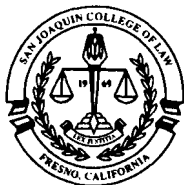


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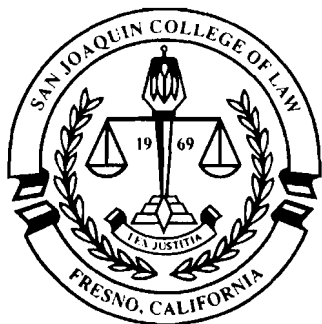
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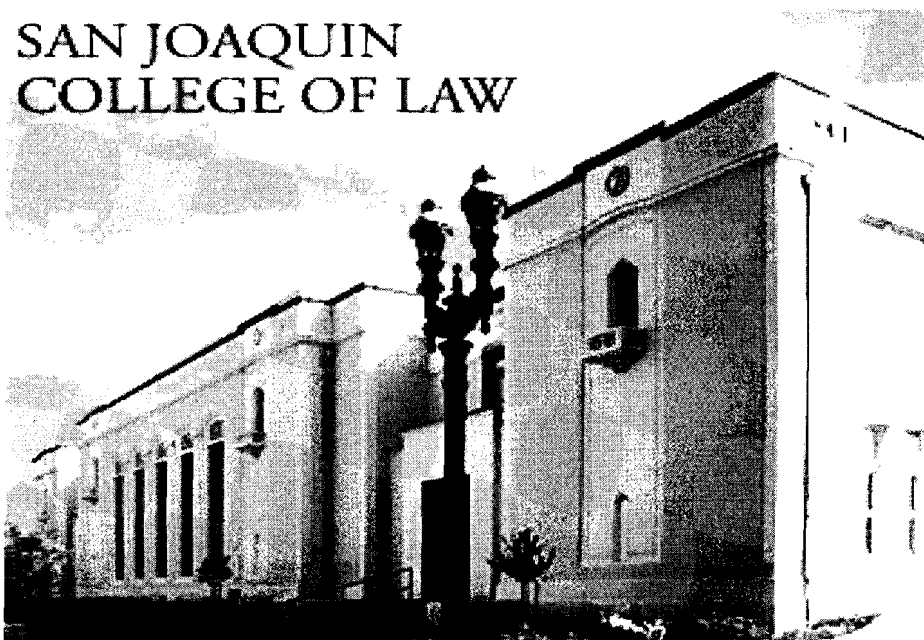
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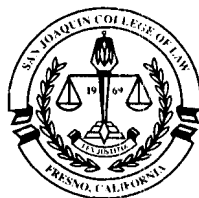
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FOREWORD

Robirda Lyon, Editor in Chief

The *San Joaquin Agricultural Law Review* is one of two agricultural law reviews currently published in the United States. Far from being a narrow specialty, the variety of legal issues related to agriculture is extensive and absorbing. The articles and comments presented in this year's volume exemplify the broad range of topics which have significant impact on the agricultural community.

Richard Cartier is a graduate of Humphreys College of Law, and a professor at San Joaquin College of Law where he teaches Civil Procedure, and courses in private law including Community Property, Family Law, Children and the Law, and Family Law Mediation. His summary of the mediation process and its applicability to agricultural, environmental, and municipal issues is documented in his article *Mediating Local Intergovernmental Disputes—Reflections on the Process*. Mr. Cartier also serves as the Director of the San Joaquin College of Law Regional Family and Mediation Center.

Paul Lyon's compelling article on the 1942 internment of Japanese Americans explores the constitutional issues within the scope of agricultural concerns. Mr. Lyon is a 1985 graduate of the University of Arizona School of Law. He specializes in civil and criminal trial work, and is licensed to practice in California and Washington. Mr. Lyon is a noted historian and the author of *From Under God's Wing*, a historical narrative of the battle of the Alamo, to be released this year by Eakin Press.

Judy Wiseman's comment, *Barriers to Education for Children of Migrant Farm Workers* underscores one of the social problems unique to the agricultural community. The editors are particularly proud to present Ms. Wiseman's comment, as it was written while she not only struggled with maintaining her top grades in law school, but also with cancer. Ms. Wiseman passed away prior to the publication of this volume, but her comment is a memorial to her commitment and dedication.

Water allocation is a long standing agricultural issue, remaining at the forefront of most agricultural controversies. Jeremy Lusk follows the legal and physical constraints and complications of water allocation for one of the world's largest water districts in his comment, *The Struggle for Water: How One Irrigation District Seeks Water Supplies*.

Some of the criminal issues found in agriculture are exemplified by Tara Brady's comment, *The Argument for the Legalization of Industrial Hemp*, an analysis of the economic benefits of this crop, as well as Nitza Coleman's comment, *After The Bust: Landowner's Liability When the Property is Used for the Manufacture of Methamphetamine*. Ms. Coleman's comment details the perils for not only the landowner in the criminal system, but the toxic effects to the land itself.

Other environmental issues are showcased in Alex Merriam's comment, *Valley Environmentalists Hold Their Breath While the EPA Rethinks*

Agriculture Exemption for Farmers and Their Diesel Irrigation Pumps; and David Yengoyan's comment, *Title V of the Clean Air Act: The Effects of California's Agricultural Exemption on the San Joaquin Valley*. These comments provide two thoughtful viewpoints on the impact of the air quality exemption on agriculture and the surrounding communities.

The impact on the community by agricultural legislation is addressed also in Sherrie Flynn's comment, *FIFRA's Puzzling Failure-to-Warn Preemption: Pesticide Use and the Right-to-Know*. Ms. Flynn presents many of the contradictions and difficulties found in preemptive legislation.

The highly technical issues of genetic modification are addressed in Chineme Anyadiegwu's comment, *Health Risks of Genetically Modified Food: A Need for Unbiased Research into the Potential Health Risks of Genetically Engineered Crop Products*. Ms. Anyadiegwu examines the hazards and benefits of this current and controversial technology.

Together, these articles and comments provide an interesting and absorbing view into only a few of the diverse legal and social interests both confronted by those engaged in the field of agriculture, and those impacted by the practices and environment created by agriculture.

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