More than 75 seniors attended twenty seminars addressing issues of concern to seniors. The session topics included End of Life Decisions, Wills & Trusts, Estate Planning, Staying Empowered and Independent, Suing in Small Claims, Consumer Problems, Elder Abuse, Real Estate, and SSI. Attending seniors were excited about the opportunity to ask questions and appreciative of the time the SJCL community gave to help them.

Senior Law Day was a cooperative effort of the SJCL Student Bar Association, the SJCL Alumni Association and SJCL staff. The purpose was to provide a service to the community and foster an opportunity for students and the legal community to work together.

SJCL thanks the following people for making this event possible:

**ORGANIZING COMMITTEE**
- Brenda Linder, SJCL Student Bar Assn.
- Crissi Jelladian, SJCL Student Bar Assn.
- Kim Mayhew ('98), SJCL Alumni Assn.
- Kathy McKenna ('99), SJCL Alumni Assn.
- Tami Smith ('02), SJCL Alumni Assn.
- Joan Lassley, SJCL Alumni Liaison

**SJCL ALUMNI PRESENTERS**
- David Dichiara ('02)
- Richard Hemb ('92)
- Allan Junker ('98)
- Kim Mayhew ('98)
- Patricia Bone O’Neill ('96)
- Linda Richardson ('95)
- Cathy Sharbaugh ('93)
- Jim Witherow ('87)

**COMMUNITY PRESENTERS**
- Antonio Alvarez, Deputy District Attorney
- Michael P. Dowling, Dowling, Aaron & Keeler
- Judge David Kalemkarian, Fresno Superior Court
- William Krieg, Krieg & Associates
- Lynne Bawdon, Director, Clovis Senior Center
- Matt McFadden, Clovis Police Department
- Barbara White, Social Security Administration
- Nancy Altschuler, Residential Home Care Services

**SJCL STUDENT PRESENTERS**
- Debbie Blevins, Pakou Cha, Brenda Linder, Judy Rogers, and Mark Roy

SJCL would also like to thank the 25 members of the Student Bar Association who served as hosts and hostesses to the seniors throughout the morning. The day ended with a drawing for several American Flags donated by the Clovis Memorial District and a book donated by Linda Richardson of Central California Legal Services.
Two ways to Be true to your school

We are always looking for two things for SJCL—capable prospective students and books for the library. Any member of the SJCL community can help in these ways that money can’t buy.

Friends of SJCL 2004
Do you know a bright, energetic person looking for a career or to enhance an existing one? Would that person make a good lawyer or better advance in his or her career by attaining lawyering skills – analytical thinking and clear communication? You don’t have to be a lawyer to capitalize upon a legal education. As business becomes more complex and regulated, law graduates increasingly assume leadership roles in successful companies, large and small. If you know someone who would benefit from a legal education, please contact Joyce Morodomi, Director of Student Services, so we can provide him or her with information about SJCL.

When you refer a prospective student to SJCL, you become a member of Friends of SJCL 2004. That, and our admiration, are reward enough, of course, but each year surprise benefits attach to this status, as well. Becoming a Friend of SJCL 2004 will help us to continue to have a talented student body to serve the San Joaquin Valley community.

Don’t let a good book become an orphan
To enhance the SJCL library, we continue to look for volumes that are not accessible on-line. For example, law journals are generally only available online for the last few years. A true legal research library, however, needs to have these volumes extending as far back in time as possible. Overall, only about 25% of what is needed in a research library is available online.

Each of us know individuals, both in California and other states, who may be retiring or changing their practices. Perhaps a friend is a die-hard Cornhusker and has all the volumes of the Nebraska Law Review from 1915 to date. SJCL would love to have those volumes and your friend would receive a tax deduction for the gift. SJCL would pay for shipping. Similarly, codes or reporters from any state other than California would be helpful. If you learn of old volumes, please keep the SJCL library in mind. Library Director Kathryn McTigue-Floyd would be happy to help with arrangements for delivery to SJCL.

Jan Pearson, Dean

Hopper Moot Court

Congratulations to the 2003 George A. Hopper Moot Court

Competition Winners
Best Oral Advocate - Mark Roy
Oral Advocate Finalists - Zepure Attashian, Greg Fox, Greg Miskulin
Best Brief - Zepure Attashian & Gregory Fox
Best Brief Finalists - Eric Kapigian & Shannon Pell, Matthew DeMalignon & Denise Cahill, Claire Carroll & Lisa Ellis
Best Oral Advocate Semi-Finalists - Gabe Brickey, Brooke Darden, Lewis Martinez, Vanessa Serpa

Back Row (L-R) Stan Boone, Greg Miskulin, Gabriel Brickey, Lisa Ellis, Claire Carroll, Justice Steven Vartebedian, Eric Kapigian, Judge Mark Snauffer, Jon Conklin
Front Row (L-R) Greg Fox, Zeppure Attashian, Mark Roy, Shannon Pell, Judge Gary Austin

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New staff

Jorene Phillips joined the SJCL staff in February of 2003 as Receptionist. Jorene has worked in similar positions in San Francisco, Honolulu, and Fresno. She holds a B.A. degree in Journalism from San Francisco State University. In her spare time, she is a free-lance writer for a number of local publications. Jorene and her husband, Michael, spoil their 105-pound German shepherd, Eve, sometimes affectionately known as the Eve of Destruction. Eve acquired her name because she was born on the eve of the Millennium.

Jorene replaced long-time Receptionist, Lonzetta Hightower. Lonzetta was promoted to Student Services Specialist, assisting in the admissions and registrar functions.

Katherine Maxwell was hired into the newly created position of Academic Services Specialist to assist in coordination of the law and MCLE programs. Katherine has extensive experience as an office manager/legal secretary in a number of firms in the Orange County area. She worked for seven years for Jennifer Keller, a prominent criminal law attorney. Katherine has two grown children, a son and a daughter, and for many years was the Mother-of-All Boy Scout Leaders. She still enjoys many outdoor activities including camping, hiking, and rafting, and has had so many recent encounters with bears that she says she feels like Goldilocks. She is also currently enrolled in SJCL’s Paralegal Program.

On-Campus Interview Program

SJCL would like to thank the following firms for making SJCL’s first annual On-Campus Interview Program a success:

- Attorney General’s Office
- Baker, Manock & Jensen
- Bolen, Fransen & Russell
- Central California Legal Services
- Thornton Davidson & Associates
- Dowling, Aaron & Keeler
- Gubler & Ide
- Kimble, MacMichael & Upton
- Law Offices of Robert Krase
- McCormick, Barstow, Sheppard, Wayte & Carruth

If your firm would like to participate in SJCL’s next On-Campus Interview days please contact Sheryl Castro at 559/323-2100 or scastro@sjcl.edu

Hanson Scholarship

Sherrie M. Flynn, third-year student at SJCL, received the fourteenth annual Justice Pauline Davis Hanson scholarship at a dinner on October 21, 2003. The scholarship is awarded by Fresno County Women Lawyers in honor of the late Pauline Davis Hanson. Justice Hanson was the first woman to serve on the Fresno Superior Court and the Fifth District Court of Appeal.

Sherrie obtained a B.S. degree in mechanical engineering from Carnegie Mellon University in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. She works full time for BMI Mechanical as a senior sales engineer. Sherrie ranks first in her law school class. She also currently serves as Vice President of the Student Bar Association and is a force behind SJCL’s annual Race Judicata.

Hopper Scholarship

(L-R) Hon. Brad Hill; Kimberly Gaab, Fresno County Bar Association President; Leonard Herr; Jan Pearson, SJCL Dean; Leigh Burnside, President of the Fresno Young Lawyers Association; George A. Hopper scholarship winner Cynthia Van Dusen; Darren Van Dusen; and Justice Herbert Levy.

Full-Time Faculty

Lawrence M. Artenian, Richard M. Cartier, Denise M. Kerner, Kathryn McGtigue-Floyd, Janice L. Pearson, Sally A. Perring, Jeffrey G. Purvis

Adjunct Faculty

2003 Back To School Party

On Friday, August 29th the SBA welcomed first year students to SJCL.

Delta Theta Phi Initiation

Delta Theta Phi (DTP) was honored by the presence of Larry Meyer, DTP Master Scholar from the Supreme Senate, at its largest initiation in the history of DTP at SJCL. Twenty-six students completed initiation October 3, 2003. DTP is a student organization that provides a mentoring program, scholarships, and social functions for SJCL students.

Paralegal Graduation

San Joaquin College of Law congratulates the following paralegal graduates on earning their certificates on August 15, 2003.


2003 DTP initiates are: (L-R) Margie Webb, Erik Peterson, Teresa Petty, Sean Hancock, Anna Smith Amanda Holder, Laura Arnold, Dede Agraña, Lurena Brubaker, Florentino Jose, Courtney Caron, Jody Winter, Jimmy Rodriguez, Susan Rosenthal, Frank O’Donnell, Tina Morgan, Scott Jones, Pamela Elliott, Gary Winter, Connie Granada, Brenda Hook, Jo Shoop, Blair Shoop, Frankie Rodriguez, Kerry Wilson, and Judy Rogers

Seated (L-R) DTP Dean Ron Nijmeddin, DTP Master of Ritual Ella Floresca, and Master Scholar from DTP Supreme Senate Larry Meyer

DTP leadership not pictured: Mark King, Rick Horowitz, Lisa Ellis, Lewis Martinez, and Gina Miller
Alumni Profiles

The year 2003 is the Twentieth Anniversary of the graduation of the Class of 1983 and the Tenth Anniversary of the Class of 1993. Throughout the year, we will be letting you know “where they are now.”

1983
Honorable Charles A. Wieland
During his last year in law school, Chuck clerked mornings at the Law Offices of Anthony J. Capozzi and afternoons at Sandell, Young & St. Louis. Upon passing the bar examination in November of 1983, he became an associate with the latter firm. Chuck is grateful to the exceptional attorneys at Sandell, Young & St. Louis who introduced him to the realities of practicing law, the members of the Fresno bench, and area lawyers. In approximately 1989, Chuck and David St. Louis separated from Sandell, Young & St. Louis.

In February of 1992, Chuck moved to Bennett & Sharpe. A few years later that firm became Bennett, Sharpe & Wieland. In September 1997, Chuck opened his own law firm in Madera. In January of 1998, Governor Wilson appointed Chuck to the Madera County bench.

As a judge, Chuck initially handled all types of cases. In October 1998 the Madera Court went to a direct calendar system where the judge follows a case from start to finish. Chuck was responsible for all civil law & motion and civil trials. In 2000-2001, Chuck had similar responsibility for one of three criminal calendars. He also served as Presiding Judge of the Court in 2001. He testified before the California Senate Judicary Committee that summer regarding legislation for new state-funded court facilities. In 2002, he returned to the civil calendar. Chuck now serves as judge in Bass Lake which he says is the most varied calendar in the county, ranging from traffic violations to violent felonies, and from small claims through family law disputes, as well as all other types of civil litigation.

Chuck is married to Cathy, a counselor for the Madera Unified School District. They met at New Mexico State University in 1972. Thereafter, as Chuck was earning his law degree, Cathy was earning her masters degree in family counseling at Fresno State. She has also worked as a family court mediator in Madera and Fresno Counties.

Chuck and Cathy have two sons. Ian is a freshman at CSUFresno, majoring in Political Science and History. He has a full scholarship through the Smittcamp Family Honors College. Not surprisingly, Ian wants to be a lawyer. Dylan is a junior at Madera High School with aspirations to be a federal law enforcement officer. Both sons have always been active in sports so most of Chuck's free time has been spent serving on boards of sports leagues, coaching, and spectating. Ian and Dylan received their Eagle Scout awards simultaneously last summer.

Chuck remembers attending class at three different locations during his four years of study-Fresno Pacific, an Armenian Church, and the First & Shields building. He fondly remembers his classmates and instructors and also the oddity of the Conflicts instructor disappearing shortly before the end of the course. He feels that it was a tremendous advantage to be taught by faculty who were practicing lawyers and judges.

1993
Dorothy A. Carroll
Upon graduation, Dorothy worked with David St. Louis doing general civil litigation for two years. Since that time she has had her own practice focusing on plaintiff’s personal injury and family law cases.

Dorothy will be the President Elect of the Fresno County Bar Association for 2004. She will be President of the Fresno Bar Association in 2005 and was their Vice President in 2002 and Treasurer 2000-2001. She has served on the Board of Governors for Consumer Attorneys of California and been an officer of Fresno County Women Lawyers.

Her local community activities have included participating in the United Cerebral Palsy V.I.P fundraising campaign and fund-raising committees for Valley Public Radio. Dorothy lives with her Akita, Sumo, and enjoys snow skiing, hiking, reading and gardening.

Dorothy remembers law school in one word: WORK! While at SJCL, Dorothy juggled both school and employment.

Jane Carver
Upon graduating from law school, Jane worked as an independent contractor law clerk for various Fresno law firms. In 1996, she moved to Morro Bay where she worked for the Agriculture Task Force in San Luis Obispo and Santa Barbara counties. She was responsible for attending county government and other meetings to keep agricultural groups informed of proposed laws and other issues. In summer of 1998, she became a text book wholesaler serving as a marketing representative in California and Oregon. In June of 2002, she accepted a position at CSUF’s Kennel Bookstore where she is now the General Book Department Manager.
Jane lives with her long-time significant other, Jack Gartner. Friends always ask about her black lab, Rudy. He passed away about two years ago, but she now has a yellow lab named Hudson. Jane and Jack love golf and Jane also likes to seakayak at Morro Bay where they regularly visit their beach bungalow.

Jane remembers that law school was HARD. She says she was more challenged in law school and learned more about herself during her years at San Joaquin College of Law than in any other period of her life.

Robert Allen Cassio Sr.
Between graduation and passing the Bar exam, Bob clerked for Sal Scandria. It was not long until he opened his own practice. In his former life as a workout specialist, Bob was frequently represented by Baker, Manock, and Jensen. Ironically his first case was against BM & J. He now specializes in family and criminal law. He says he has been fortunate to never have had a lull in his practice. Bob sits as Judge pro tem in Family Court and has been on the federal felony panel for nine years taking criminal appointments.

Bob’s son, Robert Cassio Jr., graduated from SJCL in 1999 and practices law with Yohman, Parker, Kern and Nard. The balance of Bob’s family is his two cats, Harry and Pud. Bob enjoys painting in acrylics and oils and visiting Cayucos once a month. He just spent ten days in Hawaii.

Law school was filled with many sleepless nights for Bob, but the friends he made at SJCL are still his friends today.

Darryl Bowen Freedman
After graduation from SJCL, Darryl worked for a year and a half for Gerald Tomassian and Sal Blanco. He then shared space with Tim Mazzela for a little over a year. Darryl now has his own practice, with a staff of seven, specializing in plaintiff personal injury law. While in law school Darryl worked at a grocery store, where he met people from many diverse backgrounds. It was this experience that Darryl believes equipped him with the ability to communicate with all kinds of people. He loves his work, because he feels that he is able to help people and feels blessed with a wonderful practice. Darryl recently purchased a building with Rene Sample and Steve Cornwell.

Darryl lives with his wife, Gretchen, a school psychologist for FUSD. He has two stepsons, one of whom is a first-year student at SJCL. In his free time Darryl likes to golf, downhill ski, and travel (especially to Hawaii). He is also active at North Point Community Church.

Darryl remembers his big flow charts and “the pain” of law school. He was impressed with how much teachers, staff, and fellow students cared about the students and their success.

Juliana Gmur
Upon passing the bar Juliana worked for a year as an Assistant District Attorney in the Tulare County Family Support Division. In November of 1994, she joined the Fresno County Counsel’s office where she handled all the “bizarre” stuff. Initially, she handled the subrogation claims for Valley Medical Center. Thereafter, as general counsel for the Human Service System she handled the case of the woman allegedly murdered through selenium poisoning and the case of the woman afflicted with tuberculosis who was imprisoned to enforce treatment. She preferred to be proactive and try to help departments avoid these kinds of problems rather than deal with them after the fact.

In June of 2002, Juliana went to work for Maximus where she specializes in representing local governments in SB90 claims. These are claims wherein a local entity is seeking reimbursement from the State for state-mandated services. Juliana appears frequently before the Commission on State Mandates.

Juliana lives with her mother, brother, a greyhound, a Chihuahua, two parrots, one cockatoo, assorted koi fish, and a spoiled one-legged sparrow. She likes to travel, cross-stitch and work out.

As for law school, Juliana remembers sitting around talking about the fact that she and her fellow law students didn’t have lives – presumably because of studying. Now she realizes that things were actually easier then because a question in Torts was going to be Torts – not some amorphous combination of issues.

Wesley Joseph Hammond
Wes began his career at Wild, Carter and Tipton, in 1991, working as a law clerk. Upon passing the bar he became an Associate and now works Of Counsel. Wes describes his work as everything but personal injury,
worker’s compensation, and family law. In 1999 Wes completed the Master’s Degree in Taxation at SJCL.

“It was over in a blink of an eye,” is how Wes describes his time as a law student. He enjoyed the tax program the most, because it was all applicable to his everyday practice.

Moses M. Mendoza
In 1991, Moses began clerking in the Fresno office of McMurchie, Weill, Lenahan, Lee, Slater and Pearse. After graduation, Moses became an associate in the Fresno office. In 1998 he transferred to the Sacramento office and became a partner in 1999. He works in worker’s compensation defense. He likes his practice because he can also have a life.

Moses is married to Cindy. They have two children - Brittany, who was born just before Moses graduated from SJCL, and Phillip, who is now seven years old.

In his free time Moses stays active by coaching his kids’ soccer, baseball, basketball, and softball teams. He takes advantage of the seasons by participating in snow skiing, hiking and camping. Monterey and Santa Cruz are two of his favorite beach destinations.

In law school, Moses remembers the hours and hours he spent reading and writing, while also working full time.

Cathy Sharbaugh
Following graduation I opened my solo practice devoted to Elder Law. I’m still at it and loving almost every minute. My goal is to work an average of 30 hours a week to ensure that I have plenty of family time - sometimes I meet my goal - sometimes I far exceed it.

I’m still married to Dean - it will be 32 years this Christmas - and yes, I do remind him daily that he is the luckiest man in the world. He closed his neurology practice four years ago and now does disability evaluations for the State Department of Human Services. He no longer has to take overnight or weekend call and we like that a lot. Our kids have grown and flown. DJ is in school in San Francisco and Sarah is a counselor for middle school kids in San Diego. Neither is married and we are thrilled that there are no grandchildren on the horizon or gleaming in anyone’s eyes. Gizmo the wonder dog died of a heart attack two years ago (we’re an excitable family) and our children replaced her with a VERY LARGE gray tabby cat named Wooster. We are so lucky.

In our spare time we travel - we have family (hiding from us) all over the country and we try to hit a warm spot like the Caribbean every winter although this year the four of us will spend New Year’s in London and Paris. We also spend many weekends working on our never-ending list of home improvements. I still read a lot and have been working on my family history. I even do some craft projects just to prove that a person with no taste or talent can keep her hands busy.

I still keep in touch with several San Joaquin classmates and see others in court often. I have fond memories of Law School days: cigarettes by the dumpster during class breaks, watching LA Law after class on Thursday nights at Ken Cavin’s where Deborah always had a fabulous dessert ready for us, cramming before Evidence class with Barbara Greaver in the hope of having at least a small clue of what was relevant. The best part, after years of “just being a mom and housewife”, was succeeding at subjects beyond soccer and Dr. Seuss. I haven’t been sorry for a minute that I accepted the challenge.

Sandra Anne Swilley
After graduating from SJCL, Sandra practiced law with Ron Marks in Merced for three years. She is currently working part time for a group of accountants, and is considering taking the CPA exam.

In 1996, Sandra became a mom to her son, Jonathan, and four years later welcomed her daughter, Kathryn, into the family. Most of her time is filled with work and taking care of her kids. However, Sandra finds time to be actively involved in her church. She is an elder in the church, serves on a finance/administration committee, attends a Bible study group, and is a member of Mom’s Club. Last year Sandra was the treasurer of the PTA.

To Sandra it seems that law school was so long ago. She remembers the closeness of her classmates. Attending law school was a shared experience that no one could understand except those going through it.

Correction
Spring/Summer 2003 – Allen Bennett was the guest speaker for the Paralegal Graduation and is currently an adjunct faculty not a paralegal graduate.
The articles and comments presented in Volume 13 of the San Joaquin Agricultural Law Review exemplify the broad range of topics that have significant impact on the agricultural community in the valley and beyond.

Some of the topics include; the mediation process and its applicability to agricultural, environmental, and municipal issues; the constitutional issues within the scope of agricultural concerns in the 1942 internment of Japanese Americans; education for children of migrant farm workers; water allocation issues; economic benefits of the legalization of industrial hemp; landowners’ liability when their property is used for the manufacture of methamphetamine; air permit exemptions; preemption legislation in pesticide use; and technical issues in genetic modifications.

Together, these topics provide an interesting and absorbing view into the diverse legal and social issues confronted by both those engaged in the field of agriculture, and those impacted by the agricultural environment. To get your copy of Volume 13, call San Joaquin College of Law at 559/323-2100.