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A tradition of excellence

Over the last five years SJCL has placed in the top three in some category in the Traynor Moot Court competition – more than any other institution.



(L-R) Jody Winter; retired Justice Anderson; Grace Torres; Justice Chin, California Supreme Court; Justice Wiseman, Fifth District Court of Appeal; and Gary Winter.

Grace Torres, Gary Winter, and Jody Winter continued the San Joaquin College of Law tradition by placing in the top three of at least one category for five consecutive years at the Roger J. Traynor Moot Court Competition.

This year's competition was held at the University of San Francisco Law School. Fourteen California schools entered including: U.C.L.A. School of Law, U.C. Berkeley School of Law, Hastings College of the Law, and University of San Francisco School of Law. SJCL students tied for third place in the Best Brief category with U.C.L.A.

At the awards ceremony on Sunday, John Hanft, the competition director and representative of the competition sponsor, Witkin Institute, indicated the briefs were unusually competitive this year with the top four being especially good. On a 200 point scale, only 1 point separated the top brief from #2, and only 1 point separated #2 from SJCL.

The final round judges were: Justice Chin from the California Supreme Court, Justice Wiseman, Fifth District Court of Appeal, and retired Justice Anderson, Fourth District Court of Appeal.

Past Winners

2005 Winners

BEST ORAL ARGUMENT: THE ROGER J. TRAYNOR AWARD

- 1st Hastings College of the Law
- 2nd U.C. Berkeley School of Law
- 3rd University of San Francisco School of Law

BEST BRIEF: THE CALIFORNIA ACADEMY OF APPELLATE LAWYERS AWARD

- 1st San Francisco Law School
- 2nd U.C. Berkeley School of Law
- 3rd **SAN JOAQUIN COLLEGE OF LAW** & U.C.L.A. School of Law

EXCELLENCE IN APPELLATE ADVOCACY: THE BERNARD E. WITKIN AWARD

- 1st U.C. Berkeley School of Law
- 2nd Hastings College of the Law
- 3rd University of San Francisco School of Law

2004 Winners

BEST ORAL ARGUMENT: THE ROGER J. TRAYNOR AWARD

- 1st U.C. Berkeley School of Law
- 2nd Hastings College of the Law

BEST BRIEF: THE CALIFORNIA ACADEMY OF APPELLATE LAWYERS AWARD

- 1st University of West Los Angeles School of Law
- 2nd Empire College School of Law
- 3rd **SAN JOAQUIN COLLEGE OF LAW** & California Western School of Law

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- 1st U.C. Berkeley School of Law
- 2nd Empire College School of Law
- 3rd Hastings College of the Law

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EXCELLENCE IN APPELLATE ADVOCACY: THE BERNARD E. WITKIN AWARD

- 1st U.C.L.A. School of Law
- 2nd U.C. Berkeley School of Law
- 3rd **SAN JOAQUIN COLLEGE OF LAW**

2002 Winners

BEST ORAL ARGUMENT: THE ROGER J. TRAYNOR AWARD

- 1st U.C. Davis School of Law
- 2nd University of West Los Angeles School of Law
- Runner Up **SAN JOAQUIN COLLEGE OF LAW**

BEST BRIEF: THE CALIFORNIA ACADEMY OF APPELLATE LAWYERS AWARD

- 1st **SAN JOAQUIN COLLEGE OF LAW**
- 2nd Western State University College of Law
- Runner Up Empire College School of Law

EXCELLENCE IN APPELLATE ADVOCACY: THE BERNARD E. WITKIN AWARD

- 1st **SAN JOAQUIN COLLEGE OF LAW**
- 2nd U.C. Davis School of Law
- Runner Up San Fernando Valley College of Law

2001 Winners

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- 1st Hastings College of the Law
- 2nd U.C. Davis School of Law

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La Raza Student Law Day

La Raza Law Students held its first annual Student Law Day on Friday, March 4, 2005.

By **Myava Escamilla**, *La Raza Secretary*

Student Law Day was designed to promote post-secondary education among valley high school students. Over 20 panel sessions, consisting of local community leaders, educators, members of the legal community and students, shared their experiences in their own education. Local high school students from Sanger Unified, DeWolf Continuation, and Sunnyside High School were informed of the benefits of a college education and encouraged to seek higher education.

The Panelists addressed approaches and methods to overcome challenges for all students and specifically for minority and low-income students. In addition, the Office of Financial Aid Outreach at Fresno City Col-

lege explained the practical aspects of obtaining education.

La Raza organized the event to positively influence students to continue beyond high school and to consider the immeasurable value of education. Education is both a stabilizing and an empowering force that ultimately benefits all members of the community.



Please contact: **Myava Escamilla** at myavaescamilla@hotmail.com or 559/445-1456 if you would be interested in participating next year.

Law Day Panelists

La Raza would like to extend our sincere thanks to all our Panelists for their generosity of their time.

Larry Artenian, *San Joaquin College of Law*
Jorge Augliar, *University of California at Merced*
Johnny Baltierra, *Association of Mexican American Educators*
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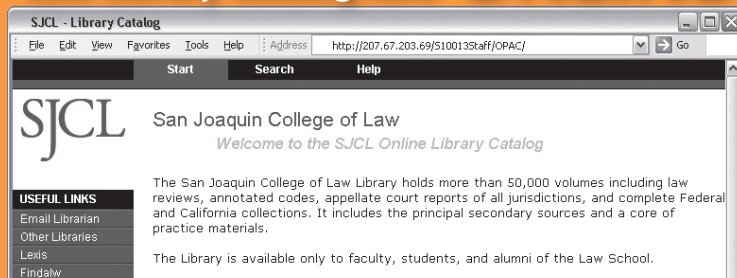
We would also like to sincerely thank the faculty and staff of San Joaquin College of Law for making this event possible and Costco, SaveMart, and Vons for providing the student lunch.

Student Law Day Organizers

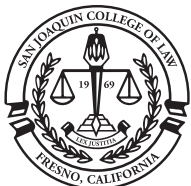
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What does the SJCL Alumni Association DO?

By **Kim Mayhew**,
SJCL Alumni Association President

It's a good question – one that many alums ask when considering whether to spend \$30 each year to become a member.

Probably the most visible event the Alumni Association sponsors is an annual Christmas party for the residents of the Marjaree Mason Center. We provide gifts for mothers and children at a holiday celebration at SJCL, complete with dinner and a visit from Santa. In 2004, the party was hosted by longtime supporter Kopi Sotiropolous from KMPH, with help from his media buddy Scoopy, the Fresno Bee mascot.

Other annual events include Cookies and Coffee Night in April, when alums visit the Remedies class to answer questions about Bar exam preparation. Alums also attend the annual Spring Fling and graduation ceremony. Current students are always seeking greater participation from past students, considered to be one of SJCL's most prized resources. For many years, the Alumni Association has funded two scholarships for SJCL students.

Our greatest strides, however, have been over the past two years, as the Alumni Association has strengthened its ties to SJCL students, working closely with the SBA on a number of projects. Alums joined with the Student Body Association to sponsor a Senior Law Day in fall 2003, and the Association has taken primary responsibility for the Judy Wiseman Mem-

Judy Wiseman Memorial Golf Tournament

On March 5, 2005 the SJCL Alumni Association held the Judy Wiseman Memorial Golf Tournament to benefit the Judy Wiseman Scholarship.



orial Golf Tournament, beginning with the event held on March 5, 2005. This contact between students and alumni benefits everyone, forging friendships and the potential for employment contacts in the future.

On a more personal note, the Alumni Association would not be what it is

without the tireless efforts and enthusiasm of liaison Joan Lassley.

Thank you to the members of the Alumni Association for your continued support. We hope to give you the opportunity to become more active in events that give back to the community, and to SJCL.

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Alumni Profiles

SJCL congratulates our alumni celebrating 10, 20 and 30 year anniversaries in 2005.

1975

Thomas Campagne

After graduating from law school, Tom was given the honor of a one-year internship as an assistant attorney to Federal District Court Judge M.D. Crocker who was then the Presiding Judge of the Eastern District Court of California. After a year as law clerk, Tom moved to San Francisco and joined the firm of Littler, Mendelson, Fastiff & Tichy specializing in defending employers in labor litigation and employment law matters. During his three years there, he saw the firm grow from 26 attorneys to over 200 attorneys. Tom moved back to Fresno to see his lifetime dream of having his own law firm come to fruition. In the beginning he practiced the same management/labor law as he did in San Francisco; however, by the late 1980's the firm expanded to encompass public and private entity employers and a variety of labor and employment law litigation matters before administrative agencies and all state and federal courts, including defending employers against sexual harassment suits and other suits involving violation of public policy.

Tom is married to Sarah. The two have four successful children – Justin, Danielle, Luke, and Megan. His oldest son, Justin, an attorney, left the Bay Area law firm Cooley Godward to practice law with his father in Fresno. On January 1, 2005, Tom made Justin his partner and changed the firm name to The Law Firm of Campagne & Campagne.

Tom enjoys hunting, shooting skeet, farming, working and working more. He is also actively involved in the Roman Catholic Church.

The first night of law school, Tom sat between Ernest Kinney and a Fresno State professor. Judge Dan Eymann in the harshest of terms, explained to the 72 first year students that he expected only 1/3 of them to graduate. He had everyone look to their right and left, and decide which of the three would survive. Ernest Kinney snarled at him and the professor commented about having a nearly perfect LSAT score. By mid-semester the professor had flunked out and Ernie and Tom had become friends. Judge Oliver Wanger was more uplifting and gave them the following advice: "You will get to a point where you will enjoy studying 40 hours a week and, after all, what will you be doing four years from now on a Monday evening at 7:00PM? You will be sitting in front of a color television worrying about how you are going to pay your bills or thinking about your current boring job. Whereas, if you graduate from law school, the doors of opportunity will be open to you." In Tom's opinion both Judge Wanger and Judge Eymann were correct. He says "We worked hard but we enjoyed it and the doors were thrown open to all of us who took advantage of the opportunity that had been presented to us through the founding of San Joaquin College of Law."

Fred D. Douma

After graduation from law school, Fred decided not to work in a law-related field. Instead, he has been self-em-

ployed as owner of a flooring supply store, owner/operator of an 18-wheel truck and trailer, and independent contractor in sales. For the past six years he has worked for the American Red Cross in Medford, Oregon as a Mobile Unit Operator in Blood Collections.

Fred has one daughter and two grandchildren in Talent, Oregon, two sons in Portland, Oregon, and one son and foster daughter in Eugene, Oregon.

After service in the Vietnam War, Fred experienced Post Traumatic Stress Syndrome, which slowed him down in life's journey. He was awarded a disability pension. He has served on his church's board and has helped with local fundraisers.

Law school was a hectic time. While in law school, Fred was raising a family and working full time. He was not alone; everyone was in the same boat. He enjoyed the time he spent with the 13 members of the class of 1975 and wishes them the best.

Ima Jean Harvey

Native Fresnan Ima Jean Harvey returned to academics in the early 1970's following a successful first career with Aramco. While a student, she worked as a paralegal and law clerk for the firm of Parichan, Renberg & Crossman. Upon her admission to the California Bar, she became an attorney for the firm. In 1977, she became a shareholder, officer and director there. In 2000, she joined the local firm of Caswell Bell & Hillison, LLP. Jean was one of the first female attorneys to make "partner" in a major firm in the Fresno area.

Jean and her husband, Tom, a retired Fresno County appraiser, own a small vineyard in Madera. She notes it is

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2005 Race Judicata

On February 19, 2005, runners from around the Valley gathered for the annual Race Judicata Fun Run at San Joaquin College of Law.

By **Sherrie Flynn**

The 5 kilometer race was again a Valley Runner of the Year Series event in which runners in three age divisions compete for the coveted title of Runner of the Year. The Fun Run also featured a 2 mile run/walk and a ¼ mile kids' run.

This year special awards were given to the top male and female San Joaquin College of Law students in



each race. As a result, race participation was at an all time high with 297 runners and walkers. Over \$4,000 was raised to benefit the Judy Wiseman Memorial Scholarship Fund and the Student Bar Association. The 2005 Race Judicata Fun Run Committee wishes to thank all of our generous sponsors: Baker, Manock & Jensen; American Ambulance; Marderosian, Runyon, Cercone, Lehman & Armo; Dowling, Aaron & Keeler; Kimble,

MacMichael & Upton; McCormick, Barstow, Sheppard, Wayte & Carruth; and Warnor's Theatre. Without your support, the race would not be possible.

Look for information in the near future about the 2006 Race Judicata Fun Run. We look forward to seeing you there!

probably her long history in this agricultural area that fueled her interest in agribusiness law. She represents farmers, packers, commission merchants and local businesses in a wide spectrum of legal issues. She also spends a substantial part of her time in estate planning.

Jean is involved in the California State Bar and the American Bar Association. She served on the CEB Publication and Program Committee and served two terms on the Agribusiness Committee of the State Bar Business Law Section. She is now on its advisory committee. She also chaired the ABA's Agribusiness Committee of the Real Property, Probate and Trust Section for several years.

In addition, Jean has always made time for public service. She was a member of the board of directors and an officer of the Kings View Mental Health Association for nine years. She was also a board member and president of the former Fresno Community

Council. She is now on the board of directors of the Fresno Women's Network, serving as its legal counsel.

Jean and Tom have one grown daughter, Annette, who lives in San Diego. Always the adventurers, the couple continues their love of travel throughout the United States, Canada, Mexico, South America, Australia-New Zealand, Fiji and Asia. They have been from Machu Pichu to the Great Wall to the Great Barrier Reef.

Ernest Kinney

After being in the second class at SJCL, and graduating in 1975, Ernie began his law career in the Fresno County Public Defender's Office. He was there 2 ½ years and tried a high profile murder case (David McGowin). In 1978 he helped form Cowin, Johnson, Brewer, Tibbs and Kinney. In 1980, he formed Ernest S. Kinney Law Corporation and has been a sole practitioner ever since. He has tried over 300 criminal cases and has received not guilty verdicts in 12 murder cases.

Ernie married Marion Didier during his Student Body President year at Fresno State. Their daughter, Lisa Monet, lives in San Diego and has given them two beautiful grandchildren. Their son, Scott, is a practicing attorney in Fresno with Barker and Associates and has tried many cases as an aggressive trial lawyer. He, too, has given them two beautiful grandchildren.

In the awards department, Ernie recalls being elected "Campus Casanova" while at Fresno State University. Ernie's community involvement has been one of giving to many nonprofits, but he has been barred from joining most of them.

Ernie remembers the Pacific Campus when SJCL had only one classroom. The unique experience of having Torts taught by Judge Eymann, Contracts by Mr. Loomis, and Criminal Law by Oliver Wanger was one that helped him in his career. He states "I owe a lot to San Joaquin College of Law and so I provide a scholarship each year to aspiring trial lawyers".

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BARRISTER'S BALL
2005

On April 8, 2005, the SJCL Student Bar Association hosted the Barrister's Ball at the Veterans Memorial Building in Clovis. More than 200 well-dressed guests enjoyed themselves immensely. Numerous scholarships were awarded to deserving San Joaquin College of Law students in both the law and paralegal programs. Also recognized were Rich Cartier and Jeff Purvis as Faculty Members of the Year, and the Honorable Hilary A. Chittick as Adjunct Faculty Member of the Year.

The silent auction - with more than 40 great items available for bid - raised more than \$1,300 that will be contributed to the Judy Wiseman Memorial Scholarship fund. The musical entertainment was provided by Sophisticated Swing. The band was a huge hit and the dance floor was alive. If you missed this year's event, plan to attend next year. It's a wonderful opportunity to meet your fellow classmates or catch up with SJCL alumni and staff.



(L-R) SBA President **Shannon Pell** (Law '06), **Justin Brown** (Law '05), and **Vanessa Serpa** (Law '05).



Jody Winter (Law '06) and his date, **Ashley Howard**, swingin' the night away.



Sherrie Flynn (Law '05)



Scott Jones (Law '07) and **Erik Peterson** (Law '07)



Kara Schacher (Law '06)(R) with friend, **Barbara Miller**.



Angela Tapia (Law '05).



Elias Suakjian (Law '03) and fiancée **Maral Kochayan**.



Stacie Melikian (Law '06)



(L-R) **Lewis Martinez** (Law '04), **Rosemary Hidalgo** (Law '05), **Claire Carroll** (Law '05), and **Lisa Ellis** (Law '05).



(L-R) **Chris Wallace** (Law '05), **Christina Skaf** (Law '07), and **Andrew Aller** (Law '06).



Antonio Stevens (Law '07) and **Rick Wheeler** (Law '06).



Joanna Ebner (Law '05) with husband, **Ronald**.

Scholarships

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Pete P. Peters Leadership Awards

Autumn Goodrich, Brenda Hook, Eric Kapigian, Ana Maria Moore, Vanessa Serpa

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Greg Fox

Delta Theta Phi Scholarship

Scott Jones, Mark King, Angela Tapia

Michael McGonigle Memorial Scholarship

Brenda Hook, Vanessa Serpa, Shonda Siler

SJCL Student Bar Association Law Scholarship

Lisa Ellis, Sherrie Flynn, Marjorie Webb

Alumni Association Carolyn T. Mirviss Scholarship

Shannon Ransberger

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Brooke Airey

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Eric Kapigian

Leroy Long Memorial Scholarship

Stacie Melikian

The Business Journal Research

& Writing Scholarship

Rachele Berglund-Bailey

Eckhart Thompson Memorial Scholarship

Amy Guerra

SJCL Student Bar Assoc Paralegal Scholarship

Kristen Gates

The Founders' Scholarship

Sherrie Flynn

Adjunct Faculty of the Year

Judge Hilary Chittick

Full-Time Faculty

Richard M. Cartier & Jeffrey G. Purvis

Students of the Year

FIRST YEAR: Steven Graham

SECOND YEAR: Jill Miller

THIRD YEAR: John Dyer

FOURTH YEAR: Mark King & Griselda Torres

PARALEGAL: Kristen Gates

Special recognition to **Sherrie Flynn** for her work on the Race Judicata

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James Wasson

After law school Jim resigned from the California Highway Patrol on January 5, 1975 at the end of his shift at 10:30PM. The next day he reported for work as a Fresno County Deputy District Attorney. Approximately six months later he went into private practice with attorney George Carter. Carter and Wasson handled criminal defense cases. Approximately 1-1/2 years later he went solo and incorporated in 1979 as a professional corporation. In 1980 he became a Certified Specialist in Family Law and has practiced family and criminal law ever since.

Jim's wife, Denise, was a human resource manager for Macy's in Fresno until he persuaded her to quit so they could have more flexible time to travel. They have 5 daughters and 10 grandchildren, who reside in Washington State, California and Colorado.

Jim enjoys snow and water skiing, surfing, motorcycle trips to Sturgis, South Dakota, Laughlin and Reno, visiting foreign counties and studying their criminal justice systems. He has been to Hong Kong, Peru, Guatemala, Ireland, France, Egypt, England,

Spain, Portugal, Italy, China, Brazil, Greece and the Netherlands.

He has been involved in the improvement of the Tower District. He speaks to college and high school classes regarding the role of the attorney in criminal matters. He has participated in several protest marches, and has been active in local elections and politics.

Jim relates that law school was hectic time; he was lucky to have a great group of classmates. The Thursday night after class beer drinking at the now defunct "Outpost" was a fun event at which to relax from the pressures of night school. Jim was lucky to have a job where he could study during his shift; this resulted in his having the lowest enforcement action in a squad of 100 CHP officers. He has fond memories of Highway 99 overpasses where he spent a great deal of time reading Constitutional Law while ostensibly observing traffic.

Robert Williams

Before taking the bar, Bob went to work for Parichan, Renberg & Crossman with his classmate, Ima Jean Harvey. He worked in personal injury defense and business litigation. Ima

Jean soon became a partner. Bob then worked with Mr. Parichan on product liability cases. In 1980 Bob formed the law office of Perez, Makasian and Williams. Currently, he is a partner with Perez, Williams & Medina doing plaintiff personal injury and insurance coverage disputes.

Bob is married to Julia Brungess. They have a son, Ryan, who is a scientist with Clorox. They have been busy trying to build a home in the O'Neals area, but that process is taking longer than he anticipated! The family has always been avid bicycle riders.

Bob has fond memories of his outstanding instructors Hollis Best, Leonard Ginsberg, and Ollie Wanger.

1985 Robert Fletcher

Robert is in private practice. He is married to Diane. The two will celebrate their 34- year wedding anniversary in 2005. They have two children. The oldest graduated from California State University, Fresno in 2002 with a BA in Graphic Design. The youngest is a sophomore at College of Sequoias in Visalia. The family recently traveled

to Peru, visiting Lima and Cusco, hiking the "El Camino Inka" (the Inca Trail) to Macchu Picchu. The hike was strenuous and the air was thin, but at the end they were met with a beautiful cloud forest. Robert was impressed with the history of Peru and its people. He highly recommends the trip.

While Robert no longer competes in judo, he enjoys watching matches when available. He also is a fan of the Arkansas Razorback Football team. He intends to pick up scuba diving again. His interest has recently been revived when his daughter, a competitive swimmer, expressed an interest in the hobby and asked dad to join her.

Robert is very involved with his church. He teaches Sunday School. He has been a member of the Board of Deacons, part of the leadership at his church. Sunday worship gets his batteries charged for the week. Since 1987 he has worked for Gideons International, an interdenominational organization of Christian professionals and businessmen that distribute Bibles and New Testaments throughout the world.

Robert's special memory of SJCL: "On the night of our graduation ceremony I lifted my (then) five year old son up and as I gave him a big bear hug somebody from SJCL snapped a picture of the moment. Later, with my permission, the picture was used in one of the SJCL catalogues. A glossy print of that picture still sits on our fireplace mantel in its own special wood frame bearing the inscription 'Anyone can be a father but it takes someone special to be a Daddy.' Actually, I think that moment caught on film goes well beyond my experience at SJCL, beyond this 20-year anniversary of our SJCL graduation, and fairly sums up how I feel about the entire past 36 years. As a special memory, it was pivotal in our lives and it happened at SJCL."

Kevin Hansen

Kevin is currently a partner at McCormick, Barstow, Sheppard, Wayte & Carruth, LLP, which has offices in Fresno, Modesto, and Las Vegas.

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Kevin also teaches and lectures to various professional organizations, serves on the board of the Volunteer Center of Fresno County and the board of Clovis West High School's Babe Ruth Baseball team. He is also involved in Scouting, is an art docent at Ft. Washington Elementary School, coaches mock trial at Clovis West and stays active in his church.

Kevin is married to Clare. They have five wonderful children -- Alexandra (Alex), age 15; Zachary, age 13; Matthew, age 10; Samantha, age 10; and McKenzie, age 9. Kevin likes to spend his free time reading, playing sports--as much as his deteriorating knees will allow--and, riding herd on his brood.

He recalls his class attending SJCL at the old building on Shields Avenue. A highlight of many an evening was the trek to the donut shop during the mid-evening break. He also remembers being overwhelmed by "the great" Oliver Wanger (now a federal judge) in Civil Procedure and marveling at how cool and collected Professor Wanger seemed, even late at night. Little did he suspect that he would later go on to become a partner of his at McCormick-Barstow before Judge Wanger's appointment to the federal bench. Kevin fondly remembers the many good friends he made in law school and the camaraderie everyone felt in helping each other study and work through the four-year ordeal. Though it may seem long ago now, he realizes daily just what an impact studying law had on his entire life, not just on his career.

Warren Paboojian

Warren is currently a partner with the law firm of Oren & Paboojian, which handles plaintiffs' personal injury lawsuits. The firm specializes in products liability, catastrophic injuries, medical malpractice and employment law.

After graduating from SJCL, Warren worked for an insurance defense firm, Marderosian & Swanson. He worked in insurance defense for approximately 15 years excluding his time as Deputy District Attorney from 1988 to 1990. In 2000, his practice shifted to plaintiff's personal injury. Recently, he is handling the very high-profile case for Stacy Johnson-Klein.

Warren is a member of ABOTA (American Board of Trial Advocates). Oren and Paboojian is an AV rated law firm by Martindale-Hubbell. In 2004, he was the recipient of the Central California Trial Lawyers Association President's Award in recognition for outstanding trial advocacy protecting the rights of consumers in civil litigation. He also serves as an elected Board of Directors for the Fresno County Bar Association.

Warren has been married for 15 years to Lesa Paboojian. They have three children -- Tara, age 10, Bridgette, age 8, and Tyler, age 6.

Warren enjoys spending time with his family, exercise, and golf. He also enjoys going to Indian Guide meetings with his three children.

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As to special memories, Waren remembers surviving the first year of law school and passing his torts class taught by attorney Don Fischbach.

Sharon (Lessley-Gilmore) Stull

Sharon reports that her life following graduation has been blessed with many happy endings. She is currently the human resources director for a specialty insurance agency, Poms & Associates Insurance Brokers, Inc., in Calabasas. There she performs both human resource consulting and training and was named Manager of the Year for 2004. The company's employees chose her for this award, which made it all that more special. She uses her education in labor law and human resources on a daily basis and still finds it to be both challenging and interesting.

Sharon was certified as a Professional in Human Resources (PHR) in 2001, which is a national certification through the Society of Human Resource Management. Sharon volunteers her time to the Simi Valley YMCA and is an active member of Toastmasters International. Both she and her husband are involved as speech judges for the Ventura County Academic Decathlon. She likes to curl up with a good murder mystery or begin a new quilting or knitting project.

Sharon is a blissful newlywed, having married Bill Stull in 2002. She met Bill through her involvement in Toastmasters International. After the wedding she moved to Simi Valley where Bill has been a long-time resident. Bill is the business manager for William L. Morris Chevrolet.

Her special memories of SJCL include Trisha Markell's never-ending variety of hairdos. She also recalls a student in Torts who stood up half hour into the mid-term and said, "Well, that's all I know," and turned in his paper! Her study group included Trisha Markell and David Mugridge. The group was famous for scaling the wall to get to the donut shop. She marvels that no one broke their neck during these

escapades. She also remembers desperately trying to decipher Judge Caeton's hieroglyphic chalkboard notes. All in all, she says, going to school at SJCL was a great experience.

Kimberly Sweidy Stata

Kim is a stay at home mom. She is married to Raymond P. Stata and has two beautiful daughters, Raychel Roark who is 4 1/2 and Rene Rearden who is 2 1/2.

In 1993 she earned her MBA from the University of Pennsylvania, The Wharton School.

Kim is interested in education, particularly in the area of early multiple language acquisition, piano, scrapbooking, sewing and dancing, but everything has taken a back seat to building a new home.

Kim is the Board Secretary for Friends of the Palo Alto Junior Museum and Zoo. She is actively involved in their daughter's school, which is a Montessori-based curriculum taught in Mandarin and English. She also does pro bono legal representation for at-risk and abused children.

Her fond SJCL memories are of the high caliber of the professors, all of whom outshone the professors at UC Davis School of Law. She has always been glad that she returned to SJCL to complete her law degree after her first year of law school.

1995 Brian Alvarez

Brian decided to attend law school after returning home from the first Persian Gulf War in 1991. He worked in the Fresno County District Attorney's Office, Bureau of Investigations while attending SJCL ('91-'95). In retrospect, he did not realize what he was getting into. Upon graduating from SJCL and passing the bar exam in 1995, he became a Fresno County Deputy District Attorney. As a DA he prosecuted a wide variety of criminal cases, until he left in 2002 to gain other prosecutorial experience.

In 2002, he went to work for the California Attorney General's Office to prosecute complex criminal cases and argue appellate cases in both state and federal courts of appeal.

Brian married Teresa, a district attorney investigator, in 1990. Their oldest daughter Jessica was born on the first day of SJCL instruction – August 28, 1991. Needless to say, he did not attend his first day of Torts. Their younger daughter is Daniella, age 21 months. (Yes, they waited almost 12 years to have another) And, of course, he can't forget Smooch, their retired racing Greyhound, and their two geriatric Chihuahuas.

Brian enjoys running, skiing, weight training, reading, music, smoking fine cigars, and traveling. He was a Captain of the California Air National Guard, Fresno's 144th Fighter Wing as the Public Affairs Officer from 1995 to 2003. He is also active in the Central California Greyhound Adoption Society.

When he enrolled at SJCL Brian was not sure what he was up against; he was shocked into reality by his mid-term Torts grade. Justice Jim Ardaiz's evidence course was his favorite law school class. School administration made students sign a student roster as proof of attendance, an unpopular task amongst the students. Brian's special SJCL memory is watching Justice Ardaiz's facial expressions after receiving the student attendance list which was defaced with various unflattering comments by unnamed students (Brian and Jim Martin).

Kenneth Carver

After graduation from law school, Ken stayed with his employer, practicing plaintiff's personal injury law with some criminal defense work. In 2001 he went to the Fifth District Court of Appeal as a research attorney, working for Associate Justices Thomas A. Harris and Nickolas J. Dibiase. In 2003 the State's budget crisis forced the elimination of his job.

Since December 2003, Ken has been doing his best to ease prison overcrowding doing criminal appellate work in the First, Third, Fifth, and Sixth District Courts of Appeal. He was fortunate to win his first appointed case. Although it has been a bit down hill since, he still hopes of winning a few more.

In March 2005, Ken accepted a position as a research attorney with the Fresno County Superior Court, after obtaining release as counsel of record on his ongoing appellate cases.

Diana S. Dooley

Diana is General Counsel and Vice President for Children's Hospital Central California. She is responsible for managing legal services and for leading Hospital programs in communications, advocacy, and governmental relations.

Diana is active in civic and community affairs and currently serves on the Executive Committee of the UC Merced Board of Trustees, the Maddy Institute Board of Directors at Fresno State, the California Historical Society Board of Trustees and is a member of the Visalia Rotary Club. She is also a past president of Planned Parenthood, the Visalia Chamber of Commerce and the Central California Futures Institute.

Diana often travels to Arkansas and Massachusetts to visit her daughters. She plays golf on Sunday mornings, knits on airplanes, and reads at least one book a month to keep up with the book club she started 16 years ago.

Diana's fondest memory of her law school experience is the caring and cooperative atmosphere fostered by the faculty and staff under trying circumstances. Most of the students were working as well as going to school, so the rigorous program and the cramped quarters of the old Shields building created many challenges. She appreciated the sense that we were all in it together and the goal was for everyone to succeed.

Jeffrey Heeren

Upon graduation Jeff entered private practice with The Law Offices of Thomas Campagne. He enjoyed appellate practice before the California Fifth District Court of Appeal, California Supreme Court, and U.S. Supreme Court. His transactional work included drafting contracts, leasing, and licensing agreement of many sorts. His trial work included management defense, agribusiness contract disputes, bankruptcy issues, and probate/trust litigation. He also participated in administrative proceedings including government rulemaking and state and federal administrative procedure hearings.

Since joining the Fresno City Attorney's Office, Jeff has handled eminent domain, CEQA, code enforcement, collection, contract, risk management, and other public entity matters. Jeff is now a member of the City Attorney Office's Economic Development Unit, advising the City and the Redevelopment Agency.

Jeff is single and enjoys cooking, backpacking in the Sierra Nevada, gardening, and irrigating his vineyard.

Joan Levie

Upon passing the bar in December 1995, Joan went to work for attorney Salvatore Sciandra as an associate, then on to McCormick-Barstow practicing insurance defense. In 1997, she moved to Cooper & Hoppe and continued her interest in insurance defense.

Joan has been a sole practitioner since 1998 with an emphasis on federal criminal defense, plaintiff tort litigation, and appellate work for plaintiffs. Joan is a member of the federal Criminal Justice Act attorney panel, appointed by the Eastern District of California Federal Defender's Office. She has argued at least six cases at the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals and has had a case published. She recently argued First Amendment criminal case of first impression at the Ninth Circuit. SJCL Professor Jeff Purvis

was her consultant on the case, more evidence that the value of a SJCL education extends far beyond the classroom.

Joan is active in the legal community, evidenced by her award as Outstanding Attorney Volunteer of the Year. She has served on the board of directors of Fresno County Women Lawyers. She has also been involved, for more than a decade, with Volunteers in Parole (VIP).

Joan's son, Jeremy, is now married to Meg; they have a daughter, Elizabeth, age 4. She is the apple of grandma's eye and the source of much laughter and relaxation. Jeremy and Meg are both Zen Buddhists at the San Francisco Zen Center. Jeremy is an administrator and Meg is a priest. They reside in Marin County at Green Gulch Farm and Tassajara, the first Zen training monastery in the West. As you might imagine, Joan and her husband, Juda, spend most of their free time in the Bay Area.

Joan's best memory of law school was when her law review article was recommended as "worth reading" by the *National Law Journal*. Immediately after that she started receiving contact from people all over the country who'd actually read the article!

Her most hilarious SJCL memory stems from when she, Gayle DeLapp, Dave Rendahl, and Kevin O'Casey went to Seton Hall Law School in New Jersey for a criminal moot court competition. One night, they stayed up all night to drive to Atlantic City for dinner so the men could gamble. The women did the smart thing; they found a place to crash while Kevin and Dave tossed their dollars to the wind. They returned to the hotel with only one hour left to pack and drive to Newark Airport. After this mad dash, all the travelers slept like babies on the flight back to California.

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