work to make this a success.



Kopi Sotiropolous gets everyone together for a KMPH Channel 26 weather broadcast.

New Alumni Board of Directors

The newly elected Board of Directors for the 2001 year are:

Priscilla Wright Craft
Eileen Fystrom Deimerly
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Association Dues

SJCL Alumni Association membership dues are now payable for the 2001 year. The alumni were extremely generous this year in donating to the Marjaree Mason Center event. However, we also need membership dues from our members to effectively support the current students, particularly in scholarship awards. We no longer have fund-raising events, so our ONLY source of funding is from our dues-paying members. Please send your dues of \$35 to the school, payable to SJCL Alumni. Your contribution is welcome!

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Alumni Reception

A holiday reception for SJCL alumni in Visalia and Tulare was a good time for all.



(L-R) Peter Cowper ('88), Janice Pearson, and Diana Dooley ('95).



(L-R) Mary Jarvis ('94), Carla Khal ('93), and Jean Bourne ('92).



(L-R) Art Enns, Jeff Purvis, and Eric Hamilton ('99).



(L-R) Barbara Greaver ('92), Kerri Couillard ('98), Shani Engum ('98), and Michelle Lipperd ('97).



Peter Champion ('77)



(L-R) Bill Gilbert ('87), Pam Ramirez, Rissa Stuart ('93), and Kathy Chandler ('94).



Michael Dias ('93)



Ray Allen ('99)



Jeff Wass ('86)



Peter Champion ('77)



(L-R) Sally Pearing, Phil Cline ('78), and Lynda Scearcy (Tax '98).



Tim Rote ('96) and Michelle Lippard ('97).

Alumni profiles

The year 2000 is the Twentieth Anniversary of the graduation of the Class of 1980 and the Tenth Anniversary of the Class of 1990. Throughout the year, we will be letting you know “where they are now.”

1980

Gerald Farrington

Jerry Farrington was a full-time teacher at Fresno City College while attending SJCL. Upon graduation, he continued teaching and has now taught for 32 years at FCC. In 1991 he was FCC's nominee for the statewide Hayward Award honoring community college professors. Initially, consistent with his Masters degree in History, Jerry taught that subject at FCC. More recently he has gravitated toward Political Science and Law courses. He currently teaches the Legal and Judicial Reasoning class which satisfies the general education critical thinking requirement.

Simultaneously, Jerry practiced with Linda Bonett. For the last fifteen years his practice has consisted principally of representing the Fresno County Civil Service Commission.

Jerry enjoys golf, fly fishing, and backpacking in the Rockies. He and his wife recently purchased a condominium in Point Richmond with a spectacular view of San Francisco Bay, the City, and a yacht harbor. They plan to retire there and in Colorado in a few years. Their daughter serves in the Peace Corps in Babangata, Niger,

helping an extremely impoverished village become self-sufficient in food production.

As to law school, Jerry remembers Judge Nancy Cisneros setting a very high standard of performance for the class. Jerry also remembers Oliver Wanger's Civil Procedure class and John Loomis' "very tough" first-year Contracts class. He says Judge Best so thoroughly prepared his class for the bar examination in Evidence that the bar essay was a slam dunk.

James Sanderson

Jim Sanderson was in private practice, emphasizing criminal defense, for ten years after leaving law school. He then joined the District Attorney's office. For the last two years he has been part of a team focusing on juvenile gang prosecutions.

Jim spends as much time as possible fly fishing, generally in the Sierra, Washington State, or British Columbia. He has two sons—both electricians—none of that law stuff.

Jim remembers law school as “a pain in the ass” It was challenging because he was working full time, but he says, overall, it was a good experience that taught him discipline and goal orientation.

1990

Barbara Allison

Upon passing the Bar examination, Barbara went to work for Jackson, Hargrove, Hillison and Emerich. Her principal task was to write a general obligation Bond for the Selma Unified School District. Her background in education administration and business came in handy.

In September of 1991, Barbara opened a practice with Craig Davis (Class of 89) and Darrel Rustigian where she focused on wills and trusts. A year later she joined Tuttle & McCloskey. There, Barbara represented the California Teachers' Association as well as doing municipal law. In 1996, to gain more freedom, Barbara began practicing out of her home. She loves the freedom to pick and choose her clients.

Barbara is most proud, however, of having been the first female principal hired in the Fresno Unified School District after World War II.

Barbara is “still” married to Roger. Her daughter, Karen, has four children, aged five to twenty-one. Her daughter, Kirsten, has two children, aged 9 months and 2.5 years. Her son, James, has a three-month old son.

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Barbara and her husband purchased their first antique car the month they were married. They also purchased an 1862 Steinway square grand. Their hobbies are touring with friends all over the country in their antique vehicles. They wear vintage clothing and Barbara entertains on a number of antique instruments.

As to law school, Barbara remembers what a friendly class 1990 was. Most of the class was twenty to thirty years younger than she, but she was still invited to all the class functions and especially enjoyed the “meetings” at the Copper Pot.

C. D. Harbottle

C.D. worked for Hurlbutt, Clevenger, Long, Rauber & Nelson in Visalia for three years after graduating from law school. In April 1993, she opened her own office. Her practice consists of complicated divorces, business litigation, and personal injury cases; she does a significant amount of trial work.

She and her husband, Jim Harbottle (SJCL Class of 1994), have three daughters. Ashley is 13 and attending College of the Sequoias. Darcie is 23 and attending Sacramento State University. C.D. loves planting flowers, snow-skiing with her kids, golf, and reading non-law literature.

We gave up trying to list all the community organizations with which she is involved.

Given that she was talking to her former Torts instructor, when asked what she remembered about law school, she very graciously said “Torts” and Evidence. C.D. says she loved law school—the subject itself, the supportive faculty, and the camaraderie with her classmates.

Student cited by CA Supreme Court

Deborah Boyett's *Agricultural Law Review* article was cited by the California Supreme Court in their opinion on *Gerawan Farming, Inc. v. Lyons* (Nov. 27, 2000, S080610) _Cal.4th_ [2000 Cal. Lexis 8927]. The article, entitled “The Effect of Glickman v. Wileman Brothers & Elliot, Inc. on Nongeneric Commodities: A Narrow Focus on a Broad Rule” volume 9, number 1, was



in the Supreme Court's opinion in support of the proposition that generic advertising for producers of agricultural goods can negatively affect the brands developed by individual producers.

If you would like to read Deborah Boyett's article, you can order your copy of *San Joaquin Agricultural Law Review, Volume 9* by calling 323-2100.

Participate in SJCL's Race Judicata

The Student Bar Association at San Joaquin College of Law is pleased to announce the return of Race Judicata. On February 10, 2001, hundreds of runners from around the Valley will gather at the law school for a race through the streets of Clovis, including the new Clovis Trail. This will be the first competitive race through the Old Clovis Trail in its history.

This year's event will feature a 5k run, a 2 mile run and walk, and a quarter-mile kid's race. The races will have age divisions ranging from children to seniors.



All participants will receive Race Judicata shirts. Ken Takeuchi is the race coordinator and is the pre-eminent race coordinator in the Valley.

Funds raised from the race go towards creating student scholarships.



If you would like to participate in this year's race you may register online or pick up an application at SJCL's office. Applications are also available at all major sporting goods stores.

Student Scholarship Benefit Concert



Pianist Sally Christian, a Fresno native, is returning to give a benefit concert for the Student Bar Association's Student Scholarship Fund.

The concert will be held at the First Congregational Church of Fresno on Sunday, February 16, 2000.

Ms. Christian has appeared as soloist with the Berkeley Symphony, Santa Cruz Symphony, the Fresno Philharmonic, the Nassau Symphony, the Mozart in Monterey Chamber Orchestra and with the Hawaii Symphony. Ms.

Christian is currently recording for Classical West Records and is a frequent guest soloist for the nationally syndicated television series: *The Best Is Yet To Be*. Ms. Christian also formed The Musical Arts Foundation, a community service organization that "opens the doors of great music to young audiences worldwide."

Don't miss the opportunity to hear this wonderful artist. Tickets are only \$15. For concert information phone: 322-5330.

Tell us about yourself

Write us about what you are doing. It's a great way to reconnect with old friends and classmates. Include your graduation date & program (i.e. J.D., Paralegal, or Tax Law), current address, family information, recent accomplishments, and any other information or photos you would like to provide. Then send us your information by fax: (559) 323-5566, email: info@sjcl.org, or mail it to: Mark Enns, SJCL, 901 5th Street, Clovis, California 93612.

We need your donation

SJCL is in need of some new computers. If you have a Pentium II or better computer that you would like to donate please contact Ken Coyle at 323-2100.

We also accept office furniture donations and are in need of a small conference table. Please contact Joan Lassley to arrange any donations.

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