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Leon S. Peters Foundation makes major gift to SJCL

The Leon S. Peters Foundation has generously donated \$135,000 to SJCL to support student scholarships and the new Library building.

The Foundation has committed \$5,000 for scholarships and \$40,000 for the building for each of the next three years.

The Leon S. Peters Foundation is a long-time supporter of the law school, funding leadership scholarships every year for many years and generously supporting the renovation of the current law school building. The reading room of the current library is the Leon S. Peters Atrium. This gift will put the Foundation in, appropriately, the Visionary category on SJCL's new Lifetime Cumulative Contribution Wall.

"In making this gift, the Leon S. Peters Foundation demonstrates that it understands a community needs educational opportunities at all levels to be a vibrant community and attract new business," explained Dean Janice Pearson. "They share our vision that the Central Valley deserves a world-class institution. The staff, faculty, students, and friends of SJCL extend their heartfelt thanks to the Leon S. Peters Foundation."



Simulated Lifetime Cumulative Contribution Wall

Unveiling of the Lifetime Cumulative Contribution Wall

At the first annual appreciation celebration, Friday, November 4, 2005 from 6:30-8:00pm, SJCL will unveil its new Cumulative Lifetime Contributions Wall. This wall recognizes generous benefactors who have made gifts totalling \$2,500 or more to SJCL. If you would like to see your name included on this wall, contact Tom Canar, Chief Advancement Officer, or Joan Lassley, Alumni Liaison at 559/323/2100.

Donor Levels

Heritage Society	\$500,000+
Visionary.....	\$250,000+
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Platinum	\$25,000+
Gold.....	\$10,000+
Silver.....	\$7,500+
Bronze.....	\$5,000+
Cornerstone	\$2,500+

SJCL student clerks at State's High Court

For five weeks this summer, SJCL student Rachele Berglund Bailey walked up the front steps of the historic Earl Warren Building in San Francisco and through the employee entrance of the California Supreme Court.

Berglund Bailey served as an extern to Justice Kathryn M. Werdegar. Justice Werdegar was appointed to the California Supreme Court in 1994 by former governor and classmate, Pete Wilson.

When asked what was most moving about her experience, Berglund Bailey quickly responded: "First, I was astounded by the extensive amount of research, thought and dialogue given to an issue before a decision is made—the process is comprehensive. We have an incredible judiciary system. Second, I appreciated the envi-

ronment Justice Werdegar and her staff provided. It was both challenging and conducive to learning."

During her five-week stint with the chambers of Justice Werdegar, Berglund Bailey prepared several conference memoranda for the whole court. The memorandum is designed to assist the justices in assessing whether a case is appropriate for review. The Court considers between 100 and 150 petitions for review



each week and grants review to approximately 100 each year. Berglund Bailey also researched, for cases in which review had been granted, civil and criminal issues in preparation for writing majority, concurring, and dissenting decisions.

The Supreme Court hosted just over a dozen externs from all over the country this summer. In addition to SJCL, externs represented Stanford, Yale, Hastings, UC Berkeley, and George Washington University.

Volunteers needed for Senior Citizens' Law Day

The SJCL Alumni Association needs the participation of alumni to make this year's Senior Citizens' Law Day a success. This event will be held on the morning of October 29th. It kicks off with a pancake breakfast provided by the Lions Club at the Senior Citizens' Center and then moves over to the Law School for several sessions covering topics from Estate Planning to Medicare Part D.

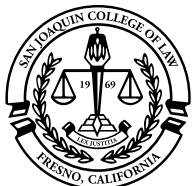
If you would like to help make this event a success, please contact Yolonda Reeves at 559/570-1224 or Joan Lassley at 559/323-2100.

San Joaquin College of Law is pleased to announce its 3rd annual On-Campus Interview Program. Interviews will be held on campus

Friday, October 14 & 21

For more information please contact:
Sheryl Castro
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Noll, Snyder, and CSUF make major gifts to SJCL's library

SJCL recently received three generous and valuable gifts to its library collections.

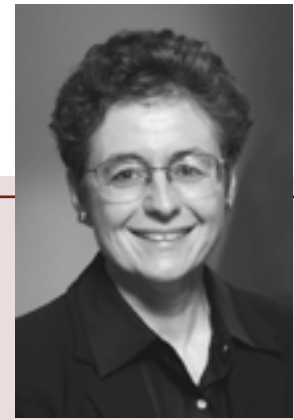
Board Chair Doug Noll donated 173 volumes to initiate the Peacemaking Collection of the Library. Doug is a peacemaker and long-time adjunct professor at SJCL. The collection includes books about the sources of human conflict, game theory, philosophy, and negotiations that restore relationships as well as resolving conflict.

Lee Snyder, local attorney and long-time supporter of SJCL, donated 39 volumes from the University of Miami School of Law's Philip E. Heckerling Institute on Estate Planning. These

are annual publications by the nation's leader in continuing education in estate planning, covering basic to complex issues in the field.

CSUF donated The Federal Appendix (123 volumes). This set reports decisions and opinions of the U.S. Circuit Courts of Appeals that are not selected for publication in the Federal Reporter. The set provides opinions from all circuits except the 5th and 11th. The 5th and 11th circuits do not provide opinions that are not certified for publication to any publisher. When using unpublished citations like these, it is important to check the rules of the circuit in which you are appearing. Citation of these cases may be prohibited by that circuit's rules.

SJCL greatly appreciates donations like these as they are not readily available and add significant resources to the Library's collections.



*San Joaquin College
of Law's staff and
faculty congratulate
Janice L. Pearson
on her
20th Anniversary
as Dean at SJCL*

A wonderful new addition



Through the thoughtful donations of Carol Smittcamp Copeland (SJCL Board of Trustees) and the SJCL Class of 2005, SJCL now has a fully handicap accessible entrance door.

The SJCL Facilities Team is delighted that their dream of a fully accessible building is now closer to reality. The lives of future SJCL students and

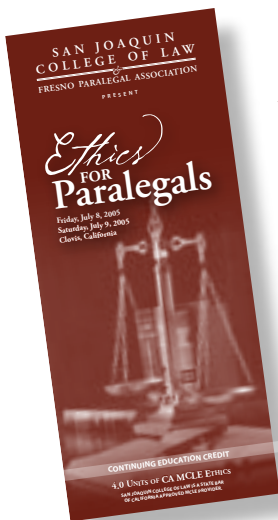
visitors will now be a little easier. Heartfelt thanks to Carol and the Class of 2005.

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SJCL's first MCLE seminar *Ethics for Paralegals* is a success

SJCL's first Paralegal MCLE seminar entitled "Ethics for Paralegals" was a great success. Speakers Gary Green and Deanna Martinez, both of whom are Staff Attorneys for the U.S. District Court and instructors for SJCL's Paralegal Program, covered topics such as attorney-client relationship, third parties, public service and integrity of the profession.

For more information on upcoming MCLE courses, please visit www.sjcl.edu/mcle. If you have a suggestion or would like to see a particular MCLE course offered, or would like to be added to our mailing list, please contact Sheryl Castro, Paralegal Program Director at 559/323-2100.

SJCL Congratulates the Paralegal Class of 2005



FRONT ROW (L-R) **Stephanie Easley, Julia Maxfield, Jennell Casillas**, Valedictorian **Michaela "Keli" Maire, Heather Vitucci**, Guest Speaker **Denise Chaffee**, and Presenter of the Garabedian Charitable Foundation Scholarships and the Fresno Paralegal Scholarship **Marilyn Martin-Calkins**.

BACK ROW (L-R) **Dianne Loy Muller**, Class Representative **Kristen Gates**, Keynote Speaker **Hon. David Kalemkarian, Bessy Lopez**, Guest Speaker **Gary Green, Esq., Rebecca Saucedo, Michelle Franco, Rachel McFarland, Mark Lawrence**, and Director of the Paralegal Program **Sheryl Castro**.

Not Pictured: **Lee Brinkman**

Garabedian Charitable Foundation Scholarships

Highest GPA: **Michaela "Keli" Maire**
2nd Highest GPA: **Dianne Loy Muller**
3rd Highest GPA: **Kristen Gates**

Fresno Paralegal Scholarship

Mark Lawrence

SJCL would like to thank **Deanna Martinez, Denise Chaffee, Marilyn Martin-Calkins, Hon. David Kalemkarian**, and **Gary Green** for helping make this graduation a success.

Important Paralegal Legislation

On September 13, 2000, Governor Gray Davis signed AB1761; a bill which defines the term paralegal/legal assistant as an individual who works under the supervision of an attorney who must meet certain educational criteria and must complete continuing education. The intent of this bill is to differentiate those who work under the supervision of an attorney and those who provide services directly to the public. For those who work under the supervision of an attorney, the only intended change to the profession is a higher standard of education and mandatory continuing education to utilize the title of a paralegal. The duties of those who work under the supervision of an attorney have not changed and the bill codifies existing case law.

Marilyn Brewer

California Assemblywoman
Regarding: The Most Frequently Asked Questions Regarding AB 1761

For more on the most frequently asked questions since the codification of the bill by Governor Davis please visit: [http://wedo-legal.com/Paralegal Most Frequently Asked Questions.htm](http://wedo-legal.com/Paralegal%20Most%20Frequently%20Asked%20Questions.htm)

BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONS CODE SECTION 6450(d)

All paralegals shall be required to certify completion every three years of four hours of mandatory continuing legal education in legal ethics. All continuing legal education courses shall meet the requirements of Section 6070. Every two years, all paralegals shall be required to certify completion of four hours of mandatory continuing education in either general law or in a specialized area of law. Certification of these continuing education requirements shall be made with the paralegal's supervising attorney. The paralegal shall be responsible for keeping a record of the paralegal's certifications.

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2005 George A. Hopper Moot Court Competition



Front (L-R) **Hon. Anthony Ishii, Serita Rios, Kerry Wilson, Rachele Berglund-Bailey, John Tully, and Hon. Steven Vartabedian.**

Back (L-R) **Professor Stanley Boone, Dede Agrava, Courtney Caron, Patrick McManaman, Stacie Melikian, Christina Skaf, Moot Court Co-Chair Joan Lassley, and Professor Jonathan Conklin.**

Best Oral Advocate

Rachele Berglund-Bailey

Oral Advocate Finalists

Serita Rios, Kerry Wilson, and John Tully

Best Brief

Shannon Ransberger / Stacie Melikian

Best Brief Finalists

Elizabeth McGee / Peggy Silva
Christina Skaf / William Reiland
Jaskarn Atwal / Jeremy Snell

Best Oral Advocate Semi-Finalists

Dede Agrava, Courtney Caron,
Patrick McManaman, and
Elizabeth McGee

SJCL thanks the following volunteers for making this event possible.

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Alumni Profiles

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

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Michael Lee Eberlein

Mike is currently working with classmate, Richard Rossi, in his practice in San Luis Obispo, emphasizing tort law. He says Richard was kind enough to put him to work after a 20-year absence from the practice.

Following his last association with Richard (1983-86) Mike moved to Park City, Utah and purchased a small restaurant at the base of the ski hill. In short order he had two, then three-- and then-- four restaurants. They were visited by a number of old friends, including Chip Putnam, Roger Nut-

tall, Jerry Henry, Rossi and others. It was a tough life skiing to work every day, toiling some 6 months during the ski season and then playing golf and racing vintage cars for the other 6, but they managed to endure. Following the Olympics in 2002, they sold all the eateries and he refurbished a building in Prescott Valley, AZ., which is currently for sale.

Mike is married to Chris, the mother of their two children. She has had a marvelous career in the Park City Real Estate market. The kids, now grown, live far from them (by design ?) but they still manage a family get together at least twice a year. Their daughter,

Stacy, married an attorney. They reside in Atlanta, where he is the captain of a medical devices firm. The younger, Ashley, calls the District of Columbia home. If he had it to do all over, he is not sure he would change much other than starting as a DA instead of an insurance defenseman.

Shortly he will be departing for Utah where he will be working with his wife in a new venture. He says, "It really is a great world and my advice has always been - enjoy it while you can."

His greatest memories of law school focus on opening night, when Judge Eymann had them turn left and right, introducing themselves to each of their neighbors and then telling them that "they probably wouldn't be there after the first year...and certainly not after the 4th. He also remembers "Red Dog" at the Outpost, where the Air

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Congratulations to the Class of 2005

On May 28, 2005 San Joaquin College of Law celebrated its Thirty-Second Commencement at the Warnors Theater in Fresno.



Daniel R. Baradat
2005 Commencement Speaker

SJCL was honored to have Daniel R. Baradat, Partner, Baradat & Edwards, as commencement speaker. Gregory Warren Fox delivered the Valedictorian address.

The students graduating at the top of their class were:

- ★ Zepure Attashian
- ▲ Manuel Luis Bettencourt
- ▲ Kevin A. Briley
- ★ Sherrie Marie Flynn
- ★ Gregory Warren Fox
- ▲ Eric Michael Kapigian
- ▲ Michael Evan Mitchell
- ▲ Vanessa Lynn Serpa

Congratulations also go out to:

- Hallie Saroba Ambriz-Martin
- Hagop Arisian
- Mary Elizabeth Ayala
- Richard Helmut Bambl
- Brooke Bartlett Bergman
- James Binion
- Vaneet Brar
- Justin David Brown
- Claire Susan Carroll
- Douglas B. Comstock
- Annie Lee Davidian
- Eddress E. Day
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- Angela Marie Tapia
- Griselda Torres
- Christopher Lee Wallace
- David Alan Yengoyan



Gregory Warren Fox
2005 Valedictorian

★ High Honors ▲ Distinction





Mary Ayala and Brooke Bergman



Annie Davidian and Doug Comstock



Claire Carroll, Justin Brown, and Kevin Briley



Manuel Bettencourt



Angela Tapia, Gracie Torres, and Vanessa Serpa



Jacob Arisian, Hallie Ambriz, Mark King, and Lupe Lopez Gamboa

Force pilots and his classmates, would occasionally toast life. At least once each evening one of the pilots would yell “Red Dog” and the last pilot sitting or standing, and not flat on the floor, would have to buy a round for everyone else. It was a wild scene after 3 hours of class, with bodies flying through the air. Ask anybody in the 1975 class about the “Battery to a Post” award. Someone cleverly wired a flashlight battery to a 4x4 fence post with barbed wire. It was presented to Bob Williams (?) for his naming of the errant bullet that missed the cowboy and hit the fence post. Transferred intent in tort was forever etched in their minds as “Battery to a Post”.

1985 Peter Bunting

Peter has operated his own practice in the area of bankruptcy and debtors’ representation since he graduated. He has a passion for the work he does and enjoys working with his classmate, the Honorable W. Richard Lee, for whom he has the greatest respect. The new bankruptcy legislation changing the rules of bankruptcy will be a challenging new frontier he and his staff will have to conquer. His office has been on west Shaw for 18 years. He has 4 employees who work exclusively with the Federal Court and e-file all their documents. Peter is active in the Central California Bankruptcy Association.

Peter married Janet in 1983. She holds a Masters from University of the Pacific. She considers the law and lawyers boring but they joke about her opinion. She often wonders if Peter should have remained a dairy farmer in Dos Palos. They have two active boys, ages 13 and 15, who love soccer and running. They recently ran the Wharf to Wharf Run from Santa Cruz to Capitola with remarkable times. Janet retired to become a full time mom when their first son was born.

Every year, Peter is invited by former classmate Adina Janzen to speak at a doctoral program at Alliant

University. He enjoys these talks about bankruptcy with students unfamiliar with the law. He also does weekly free pre-consultation with potential clients, whom he guides out of trouble before they get in too deep. Peter says with a laugh that he grimaces every time he sees his classmates, Mugridge and Paboojian on the TV, but certainly had a wonderful law school experience with them.

Joby Dupuis ‘85

After law school, Joby practiced labor law with the firm of Bennett, Sharpe and Dupuis for several years, appearing in every type of proceeding possible administrative, state courts, federal courts, appellate courts, arbitrations. She was invited by Justice Hollis Best (her evidence professor at SJCL) to apply for a position as a research attorney at the Fifth District Court of Appeals. She joined the staff of the then newly appointed, now retired, Justice James Thaxter. She worked for Justice Thaxter for 6 ½ years before she and her husband Dave had the opportunity of a life time - to live in Europe at government expense! She moved to Puerto de Santa Maria Spain, where she worked for the United States Navy designing and implementing a Sexual Assault Victim Intervention Program. Her work there included managing a victim support response team, doing training for military personnel, and working with Naval Criminal Investigative Services and the JAG officers in response to sexual assaults. This was a new program, and a new concept for the Navy. Joby found it fun to use her law degree in a different forum. After three years there, she and her husband moved to Gaeta, Italy, where she spent time traveling to Rome or Capri for lunch and studying art history in Florence, Brussels and Paris! During this time, she spent a summer at Oxford University studying International Human Rights Law, where she met and studied with many leaders in the human rights field, learning first hand how the United Nations and the leaders of many diverse countries address complex human rights issues.

After her many adventures throughout Europe, Joby sadly returned to Fresno, where she resumed her working with Justice Thaxter. She then moved to the chambers of Justice Nick Dibiaso, where she currently serves as Lead Research Attorney. Joby loves her work because it is so very much like law school! The challenge of grappling with new legal concepts, in depth analysis of issues, identifying distinguishing facts and reaching a rational conclusion is simply a more sophisticated application of IRAC, but one that contributes significantly to the body of law in this state.

Joby’s husband, Dave, is a licensed clinical social worker, who is the clinical director for Kingsview Mental Health Services for Kings County. They celebrated their 25th anniversary last October. Three years ago they became the permanent legal guardian of her nephew, Julian, who will be 13 in October. Their adjustment from a childless dual professional family to “mom and dad” of a preteen was, and remains, the most challenging thing they have ever done. Julian loves adventure and learning and sports - a perfect match for her and Dave.

Joby remains passionate about the San Francisco Giants, and attends several games a year. While in Europe she learned to sail. She keeps a 30’ sailboat on San Francisco Bay. She has returned to Italy 4 times since leaving there in 1999. She and her husband have sailed in the Mediterranean, the Caribbean and the South Pacific. The next planned vacation is Australia in 2006

Joby has served on the boards of a number of organizations, most extensively with the Victim Offender Reconciliation Program. She is active in her church, this year serving as congregation chairperson. She has taught classes and seminars in the area of alternative dispute resolution for the Judicial Council, State Bar, San Joaquin College of Law, Fresno Pacific, Fresno State and many others. She enjoys speaking and presenting as it gives her a chance to get out of the courthouse and into the public arena.

2004-'05 Donors

August 1, 2004 - July 31, 2005

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August 1, 2004 - July 31, 2005

Top 5 Classes in Participation

1.	1979	30%
2.	1985	24%
3.	1991	22%
4.	1975	18%
5.	1999	13%

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1.	1996
2.	2001
3.	1977
4.	1985
5.	1991

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Katherine Maxwell
Eric Schweitzer ('95)

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Joby recalls the many hours she spent with Sara Hedpeth Harris working on their moot court problem, the case of Felicia Fertile vs. John Barren. She and Sara represented SJCL at the Roger Traynor Moot Court Competition. She also loved her Constitutional Law class with Carol Sellers Herbert and James Herbert! Joby says "All in all, the past 20 years have been blessed and San Joaquin made a good part of that possible. It provided the opportunity to earn my degree in a local setting where I could make and retain good friends and exceptional mentors."

Mary Hoagland

Mary is a proud member of the Class of 1985 and has fond memories of her years at SJCL. Like many of her classmates, she found Professor Ollie Wanger the most intimidating. She remembers the life-threatening jaunts over the wall to the donut shop and the many wonderful friendships formed.

Mary appreciates the many professional opportunities her SJCL education has provided. For the last two years of school, she clerked for Professor Steve

Blumberg and continued with his firm as an associate after passing the bar.

Mary took a two-year break from practice to do a most satisfying judicial clerkship with the U. S. Bankruptcy Court in Fresno, clerking for Judges Eckhart Thompson and Richard Ford.

Mary returned to practice in Baker Manock & Jensen's civil litigation practice group. In 1994, following a move to Utah, she joined Brigham Young University Law School where

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she is the Assistant Dean of Career Services and Alumni Relations.

Mary says life has been good. Her husband, Dennis, is still a trust banker and their three sons are happily married to great women. She is hopeful that one of the boys will go to law school, despite the fact that she and her husband don't use their law degrees in traditional practice. Soon her flock of four grandchildren will grow to six.

Mary wishes SJCL good luck in their efforts to become ABA accredited and hopes alumni will be supportive of this endeavor.

Donna Korotie '85

During law school Donna was employed as the secretary to U.S. District Court Judge Edward Dean Price. Shortly after graduating from SJCL, U.S. District Court Judge M.D. Crocker personally asked her to be his clerk. She remained in that position for 16 years. Although Judge Crocker was entitled to a full staff because of the number of cases he handled in spite of his Senior Status, Donna was his only staff person. Donna played law clerk, secretary, bailiff, and keeper of the Chamber's library and records. She often traveled with Judge Crocker to Hawaii, Arizona, San Diego, and Las Vegas when he took assignments in other District Courts within the Ninth Circuit. She also assisted Judge Crocker when he served on Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals panels throughout the west coast. On October 1, 2002, Judge Crocker retired and so, too, did Donna.

In 1981, the year Donna started law school, her husband of 30 years died unexpectedly. It was his and her daughter's encouragement that got Donna to take the LSAT and attend law school. Donna's elder daughter, Lynn, is married, lives in Clovis, and works for the federal government. Her younger daughter, Jill, is married and has given Donna the light of her life, her granddaughter, Ariana. Jill lives in Fresno and works in public relations and marketing.

Donna is a huge 49ers fan. She enjoys travel, having visited Hong Kong, Thailand, and Hawaii. Her greatest love is Europe. For the past eight years, she has spent two to three weeks each year in some part of Europe – England, Scotland, Germany, France, Spain, Switzerland, Austria, Scandinavia, the Balkans, Finland, and Russia. She intends to go back to school to take history courses, as she has learned from her travels that there are large gaps in her knowledge, filling which would make her travels even more enjoyable.

Donna was one of the first members of the Board of Directors for the Eastern District of California Historical Society. The Society was founded by Chief Judge William B. Shubb to preserve artifacts of the district courts. The Society is currently obtaining oral histories from Judges and Magistrate Judges, as well as the heads of the U.S. Attorney's Office, Probation and Parole, and the Federal Defenders. Donna has completed an oral history with Judge Crocker and has been asked to do the same with Judge Robert E. Coyle.

Donna's fondest memories of SJCL are of her classmates. Before coming to school, she felt she would be the odd man out, as she had children older than her classmates. On the first night of class, she sat behind the broadest pair of shoulders she could find in hopes of becoming invisible. Those shoulders turned out to belong to Warren Paboojian who introduced himself and talked to her as though there was nothing extraordinary about her being there. That greeting eased her anxiety and from then on she felt fully accepted. Her study group – Pat Dupes, Adina Janzen (remember Judge Caeton referred to us as the Three Buddas in the back row?), Arita Taylor, and sometimes Cindy Van Dusen and Charlotte Zylka – still has a special place in her heart. Donna says, "Without San Joaquin I would not have had the opportunity to gain a law degree and experience the joy of being a part of the legal community here in Fresno."

David R. Mudridge

After graduation David went to work for Presiding Justice George Brown at the Fifth District Court of Appeal for two years. He then worked for a year at Nuttall, Berman and Magill, where he learned the nuts and bolts of criminal defense and personal injury law. He has since been in private practice, doing exclusively criminal and juvenile practice, including appeals. He is a State Bar Certified Specialist in Criminal Law. He enjoys the challenges of special circumstance cases, to which he is appointed by the Fresno County Courts on occasion.

David has been married for 17 years to Sandra. They have two children, James (16 years) and Sarah (10 years).

David has been awarded Certificates of Appreciation from the Fresno County Superior Court for service as a Pro Tempore Judicial Officer from 1994-2003.

When asked about his interests he states: "So many fish, so little time"

David acts as a legal commentator for local TV and radio as often as possible and having survived a 7-way bypass surgery, he now volunteers time with "Mended Hearts" visiting patients in local hospitals.

His best memory of SJCL is the wonderful approach to team teaching Constitutional Law by Jim and Carol Herbert.

1995 Jon Patrick Adams

Jon has been self-employed since passing the bar and practices in the area of personal injury and civil litigation. He also enjoys doing some wills and trust work.

Jon married Minnie, a school teacher, during his second year at law school and they are the proud parents of seven-year-old son, Brad. Brad shares his dad's interest in anything outdoors, including hunting, fishing and riding quads.

Jon fondly remembers many hours spent with his study group, especially when he and Manuel Garcia would

take a break from studying by riding quads at Pismo Beach. He also has special memories of the hours spent harassing (in a nice way) the staff at SJCL. He especially gave a hard time to Jill Waller Randles and Joan Lassley. He also wanted to thank Jan Pearson. "I still have nightmares where cats are speaking to me in Torts barf sentences".

Jon also enjoyed sharing the strange but true adventures as a small claims advisor with supervisor Denise Kerner. One client indicated that by viewing the top secret information contained in his briefcase, Jon's life would be in jeopardy – "I told him my life was already in jeopardy as a law student". He also helped Santa Claus with legal issues – no joke. He enjoys the friendships forged from his time at SJCL.

Susan L. Albertoni

After law school, the firm of Allen, Polgar, Proietti & Fagalde, the largest private law firm in Merced hired Susan. She had clerked there since the middle of the second year of law school. She is now one of four partners in the firm. They have offices in Merced and Mariposa. Although her primary practice areas are family law and criminal defense, shortly after getting licensed as an attorney, she had the fortunate experience of working on a groundwater contamination case involving the dry cleaning industry. This required traveling all over the United States for depositions for about 3 years. Since this case had about 50 defendants and cross-defendants, she had the privilege of working with and observing a number of experienced and capable lawyers early in her career. In 1999, Susan appealed a child support case to the Fifth District Court of Appeal. Her client prevailed and the case was published, *State of Oregon vs. Vargas*. (1999) 70 CA4th 1123, 83 CR3d 229.

Susan got married this past June 11th. Her husband, John Burk, and she enjoy traveling, bowling, playing racquetball and softball. She also enjoys doing home improvement projects like attempting to re-create Kauai in her back yard, equipped with a variety of palm trees and the Tiki Bar.

Susan is a member of the Greater Merced Kiwanis Club and the Merced Symphony Board, and has served on the Board for the Boys and Girls Clubs of Merced. She is currently the President of the Mariposa County Bar Association and the MCLE chairperson for the Merced County Bar Association.

Susan's most special memories of her time at SJCL are 1) Being notified after the first year that she could come back a second year; and 2) graduation. She will never forget sitting in the church next to the school on Shields listening to Judge Wanger lecture or humiliate someone, all the while he stood above a box that said "Do this in remembrance of me". Miraculously, she somehow made it through his class without once briefing a case. Susan is very grateful to SJCL for the education it provided her.

Richard Beshwate, Jr.

When Richard entered SJCL, he intended to become a criminal defense attorney. He attained that goal opening the law firm of Wynne and Beshwate. He won his first four defense trials. During that time he was involved in one of the largest criminal trials in Fresno history, the "Asian gang rape trial". The trial involved 14 attorneys and 12 defendants and lasted over 6 months. He is now a sole practitioner handling state and federal defense cases. He gained international attention recently with his representation of Maribel Cuevas, an 11-year-old girl charged with a felony for throwing a rock. The charges were ultimately dropped. He is currently preparing for trial in one of the largest capital homicide cases in South Valley history.

Richard is married to Bonnie and they have six-year-old sons, Connor and Cole. Richard stays busy coaching their sons' baseball teams and playing frisbee golf and basketball.

Thinking back, Richard could not pinpoint just one fond memory. The staff and all his classmates made his experience at SJCL great. He does recall the informal school basketball team that he and some of his classmates formed.

They were called the "Tree Frogs." Looking back on the day he graduated with all his family, friends and classmates present, brings back many memories of hope for the future. Now he sees many of his former classmates have established wonderful and successful careers. "All I can say is thank you, SJCL, thank you."

Roberta Rowe

During law school Roberta clerked for Sarah Schmidt and stayed on after she passed the bar. She then went to Auchard & Stewart where she did insurance defense work. Subsequently she worked for Mary Beth de Goede and Associates doing educational law for 6 years. She is currently working for Lozano Smith where she is the associate office manager and does school law primarily related to labor and employment.

Roberta has been married to a wonderful man, Walter, for 15 years. Walter is a Controller for West Lake Farms. He loves to write and recently was published in the Smithsonian Air and Space Magazine. They love hiking, backpacking and weight lifting at the gym. They have three dogs, two cairn terriers and a golden retriever, who all love the mountains.

Roberta enjoys the Fresno Grand Opera and Fresno Philharmonic. She is involved with a Guild supporting Valley Teen Ranch. She has also participated as a judge in the George A. Hopper Moot Court competition for the last several years. Roberta annually rents a house at the beach with her long-time friends, "The Beach Bunnies". This year they celebrated 25 years of vacationing together.

Roberta has fond memories of her classmates from Ed Oeser's Contracts class - Jackie DeLeon, (who now lives in Miami), Ty Kharazi, Leslie Moore, Jenell Hudson, and Ron Nissila. The study group met at Ron's fire station to study and on numerous occasions the firefighters served them meals. Roberta always thought it was to get the attention of the two cuties, Jackie and Jenell.

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Congratulations to the February 2005 Bar Passers



(L-R) Tom Dillon, Darren Van Doren, Greg Norys, Tony Rodriguez, Denise Cahill
(Not Pictured) Regina Ann Bradshaw, Spencer Lyle Gong, Jimmy Alarcon Trevino,
and Jodi Lea Woodsmith

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