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SJCL Open House a Success

February 1, 1997 saw approximately 600 people tour the newly renovated campus of San Joaquin College of Law. SJCL alumni, Clovis High School alumni, the Clovis and the legal communities came out to investigate SJCL's new campus.

The day's events started with the Student Bar Association sponsored "Race Judicata" at 8 am. The building was opened for self-guided tours at 11 am. Each classroom and office door was open for people to marvel at the transformation of the building.



James K. Herbert, Elizabeth O'Neill, Ross Borba, Jr. & Jan Pearson

The SJCL Law Alumni Association, San Joaquin Agricultural Law Review, The Family Law and Mediation Center and Small Claims Advisory Office had information tables or their offices open for questions from the community.

A videotape of the renovation was shown throughout the day beginning in the MCLE Room and later moving to a classroom. A series of lectures was offered in the MCLE room during the afternoon. George Kastner spoke on "An Historical Perspective of 901 5th Street" to a packed house that included two rows of Clovis High School Class of 1943 Alumni. James K. Herbert, a Trustee of SJCL, spoke on "Thoughts on the Legal Profession" to an appreciative crowd. Presiding Justice of the Fifth District Court of Appeal James A. Ardaiz finished the day with a Delta Theta Phi sponsored MCLE presentation "Expectations of Judges."

We were honored to have Clovis Mayor Harry Armstrong, SJCL Board of Trustees members Justice James A. Ardaiz and Ross Borba, Jr. join Dean Janice Pearson during the Dedication Ceremony in the main hallway of the building. Proclamations from Secretary of State Bill Jones and the City of Clovis were also read. The "official" unveiling of the "Builders on Success" donor wall took place. A cocktail reception underwritten by Price, Paige & Stewart and Michael J. Geis finished the day's events.

Thank you to everyone who made this day and this move possible. With your help, San Joaquin College of Law can continue "Building on Success"!

Hal and Dave Return!

The 1997 San Joaquin College of Law Spring Banquet featured Hal Bolen and Dave Camenson as the hosts of this annual scholarship event. Some 220 people joined in the laughter at The Dante Club as the duo lampooned SJCL and the legal community.

Scholarship awards were presented to the following students: Alumni Association Carolyn T. Mirviss Scholarship, Laurie Anne Mitchell; Brown Scholarship for Women and Minorities, Jean Iv; James K. and Carol Sellers Herbert Scholarship, Kathleen McGurty; Ernest S. Kinney Trial Lawyer Scholarship, David Moeck; Leon S. Peters Foundation sponsored Leadership Award, Bill Parry and Angie Hill; SJCL Founders' Scholarship, Dan Green; Hon. Annette LaRue sponsored Woman Lawyer Scholarship, Kimberly Mayhew; Patricia Mattson-Markell ('85) sponsored

Family Law Scholarship, Janet Fiorentino; and Sara Blanchard, Jennifer Reisz and Tracy Sagle received the SJCL Student Bar Association Scholarships.

Suzanne McGuire received the Research and Writing Scholarship for the highest grade of all First year Research and Writing courses sponsored by <u>The Business</u> Journal.

Delta Theta Phi members were eligible for two scholarships. Susan Moore received the Long Family sponsored LeRoy Long Memorial Scholarship and Judy Barron and Bradley Stevens received Hollis Best Senate of Delta Theta Phi Scholarships.

West Awards were given to recognize the top students for 1995-96 school year in each section of the following courses: **Contracts**, *Tracy Sagle* and Suzanne McGuire;

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Janice L. Pearson

I was standing quietly in line at a Clovis supermarket at lunch time last week, pondering what evil issue I could put on the upcoming Torts midterm. Suddenly, the woman in line behind me leaned across me and spoke to the woman in front of me in line, an obvious acquaintance.

Back lady said, "Well, what do you think of what they did to our old school."

Uh, oh! My ears perked up. Did she mean the law school? Does she hate it? Front lady responded, "Isn't it wonderful? I went on the tour."

Back lady rejoined, "I'm so glad they tried to keep it as much like the old school as possible. We old-timers can appreciate that."

Whew! Whatever it is, they like it. But do they mean SJCL?

Front lady concluded the conversation, "That law school must be something special to care so much about an old building."

WOW! I never said a word, but you better believe it made my day. Our objective was to blend the old and the new. We could never have built a building with so much character.

More than 600 people toured the new SJCL during the February 1st Open House. Overwhelmingly, they seemed to like the blend of old and new as well. Many thanks to the organizers of Race Judicata, the educational speakers - George Kastner, James K. Herbert and The Honorable James A. Ardaiz, the donors to the reception - Price, Paige & Stewart and Michael J. Geis, and SJCL staff who organized the event. It was perfect.

The past and future are rapidly parting ways at SJCL. The Shields Avenue building has sold and is on to yet another incarnation

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as a computer training facility. The Advisory Committee to the *San Joaquin Agricultural Law Review* has regrouped to provide input on topics and contacts with potential authors.

Fresno County has rented the Ellis Courtroom for three months for a judge assigned here to diminish the backlog of Fresno cases. The first case was a major civil jury trial. This partnership between SJCL and the County creates an incredible opportunity for students to see theory put to practice.

SJCL has received a much larger allocation of federal Work Study funds for the next fiscal year. This means we will be able to help create more clerking jobs for law students in the community. That enables students to avoid some debt in paying for their legal education. In part, this allocation comes from SJCL's spotless record in dealing with federal fi-

nancial aid funds, thanks to the meticulous efforts of Gwen Watt, Director of Financial Aid, and her assistant, Pat Smith.

Finally, and most importantly, SJCL has to decide where it goes from here. On April 3, the Board of Trustees will begin the process of determining what SJCL should look like 3, 5, 10, and 20 years from now. Subsequent sessions will include other SJCL constituencies - alumni, students, faculty, staff, and others - in painting the picture of the future. Without doubt, more excitement lies ahead.

Volume 6 of Law Review Published

Volume 6 of San Joaquin Agricultural Law Review is now available. San Joaquin Agricultural Law Review annually publishes articles, comments, and case notes on legal topics of current interest to those in agriculture, government, business and law. Past editions have included symposiums on the Central Valley Water Project and Marketing Orders. San Joaquin Agricultural Law Review welcomes novel and diverse points of view from all parts of the country.

People interested in subscriptions or individual copies of *SJALR* should contact Karen Besecker at 323-2100 for more information.

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Law Alumni Profile

Susan Anderson ('87)

by Elizabeth Parker ('89)

As most alumni are aware, Susan Anderson has been the Fresno County Clerk for the past six years, after winning the elected position in 1990. She graduated from Hanford High School in 1970 and attended Fresno City College. After gradu-

ation from Fresno City College, she worked at the YMCA and other jobs for several years before deciding to further her career by attending San Joaquin College of Law. She was the only one in her class at SJCL to take the "Baby Bar" and she ranked in the top 5% in the state. She went on to pass the Bar the first time.

Susan has very positive memories of her years at San Joaquin College of Law and she made a lot of friends with whom she is still close. She feels that because of the excellent education she received at SJCL, she had the expertise to appear against any attorney from the larger accredited law schools. She thinks the new campus is quite an addition to the community and is proud of the renovation. "It looks like a law school now!"

After graduation, Susan practiced family law with June Register for several years, leaving for a position with the District Attorney's office. She was then practicing before her former trial practice professor, Judge Lawrence O'Neill, as an attorney with the juvenile court division. During her years with the DA, she obtained a lot of trial experience. One of her cases made the national headlines and ultimately was used as the basis for a story line on the television sit-com "Doogie Howser".

During her years with June Register, Susan always thought she could better manage the documents and evidence maintained by the Clerk's Office. The office of the Fresno County Clerk interested her because it combined both her expertise in law and her previous management experience with the YMCA. Susan was elected in November 1990 and took office in January 1991. After she was elected, she reorganized the department to modernize and streamline the process. Since she is an elected official, she is committed to representing the voters and runs the department accordingly. Susan was re-elected in 1994 and plans to run for another term. She is hoping to upgrade the

present punch-card voting system with an optical scanning system, which would be more voter-friendly and provide much faster results to the public on election day.

For the past ten years, Susan has been married to a wonderful and supportive man, Rod Anderson, who is a Senior Investigator with the District

Attorney's office. They have two daughters and four grandchildren. They have also been the host family for several Rotary Youth Exchange students from Germany, South Africa, and Brazil. Presently, they have a former Brazilian exchange student living with them while she attends Fresno City College. Also, they have opened their home to an American exchange student so that she can finish college. Both girls are in the Fresno City College honors program. Susan and Rod are very proud of them.

Currently, Rod is the president of the Fresno Sunrise Rotary Club and Susan is a member of the Fresno Downtown Rotary Club. They are both dedicated to the Rotary International Youth Exchange Program and are the District Co-Chairs. The district covers the Central Valley and Central Coast area. They are responsible for coordinating the placement of 18 to 20 outbound and a similar number of inbound foreign Rotary exchange students. There are four weekend trips and a fall orientation program which they host for the new inbound exchange students. If all that volunteer work is not enough, Susan also chairs the YMCA Board of Directors. She is dedicated to furthering the dream of an additional YMCA facility for Fresno families.

Last November, Rod and Susan accompanied fifty doctors on a two-week VIP tour of China, which was very exciting and interesting. They both love the Chinese culture and are in the process of adopting a

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Law Alumni Association Christmas Party

The third annual SJCL Law Alumni Association Christmas Party for Fresno County long-term foster children took place on December 19, 1996. SJCL alumni and staff provided gifts of toys and clothing to approximately 75 children. The alumni and staff played games with the children until Santa (Glen Gates '78) arrived. Santa and Kopi Sotiropulos from KMPH - Channel 26 lead the children and their foster parents in Christmas carols. Kopi helped Santa hand out the gifts to the children. The children present had the opportunity to enter a drawing for a computer with printer and software donated by Ofra Pleban's ('96) family. Congratulations goes to Sastar J., an aspiring attorney, for winning the drawing. Thanks to all the law alumni and staff who participated in this worthwhile event.

PLACEMENT NOTES...

I would like to solicit you, San Joaquin alumni, to help me help those following you. As more grads decide to seek employment outside the Valley, it is important to have advice and connections to assist in making contacts, knowing local protocol, and how best to overcome the stigma of non-ABA status outside the area where the SJCL quality is known.

If you are an SJCL alumnus who has relocated, please share your job search experience by writing or calling Pam Ramirez in the Placement Office. If you are able to help SJCL grads make connections in your area, please let us know so we can develop a referral list.

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Thank You! San Joaquin College of Law gratefully acknowledges all those who have generously supported the Law School. To you, we say thank you for all that you do for the College. This list contains donations received by SJCL during 1996.

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Mark your calendars for these upcoming live and video MCLE programs offered by San Joaquin College of Law. CPE credit will be available for "Fundamentals of Bankruptcy Law" and "The Bankruptcy Saga: The Show Continues". For more information, contact Sydney Fournet at 323-2100.

Video Replay Programs in cooperation with The Rutter Group and the Fresno County Bar Association:

Real Estate Sales - Saving the Deal! Thursday, April 3, 1997 from 6:00-9:15 p.m. at SJCL 3 hours MCLE Credit (includes .50 hour in Legal Ethics) Video Panel Moderator: Dennis L. Greenwald

Marital Settlement Negotiations
Tuesday, June 3, 1997 from 6:00-9:15 p.m. at SJCL 3 hours MCLE Credit (includes .50 hour in Legal Ethics) Note: Approval of 3 hours of Family Law Specialization Credit is pending for this seminar. Video Panel Co-Moderators: Justice Donald B. King and Nina R. Meierding

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The Bankruptcy Saga: The Show Continues Thursday, September 18 from 8:45 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. and Friday, September

19, 1997 from 8:45 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. in Fresno *MCLE and CPE Credit*

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The Civil Trial Skills Series, April - May 1997, all sessions from 6:00-9:15 p.m.

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Tuesday, April 8, 1997 3 hours MCLE Credit
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Session Two - Summary Judgments and Preliminary Injunctions Tuesday, April 15, 1997 3 hours MCLE Credit (includes .50 hour in Legal Ethics) Panel Members: Hon. John Fitch, Timothy J. Buchanan, E. Robert Wright

Session Three - Jury Selection; Effective use of experts Tuesday, April 22, 1997 *3 hours MCLE Credit* Panel Members: Donald H. Glasrud, Michael G. Marderosian

Session Four - Effective use of evidence Tuesday, April 29, 1997 *3 hours*MCLE Credit Panel Members: Donald H.
Glasrud, Michael G. Marderosian

Session Five - Closing Arguments and Jury Instructions Tuesday, May 6, 1997 3 hours MCLE Credit Panel Members: Mario L. Beltramo, Jr., Lowell T. Carruth, Douglas E. Noll

Session Six - The End of the Trial: Procedures and Strategies Tuesday, May 13, 1997 *3 hours MCLE Credit* Panel Members: Stephen E. Carroll, Robert K. Hillison, Marshall C. Whitney



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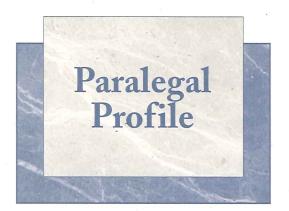
Congratulations to July 1996 Bar Passers!

On November 25, 1996 at 5:30 pm, the champagne and sparkling cider flowed as the July 1996 bar exam passers and staff celebrated in the main hallway of the "old" San Joaquin College of Law Building. Most of the SJCL alumni who passed in July were able to come by and toast each other over their accomplishments.

On December 9, 1996 at 3:00 pm at City Hall, the City Council chamber had standing room only as July 1996 bar exam passers, including SJCL alumni were sworn in. Presiding Justice for the Fifth District Court of Appeal James A. Ardaiz presided over the event.

Congratulations to the following San Joaquin College of Law graduates who passed the July 1996 California State Bar Exam:

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Terri L. Battista

I graduated from the SJCL Paralegal Program in August 1992. My favorite subject was Legal Analysis/Research and Writing. Larry Artenian was a terrific instructor and took time with me when I wanted to concentrate on my legal analysis and writing skills. That experience has been a valuable asset in my current position.

I began working for the Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center in January 1992. I accepted a position as an Accounts Receivable Assistant (GS-4) at the VAMC Fresno. Within two years, I was an Accounts Receivable Analyst (GS-7). I created the position to include much more complex work than was originally intended. I coordinated probate and collection cases with the Office of Regional Counsel in San Francisco. In September 1994, I was nominated to participate in a major re-engineering project at the VAMC Fresno. I received extensive training and was responsible for coordinating and overseeing major re-engineering projects. In October 1995, I was nominated as a consultant for expertise and training with the VA. I traveled across the country to provide training to VA employees and presented training sessions at Regional and National conferences.

I accepted the position of a Paralegal Specialist (GS-9/11) at VAMC, West Palm Beach, Florida in May 1996. I work for one staff attorney, who is out-stationed from the Office of Regional Counsel in Bay Pines, Florida. I manage the medical malpractice claims that are received under the Federal Tort Claims Act. I am responsible for reviewing medical records, conducting legal research and analysis, conducting witness or provider (clinical) interviews, and obtaining expert medical opinions. I process the claim through the entire administrative process; I also write Abbreviated Tort Claim Reports (with recommendation for denial or settlement) and submit them to the Regional Counsel in Bay Pines for approval.

My job duties also include administra-

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tive investigation and case preparations for EEO and SMPB cases (Employment law). I work with hospital staff on the Baker Act, Freedom of Information Act, Privacy Act, ethics laws, etc. I investigate and prepare post fund and escheat cases for the hospital. In January 1997, I was appointed to the New Business Development Team at the VAMC West Palm Beach. I act as the liaison for legal matters as they relate to the mission of the team.

I celebrated my five year anniversary with the Department of Veterans Affairs in January 1997. I enjoy my job as a paralegal and find it is very challenging. This dream would have never come true but for the San Joaquin College of Law Paralegal program. Many thanks to Pam Ramirez for her assistance and the entire SJCL faculty for providing the best paralegal training program and a wonderful learning environment.

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Kathi Kesselman

"The biggest difference that I see between SJCL when I was a student and now is that we were taught in a strictly Socratic method. Now, I see a lot more interest in trying to help students get through the whole process of law school."

Kathi is a 1978 graduate of San Joaquin College of Law. In 1972, Kathi earned a B.A. in Business Administration from the City University of New York. "A female marketing instructor in college encouraged us to consider graduate schools," Kathi says. "My husband and I applied to several different graduate schools. We chose SJCL and California School of Professional Psychology because we liked the area."

Kathi has maintained a solo practice since 1980, emphasizing family law, wills and probate practice.

Kathi started teaching at SJCL Spring semester 1993. "I enjoy teaching. I read in the school newsletter that they were looking for an afternoon professor for a Wills and Trusts class. Afternoons worked well into my schedule because my children were young. I called Jan and here I am four years later still teaching Wills and Trusts each Spring."

"It's rewarding to see people learn what you teach them," Kathi says. "It's also rewarding when former students call me as practitioners and say they do have a need for the information they learned in the class that they didn't realize as students. The subject matter is concrete enough to master at a high level for the bar exam."

"You have to have the personal drive to practice law or you need to do something else with your legal education. Even if you don't practice law, a legal education is useful and valuable. The legal field is not the easy entry and money that it once was. In this presently crowded market, you need a strong desire to be a practitioner."

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News Briefs

SICL Receives PG&E Rebate

San Joaquin College of Law received a \$30,000 rebate from PG&E for energy saving measures taken during the renovation of a historical building.

Radanovich's Office Makes Gift

Representative George Radanovich's (R-Mariposa) office has donated one of the five 2-year subscriptions to the Federal Register that his office receives each year to SJCL's Law Library.

Upcoming Law Forum Dates

San Joaquin College of Law provides informational forums on a monthly basis for those interested in attending law school. The free two-hour program consists of specific information regarding admission requirements and financial aid availability from Joyce Morodomi, Admissions Officer and current law students. Tentative dates this Spring include: April 10, May 8, May 20 and June 12. For more information and reservations, please call SJCL at 323-2100.

Anderson

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Chinese baby girl. She will be approximately seven months old when they fly to China in the Fall to bring her home.

It is readily apparent that Susan is truly an inspiration in her dedication to youth and the community. She is an excellent example of the fine contribution San Joaquin College of Law alumni make to our community. SJCL is proud to have Susan as one of its outstanding alumni.

Kesselman

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"I see the new building as a vast improvement in terms of comfort for everyone," Kathi says. "The renovation job is just outstanding. Also, as an alumna, I like that the Law School now has the appearance of a more established institution."

Kathi and her husband have two children. Kate is twelve and Michael is ten. "My kids think that it's funny that adults have to go to school and that Mom teaches them."

As far as hobbies go, Kathi lists teaching. "My skills have developed over the four years, but I still have to prepare each year to teach this class better. I spend a lot of time thinking about ways to improve my class each year."

Thank you, Kathi, for your years of service to SJCL!

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Spring Banquet

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Real Property, Karen Spinardi and Allan Junker; Torts, Tracy Sagle and Suzanne McGuire; Criminal Procedure, Michelle Lipperd and Karen Spinardi; Civil Procedure, Mark Bacciarini and Suzanne McGuire.

The West Publishing awards for the top student of each class for the 1995-96 year were also announced: First Year, Suzanne McGuire; Second Year, Mike Ringer; Third Year, Dan Green; Fourth Year, Barbara Reuger.

Outstanding Student Awards were announced for each class: Paralegal, Kristi Schweikert; First Year, James Myers; Second Year, Tie between Tracy Sagle and David Moeck; Third Year, Angie Hill; and Fourth Year, Traci Fritzler. These students were selected by their classmates.

Teacher of the Year Award was presented to Lawrence Artenian, a full-time faculty member.

Jeffrey Purvis, a full time professor, was the winner of the door prize of dinner for two at Harris Ranch with private air transportation all provided by Rick Banks.

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