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Paboojian and Harvey Inducted into SJCL Hall of Fame

Two veterans of the Hall of Fame took to the podium at the Robert E. Coyle United States Courthouse on October 20th to introduce the two newest members.

Mick Marderosian (Law '77) took the opportunity to acknowledge his many sources of inspiration, from Perry Mason to the novel *To Kill a Mockingbird*. Turning to the inductees, he said "You are an example now. You have set a standard."

"What child will be inspired by you?"

Ima Jean Harvey

Fresno County District Attorney Elizabeth Egan (Law '95), who was inducted into the Hall of Fame two years ago, had the honor of introducing Ima Jean Harvey. She recounted Mrs. Harvey's years at Roosevelt High when she was on the debate team, but not allowed to travel to the major competitions because of her sex. But travel was in her immediate future; in her 20s, Mrs. Harvey went to work for an oil company in Saudi Arabia, where she was named a beauty queen. It was the beginning of a long succession of breaking barriers and paving the way for other women to follow.

Mrs. Harvey always wanted to be a corporate attorney, and decided to become one at the newly-opened San Joaquin College of Law, believing it would be "new, innovative, and creative, which it was." She adds she was the only girl in her class at the Law School and "got teased a lot, but I would have expected that."



As for her status as a pioneer and role model for women, she admits the road could be rocky, with only "isolated incidences of acceptance" but "You can't sit back and say 'I'll wait until everything is smooth.'"

Mrs. Harvey worked as a paralegal and law clerk for Parichan, Renberg & Crossman both before and during law school, transitioning to the position of attorney when she passed the Bar in 1975. Two years later, she became one of the first women, if not the first, to become a partner in a major Fresno law firm, which was renamed Parichan, Renberg, Crossman & Harvey. In 2010, she became Of Counsel to Caswell, Bell

& Hillison, continuing her representation of agricultural clients, ranging from farmers and packers to commission merchants and other businesses. Her interest in agriculture went beyond the legal sphere; she and her husband owned a small vineyard in Madera.

Mrs. Harvey's involvement with the State Bar and the ABA includes serving two terms on the Agribusiness Committee of the State Business Law Section and chairing the Agribusiness Committee of the Real Property, Probate, and Trust Section of the ABA. In addition, she served for nine years on the Board of the Kings View Mental Health Association and also as both legal

New Clinic to Serve Immigrants and Employers

San Joaquin College of Law proudly announces the opening of the New American Legal Clinic (NALC), providing SJCL students with advanced training while serving those who wish to legally immigrate to the United States.

The NALC, directed by Professors Justin Atkinson and Gregory Gillett, expands the breadth of SJCL's service to the community and commitment to top quality legal education.

The Need for Services

There is an overwhelming need for immigration services in the Central Valley. According to the Public Policy Institute of California, between 1970 and 2009, the number of California residents born abroad increased more than fivefold, from 1.8 million to almost 10 million. Many of these immigrants have become naturalized U.S. citizens (46%). However, most of the immigrants who become naturalized reside in the large urban centers of Northern and Southern California where they have access to information and support to effectively navigate the immigration process. Accordingly, the United States Citizen and Immigration Service and the Department of Homeland Security have identified Fresno as a city in great need for qualified



Current student **William Buttry** with Professors **Justin Atkinson** and **Gregory Gillett**

practitioners in the area of immigration law.

Serving the Community

The main purpose of the Clinic is to serve the needs of the immigrant population as it relates to their desire to immigrate legally to the United States. The Clinic will provide information and counseling to members of the immigrant population as to their current status with the ultimate goal of attaining citizenship. The Clinic will also be prepared to seek legal status for the most vulnerable of our population, victims of violent crimes including domestic violence.

The Clinic will also support the foundation of the Central

Valley, the agricultural sector, by assisting immigrants in obtaining legal status to enable lawful employment.

While the Clinic will focus on immigration, students will gain practical skills and overarching values necessary to succeed in any field they pursue, legal or non-legal. Students will be responsible for the following issues:

Naturalization Applications:

Once a Legal Permanent Resident ("LPR") has been in the country for at least five years and shows good moral character, the LPR has the option to become a citizen through the naturalization process. Students will provide naturalization workshops, as

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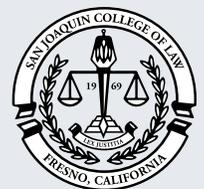
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Legacy Luncheons

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Class of 1986-88



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Alumni Corner

As 2011 becomes a mere memory, I wish you, on behalf of the entire alumni board, a healthy and prosperous 2012.

As you enjoy your holiday season with your friends and family, please take a moment to reflect on your good fortune. Due to the struggling economy, many have suffered; however, most of us are truly blessed. We are a part of the SJCL family and that alone is a tremendous asset. Sometimes it is easy to forget just how lucky we are. If you are one of the fortunate I hope you will pay it forward. It truly is better to give than to receive. This time I am not going to suggest where you should give your time or your money. Choose a cause you believe in and give. It just feels good. If you wish to support SJCL and the Alumni Association and all the fine things they do, then that is wonderful. Follow your heart.

I wish you all peace in your heart and good health.

Dede J. Agrava
*SJCL Alumni Association President
Class of 2007*

SJCL Toasts 27 Bar Passers



BACK ROW (L-R): **Daniel Epperly, Manuel Ignacio, Tim Bragg, Albert Silva**
THIRD ROW (L-R): **Alejandro Gaytan, David Lange, Ann Hinesley-Perez**
SECOND ROW (L-R): **Raul Uribe, Michael Varin, Jonathan Pena, Dr. David Margolin**
SECOND ROW (L-R): **Melissa Wong, Ivan Ahmady, Scott Darling**
FRONT ROW (L-R): **Lisa Cutts, Thuy Tran, Jennifer Mele, Ryan Dunning**
NOT PICTURED: **Matthew Bowden, Rachel Cartier, Kathryn Gates, James Hering, Miguel Jimenez, Alexia Kirkland, Michael Mahoney, William Nelson, Daljit Rakkar**

It was another night of handshakes, hugs, laughter, toasts, and the traditional staircase picture as SJCL July bar passers crowded into the champagne reception in their honor.

Dr. David Margolin was among them, wearing a hat with a “thumbs up” he had created. While some might think passing the bar would not be a big deal for someone holding a J.D., M.D. and Ph.D., Margolin says his mom is ecstatic, adding her friends have been calling her in Chicago wanting to know if he passed.

Lisa Cutts has been working for Bolen Fransen, LLP ever since Hal Bolen

called Dean Pearson asking her to send him “another Gary,” referring to Gary Brunswick (Law ’00). Brunswick still works for the firm, and Bolen says he couldn’t do without him. Realizing the stress of receiving bar results, the firm told Lisa to take the day off ahead of the 6 p.m. release time, but she insisted on working.

As she left at 5, the firm insisted she e-mail them with her bar results. Lisa sent the message that she had passed. The firm instantly responded by sending her a picture of her office door, newly decorated with her nameplate, an honor only afforded to attorneys at the firm.

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Can You Call Me Now?

Can you imagine calling a prominent attorney's office and demanding to know within the next 15 minutes whether they can be free for a media appearance that same day?

By Missy Mckai Cartier, *Public Information Officer*

If you are one of the attorneys mentioned in this or previous articles, you're probably saying something like "Why yes, you did that to me just last Thursday!"

It's not just the education, experience, and legal knowledge which make these many media appearances possible; it's an understanding that the media will not wait and such opportunities are as perishable as produce. So, while I have used this column in the past to thank the many alumni and professors, this time I'd like to include their able assistants who have put such calls from San Joaquin College of Law into a priority position. None of these appearances would have happened without your understanding. All of these articles and interviews are available on the Multimedia page of the SJCL website.



The Ten O'clock News has turned to SJCL for a number of stories lately. SJCL Adjunct Professor Hon. James Ardaiz gave his perspective on new state laws geared at the protection of minors, Mark King (Law '05) discussed the potential pitfalls of gun use, even in self defense, Tim Magill (Law '78) talked about the issues involved in the delayed release of the Independent Police Auditor's report, and Lazaro Salazar (Law '03) discussed the local impact of a significant change in U.S. immigration policy.



Not only did KFCF broadcast the Constitution Day debate between

SJCL Professor Jeffrey G. Purvis and U.C. Merced Professor Mark Harris, but the Law School is now running an eight-week pilot series called "Valley Views on the Law, which airs Thursdays at 1 p.m. The show, hosted by SJCL Professors Purvis and Justin Atkinson, brings a legal perspective to local issues. Interviews include Fresno Homeless Prevention Manager Gregory Barfield, Attorney Brenda Linder (Law '04) who has been heavily involved in the defense of medical marijuana dispensaries, Fresno County Farm Bureau Executive Director Ryan Jacobson, SJCL Professor and former Senior Deputy Fresno City Attorney Melissa White (Law '96) along with community activist Ellie Bluestein on the Independent Police Auditor, SJCL Professor Stefanie Krause-Cota (Law '00) on animal law, and more.

The Fresno Bee

Fresno Bee Columnist Bill McEwen first met Professor Purvis as a guest during KYNO's "San Joaquin College of Law Roundtable." It appears that contact continued. When McEwen was faced with the question of whether "Occupy Fresno" participants had a First Amendment right to camp in Courthouse Park, he turned to the SJCL Constitutional Law Professor for comment in his column.



Valley Public Radio is one of SJCL's newest media partners. Juanita Stevenson interviewed SJCL alumni and adjunct professors Melissa White (Law '96) and David Mugridge (Law 85) on "Valley

Edition" to discuss the impact racial profiling can have on a community and how those in service safety positions are trained to minimize unnecessary profiling. White is a former Senior Deputy Fresno City Attorney.



The Madera Tribune smelled a story when it got wind of one of our most recent graduates. Cheri Wortham (Law '11) is featured in an article talking about how she graduated this year despite her massive community involvement and four children. Shortly after taking the bar, she and her husband celebrated the arrival of twins.

Hanford Sentinel

SJCL Adjunct Professor Rose Safarian was interviewed by Dennis Beaver for an article on legal ethics. However, the interview became so extensive and interesting it had to be broken into a two-part series.



Aside from capturing SJCL stories of general interest to the local legal community, the bar bulletin also carries contributions from SJCL Professor Pete Rooney under its "Library 2.0" column. His most recent articles include everything from commercial research services to accessing government documents and even social media for attorneys!

Alumni Profiles

SJCL congratulates our alumni celebrating 10, 20 and 30-year anniversaries in 2011. It has been a wonderful opportunity to contact all of our alumni to write their amazing stories. Thanks to all for reading and participating.

1991 Michel Bryant

After graduation Michel continued to work for Borton, Petrini & Conron in the Fresno, then Visalia, offices. After leaving BPC he went to work for the Federal Government Disaster Lending Program based in Sacramento working on post Northridge earthquake loans for FEMA. There, a little extra free time teamed up with his lengthy TV background, enabled him to create the television show "The LegalEdge." When it became clear this program was going to be successful he left the government to concentrate full time on this consumer news feature.

Over the course of the next 6 years Michel created nearly 1000 Legal Edge segments which appeared on more than 100 television stations nationwide. He traveled across the United States and into every country he could justify to produce new segments. Along the way he collected 2 EMMY's, 2 Associated Press awards, 8 Radio Television News Director's Awards and a National Press Club Award. As an adjunct to the program he also wrote a book entitled, "The Legal Edge for Homeowner's, Buyer's and Renter's" published by St. Martin's Press.

Then Michel's consumer advocate efforts took him to the nationally syndicated program "Extra" where he was the correspondent and producer for various segments, often driven by consumer issues.

After 5 years Michel left Extra, moved east to New York and began working as a correspondent for the Fox program "A Current Affair." The gig was short lived as the show was canceled after one year, but the timing was perfect as he slipped into his dream job -- trial correspondent for Court TV. Over the next 2 years he traveled around the world covering

everything from the Scooter Libby trial in Washington D.C. to the "Who's your Daddy?" Anna Nicole Smith circus in the Bahamas.

When Court TV became truTV, therefore reducing courtroom coverage, Michel left the network and launched, "The Legal Edge Network" on line. They provided the only true gavel to gavel coverage of the O.J. trial in Las Vegas, capped off by Michel getting the only interview (and last he gave) before O.J. was convicted and sent to prison.

While waiting for a re-launch of The Legal Edge Network he shifted his focus to his other love -- real estate. Michel got his NY broker's license and soon found he had a knack for getting homeowners' property taxes reduced through the grievance and certiorari process. All the while he continued to appear on programs like, "Disorder in the Court", "World's Dumbest Criminals", "Judge Jeanine", Discovery Networks "Wicked Attraction" and various news outlets to comment on the legal news of the day.

While working at Extra in Los Angeles Michel met his lovely wife of nearly 10 years, Lisa, who was his producer at the time. He figured the only way he might win an argument with her would be to marry her. He was wrong. They have a talented 8 year old son (Jacob) whom many say is just like Michel (poor kid). He also has an 18 year old step daughter, Brittanie, who attends University of Texas in Austin and has perfect attendance at all parties. Lisa continues to produce television programming in New York City and they are now collaborating on a few projects.

While at SJCL, Michel says he was one of those geeks who actually enjoyed the entire learning experience. Special memories come from the time. He

remembers the effort and successes they enjoyed as national moot court competitors. To represent a small, private school and travel to competitions in New York City (Fordham) and Florida (Stetson) to take on these huge institutions was challenging, nerve-racking and ultimately very satisfying. He is proud that the national program, then in its infancy, continued to grow and impress. His other special memory comes each year as he presents "The Legal Edge Consumer Scholarship" to a worthy student. He has not yet been able to present the award personally, but when he receives each gracious "thank you" letter he can't help but think back to those days in Torts when Dean Jan first whetted his appetite to take on consumer issues. If any of these scholarship winners can have even a scintilla of the success, pride and life-changing experiences Michel has enjoyed since graduating from SJCL, they too will be truly blessed.

Suzanne Golden

Suzanne currently works for Foley & Mansfield in downtown Los Angeles. Her career has focused on complex litigation in the toxic tort/environmental realm. She feels incredibly lucky to be working at such a great firm. Suzanne thanks her law school for that; Jan especially, who took the time way back when, to help her study for the California Bar. THANKS JAN!!!!

In the last three years, her parents moved from Cleveland, Ohio to Los Angeles, her brother became a pilot, (he thought being an orthopedic surgeon by day was not enough!), her other brother left the practice of law to pursue a career in real estate, and her sister, Michelle Oleska (Law '99), had two babies! Suzanne also added an addition to the Golden family: a new Yorkshire Terrier puppy named Jaxx.

Suzanne finally feels she is in a position to begin her true calling of becoming a philanthropist. In the first quarter of next year, she will be in charge of a food drive at her law firm. It will hopefully be firm-wide/nationwide and they plan on raising tens of thousands of pounds of food.

One of the very best days of her life was standing on stage at the SJCL graduation and having all her achievements read off in front of her family. She gets teary-eyed just thinking about it. She also loved presenting the two cat statues to Jan, their Dean, when she was Vice President of the Student Body. She brags to this day of her law review article being published, as well as being Notes and Comments Editor of the SJCL Law Review Board. Suzanne remains a proud graduate of San Joaquin College of Law.

Sharon Madsen

Sharon practiced family law with Julia Brungess from 1991 to 1996. She then started with the Social Security Administration Hearing Office as an attorney. In May 2008 she was appointed Administrative Law Judge for Social Security and remained in the Fresno Office of Disability Adjudication and Review.

Sharon's family includes 6 cats. She is still running and has completed 33 marathons, including 3 international runs and 2 Boston marathons. She enjoys hiking and backpacking, and traveling, especially to New York, for some culture and shopping.

Sharon is a member of the Fresno State Diamond Club softball booster board and a Fresno Grand Opera team 200 member.

When asked what memories she had from her time at SJCL she stated, "Listening to Judge Wanger give the entire end of year civil procedure review without any notes."

Mary Katherine Rau

After graduating from SJCL, Katy worked with Marian Mosley in family law until March 1997, when she became an attorney with the Social Security Office of Hearings. By the time she retired in July 2010, she was a senior attorney and did a lot of training, as well as working on complex cases. Since retirement Katy has been working (unpaid) in a neighborhood group concerned with land use issues in the city.

Katy concentrates on being a very good great-aunt; she has no children of her

own. She keeps busy with cooking, opera, and travel. Katy attended the SF Opera Ring Cycle last summer, four operas in seven days.

Katy is involved with Fresno Grand Opera and she is also on a first-name basis these days with some folks in city planning.

When asked about special SJCL memories she stated, "Pearson on Torts, Wanger on Civil Procedure, Perring on Property, and Ardaiz on Evidence, and Hal Bolen's business law course, which her second-year class took with the fourth-year students. Katy understands that Bolen called their combined group the librarians (studious second-years) and the barbarians (fourth-year attitude).

Ann Bennett

Ann is currently working as a contract attorney with California Parole Advocacy. She has been doing criminal (parole) defense for about seven years. Ann represents people who are on parole and those who have had their parole revoked.

Ann is married to Greg Mason, an attorney with McCormick Barstow LLP. They have two daughters – Barbie, 1, and Lauren, 5, and a son, Maxwell, who is 4 years old. The kids are their main interest these days. They enjoy fun educational activities with them.

Ann remembers really enjoying her classes at SJCL. During law school she felt so pressed to finish school, and start her legal career. There are days now when she looks back and wishes she was a student again. Ann has great memories of her study group. The friends she had in the study group were smart and really fun. Being part of a good study group was so helpful to her.

2001 Kira Chronister Ceballos

Kira began her legal career with Laughlin, Falbo, Levy & Moresi, a defense firm specializing in workers' compensation and employment related matters. Prior

to her interview there, she had never heard of workers' compensation, and knew nothing about it. She had seen an ad for Laughlin, Falbo, Levy & Moresi on the job board at SJCL, and called for an interview. She was offered the job at the interview, and has been practicing workers' compensation law as a defense attorney ever since.

Kira is currently employed with Adelson, Testan, Brundo & Jimenez. Her firm has numerous offices throughout California, as well as other states. She has the privilege of working with other San Joaquin College of Law alums, David Tew and James Myers.

Kira considers workers' compensation a hidden treasure that many people don't know anything about. It is a small community, and she has made many friends who are both defense attorneys and attorneys for the injured workers. She believes she will continue to practice in this area of law for the remainder of her legal career.

On May 13, 2006, Kira married the man of her dreams and her very best friend, Joe Ceballos. They have a four year old daughter named Bella Makana Ceballos. Her middle name is Hawaiian and means gift. She also has two wonderful stepchildren, Santino and Chynna.

Kira feels truly blessed with her beautiful little family. Her husband is extremely supportive of her sometimes demanding career, and Bella says she is going to be a lawyer like her Momma. Bella is in cheerleading and gymnastics, and keeps them very busy. Kira remains very close to her sister Keeva and her family, her mother, Melanie Avoledo and her husband Mike, and her dad, Jerry Chronister, and his wife Nancy. They all supported Kira through law school, and continue to support her to this day.

Kira and Joe love to travel both near and far. Joe has a Harley Davidson, and they love to go on long rides. They are San Francisco Giants fans, and go to a few games a year at AT&T Park.

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What Kira remembers most about SJCL, is the wonderful professors. The professors made the most tedious of subjects including Constitutional Law, Tax Law, Civil Procedure, and Contracts, interesting and at times, fun. How many law schools can you go to where the Dean of the school teaches Torts freshman year, so she can get to know each and every student? Kira began her law school career in August of 1998, and has not had one regret. She looks forward to many more years as an attorney in this community.

Hugo Gomez-Vidal

Hugo is currently self-employed and practices in the Counties of Kings, Fresno and Madera. The majority of his practice consists of representing indigent persons in Kings County in criminal defense. Specifically, he has a contract with the Kings County to represent persons who have committed offenses while incarcerated at Corcoran State Prison, the Substance Abuse Treatment Facility and Avenal State Prison. This has become a specialty of his for the past few years. Hugo continues to practice juvenile law, stemming from his time with Ciummo and Associates.

Hugo is married, with two wonderful children. His number one goal is to try to be the best father he can be for his kids, as it is easy to become overwhelmed in one's work.

Hugo has great memories of San Joaquin College of Law, from the time he started to the time he graduated in 2001. During that time, he was involved in the La Raza Law Students' organization and was President of the Student Bar Association from 2000-2001. Hugo graduated with a class of the most diverse, intelligent and driven people with whom he had ever been associated. Hugo also remembers the great staff at the school that had a profound impact on him during his time there. It was inspiring to hear from a teacher that was as excited about future interests as she was about medieval Europe, a teacher who was just as eager to talk about football as he was

contracts, a teacher who had as great a compassion for her tort students as she did for her cats, and a man who taught business organizations that was as brilliant as his humor.

David Moreno

David is a partner in the Fresno office of Fagen, Friedman & Fulfroost, a state-wide firm specializing in Education Law and representing approximately 400 school districts and community college districts throughout the state. David advises school boards and administrators on a variety of issues, but his primary practice is labor and employment. His area of expertise includes employee discipline, discrimination complaints, and negotiation of collective bargaining agreements.

David has been married to Jan for 23 years. Daughter, Hannah, is graduating college in December 2011. Daughter, Maryrose, is attending her first year of college. Both girls are bright and hard working and appear to hold no grudges for his being gone for most of the four years he attended law school. They also have 4 cats that are spoiled and have far too much influence in their house.

David enjoys reading (history and mysteries primarily), cooking, watching sports for relaxation, and trips to the coast. They took a family trip to Mendocino shortly after taking the bar exam and still continue to make semi-regular return trips. It's one of his favorite relaxation spots.

When asked about special SJCL memories David stated, "Lots to remember, but I still am surprised how fast it all seemed to go. I was working full-time and going to school and felt like I was just hanging on sometimes but then it was over. Specific memories: Rich Cartier's imaginary coin flips stick out in my mind for some reason. Jeff Purvis' hard but very good classes. Moot Court – one, because it was fun and challenging and Jon Conklin and Stan Boone were very good instructors, and two, because I had one of the worst allergy attacks I

ever had when we went to UCLA for competition. I met lots of interesting people and have a lot of respect for everyone who stuck it out and finished the program. Shelley Pepper was an excellent student and introduced me eventually to "Survivor." David Soldani was rushing home every night to small children, same with Wes Stupar. However, in particular, I remember Paul Mullen as a great study buddy and someone who made the grind easier for me. Paul and I ate a lot of Thai food (he can probably tell you a story about the "healing powers" we encountered one night) and spent too many late nights at Lyons."

Paul Mullen

Paul is an attorney at Wagner & Jones LLP. His practice areas include employment law (representation of individual employees and class action) and personal injury (plaintiff) cases. He also has experience in family law and real estate. Paul is an adjunct faculty member at Fresno City College in both the Paralegal Studies Program and Real Estate Program.

Paul has 4 children: Elijah (16), Marissa (15), Thomas (14) and Nicholas (12). Paul has received a Faculty Recognition Award at Fresno City College from the Student Paralegal Association and an Alumni Recognition Award from the Fresno City College Student Paralegal Association

He enjoys backpacking, cooking, blues music, tap dancing, and spending time with his children.

Paul stays very active in the community through his work as a Pro Bono Attorney with CCLS Voluntary Legal Services Program, and involvement with Big Brothers Big Sisters and Boy Scouts of America

One of his special memories of his time at SJCL was the night during the final for the Trial Practice class. The power went out just as he was starting his oral argument in the SJCL courtroom. He continued his oral argument in the dark while someone went to get a flashlight.

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counsel and President of the Fresno Women's Network.

Mrs. Harvey moved to San Diego in 2007 to be near her daughter, but it seems she was never far from her work, handling cases which sometimes required a Fresno appearance. After contemplating retirement for some time, she now says she'll retire at the end of this year, adding "This time, it's for real" although she concedes "Six months from now, I'm going to be very bored."

Warren Paboojian

Mick Marderosian introduced his former partner, Warren Paboojian, as a friend with whom he had been to the top of the mountain and the lowest valleys.

"Those are the ties that bind two people."

When it was his turn at the podium, Mr. Paboojian turned the spotlight the other way, giving credit to Marderosian whom he says gave him a chance to learn. He also pointed to another Hall of Fame member in attendance, the Hon. Don Penner, who "was one of the people who helped me." He thanked his wife, Lesa, for her patience when he was "moody, irritable,

anxious and stress-ridden." As for SJCL, he said "If it wasn't for my law school, I wouldn't have gone to law school."

Mr. Paboojian (class of 1985) practices in the areas of plaintiff's personal injury, wrongful death, medical malpractice, products liability, and wrongful termination. He has litigated over 60 civil and criminal trials to verdict. In the last ten years, Mr. Paboojian has had six jury verdicts in excess of One Million Dollars.

In 2007, Mr. Paboojian obtained the largest employment verdict (\$19.1 million) in the country against a public entity as former Fresno State Women's Basketball Coach Stacy Johnson-Klein sued the University of Fresno for wrongful termination, gender discrimination and violation of Title IX.

In 2008, Mr. Paboojian received the Trial Lawyer of the Year Award by the Consumer Attorneys of California, the largest association of plaintiff attorneys in California. He remains the only Central Valley attorney to have won this award, which is considered the highest possible honor from the

50-year-old association. In addition, Mr. Paboojian has been named Top 100 Attorneys in Northern California by Super Lawyers for the years 2008, 2009, 2010, and 2011.

Mr. Paboojian is a member of the American Board of Trial Advocates (ABOTA). In 2008, he was president of ABOTA for the Central Valley Chapter. He is also being inducted into the American College of Trial Lawyers. Mr. Paboojian is the recipient of the Central California Trial Lawyers Association President's Award in recognition for his outstanding advocacy in protecting the rights of consumers in civil litigation in 2004. In 2004, he was again awarded the Central California Trial Lawyers Association President's Award for an outstanding plaintiff's verdict.

His service to the community includes creation of a nonprofit organization to provide low-income families with financial help to pay for burial services for children who have passed. SJCL honors Mr. Paboojian for his exemplary representation of those who otherwise might have been voiceless in their pursuit of justice.

New American Legal Clinic (Continued from page 2)

well as individual counselling, to assist in the process to obtain citizenship.

Family-Based Immigrant Visas: Family-based immigrant visas provide the way for spouses, children, and other family members of citizens, to immigrate to the United States. Students will guide families through this process and attend the final "interview" with the client at the USCIS office.

U-Visas: The U visa is available to non-citizens who suffer substantial physical or mental abuse as a result of having been a victim of certain criminal activ-

ity. To be eligible for a U visa, the victim must possess information concerning the criminal activity and be helpful in the investigation or prosecution of the crime. Students will help the victim obtain the required certification from a "certifying agency" certifying the applicant's helpfulness in the investigation or prosecution, and guide them through the application process.

Building on SJCL's Legacy

SJCL was founded with the mission to educate and develop individuals to become highly skilled attorneys and problem solvers who will benefit their

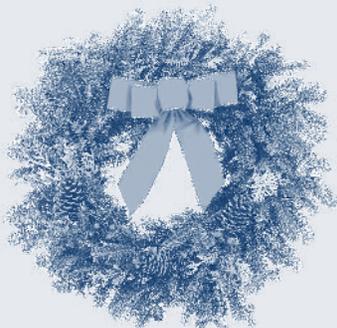
communities through public and private service. The Immigration Law Clinic will prepare students for all aspects of civic participation, legal and non-legal. SJCL students enrolled in the Clinic will take on all major aspects of representing a client before the United States Citizenship and Immigration Service (USCIS), including interviewing clients, preparing forms, analyzing and arguing complex legal issues, and attending USCIS applicant interviews. As the Clinic grows, the scope of practice will expand to include representing clients before the United States Immigration Court and Board of Immigration Appeals.

Season's greetings to our San Joaquin College of Law (SJCL) alumni and community. We hope that you had an enjoyable Thanksgiving, filled with family, friends and food.

Each day the staff and faculty of SJCL are grateful to our alumni who represent the law school and our mission with the important work they do for the community and to our donors and supporters who ensure that SJCL can continue to focus and grow our mission of educating future leaders who will give back to the community through their private and public service. During this holiday season and the upcoming year, we hope that SJCL continues to be a part of your giving priorities.

There are several upcoming events on the horizon that we invite you to be a part of in the new year. On the morning of February 18, 2012, SJCL will host its annual Elizabeth O'Neill Scholarship Pancake Breakfast in conjunction with the long standing Race Judicata. Proceeds from both events go to support student scholarships at SJCL. The evening of February 24, 2012, SJCL will celebrate all our donors with the Lifetime Giving Societies Donor Wall Reception. This is our opportunity to thank all of our generous donors for their support. It will be an evening filled with delicious food, wine and gratitude. While dates have not been formally set, plans are being made for a San Joaquin Agricultural Law Review (SJALR) reception where we will celebrate the 20th volume of the Law Review. In spring SJCL will host its first Faculty Appreciation Night. This is an evening to give thanks to the dedicated service of the many full-time and adjunct instructors who have devoted countless hours in the classroom educating our students. This is a reunion you do not want to miss!

Wishing you a joyous holiday season and a prosperous New Year!



Did you know?

Tax-Free IRA Charitable Rollover

The Tax-Free IRA Charitable Rollover has been extended to December 31, 2011

What is it?

- The Tax Relief, Unemployment Insurance Reauthorization and Job Creation Act of 2010 became law on December 17, 2010 and extended the provisions made in the Pension Protection Act of 2006 allowing a taxpayer who is 70 ½ years or older to contribute at least part of his IRA to charity without paying income tax on that withdrawal.
- A taxpayer is allowed to donate up to \$100,000. He is still required to take a minimum yearly distribution from his IRA, but can now use his donation to meet all or part of this requirement.
- Since the distribution is not included in taxable income, he is not able to claim a tax deduction for the charitable contribution.
- The gift must be to a qualified charitable organization, such as SJCL. Certain gifts to donor advised funds, private foundations or to life income vehicles do not qualify.

Which plans are eligible?

- The taxpayer can make contributions only from a traditional IRA and a Roth IRA.
- All other plans, such as a 401-K or a 403-b plan, do not qualify.

How do I make a contribution through my IRA?

- The IRA administrator must transfer the gift directly from the IRA account to San Joaquin College of Law.
- The donor must notify SJCL of the transfer from the IRA account by:
 1. Sending in the enclosed appeal card indicating the amount of the gift and that it is a contribution from the IRA; and
 2. Notifying SJCL by contacting Robin Leppo or Jill Waller-Randles at 559-323-2100.

These helpful tips are only for your information on this change in the IRA law and are not to be considered as legal, tax or financial advice. You should consult with your legal, tax and financial advisors to implement the benefits of the IRA charitable rollover law and related matters.

Thank you for your support!

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SJCL's participation rate was 14% last year. Our goal this year is to reach 20% alumni participation and increase contributions by 20% to the Annual Fund.

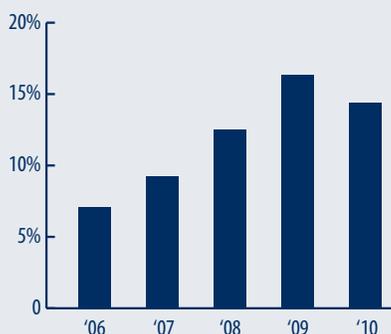
Last year out of 1,217 active alumni, 175 gave to the Annual Fund.
Adding 75 more alumni donors would bring our rate up to 20%.

Participation Matters

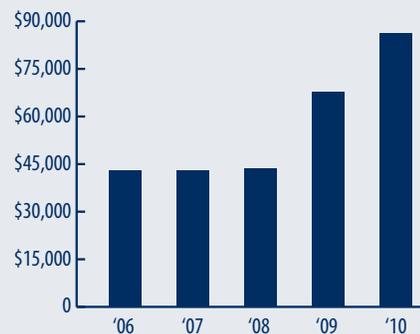
Every alumni gift adds to the participation rate, a key indicator that:

- Influences funding decisions by corporations and foundations.
- Reflects the strength of your law school experience.
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- More accurately reflects SJCL's vibrant and committed alumni population.

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