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Dean Mark Owens, Jr.

WELCOME TO AXIS!

A Message from Dean Mark Owens, Jr.

As you will notice elsewhere in this newsletter, many things have transpired since the last edition.

The first annual Hall of Fame dinner, honoring four of our many distinguished graduates, was a great success. I hope you will plan to attend the next dinner.

We need students in order to maintain our low tuition. Expenses keep escalating for library requirements, on-line research systems mandated by the Committee of Bar

Examiners, and day-to-day services. Were it not for the dedication of our faculty who teach for the love of teaching, we would have had to increase our tuition significantly many years ago.

The response to my letter to you asking that you refer prospective students to us seems to have had some positive results. Please continue to recommend your school to anyone you know who may have an interest in earning a law degree, either to practice law or to advance them in their careers. I am convinced that a JD from San Francisco Law School is as valuable for advancement in business as an MBA.

Please give us your input on what we can do to continue your interest in and support of the school. You are the product in which we take great pride, and we value your support and advice.

SAN FRANCISCO LAW SCHOOL LAW REVIEW

by Brooke Brigham, Law Review Faculty Advisor

The San Francisco Law Review, formerly Res Ipsa Loquitor, continues its tradition of excellence with the publication of Volume 8 of the review this summer. The San Francisco Law Review is written, edited and published entirely by students at San Francisco Law School. This year's editors are Elizabeth Coleman, Whitnie Henderson and Trisha O'Neil. This year's research assistants are Sunita Koneru, Clifford Rice and Cheong Yuen. The faculty advisor to these students is Brooke Brigham, SFLS class of 1997 and former San Francisco Law Review editor.

The San Francisco Law Review publishes scholarly articles written by attorneys and comments written by students on a variety of contemporary legal issues. The topics of the comments and articles to be published in Volume 8 include construction defect litigation; the Americans with Disabilities Act; eyewitness identifications in criminal proceedings; the right to assisted death; the use of impeachment evidence; and parental responsibility for costs associated with the detention of their children.

Volume 8 of the San Francisco Law Review is dedicated to the memory of Felix Stuckey, a cherished alumnus and devoted member of the Board of Directors at San Francisco Law School. Mr. Stuckey was an integral part of the SFLS community as well as a very well known and beloved Bay Area attorney. (See his memorial on page 7 of this newsletter.)

The San Francisco Law Review welcomes contributions from SFLS alumni. If you are interested in writing an article, please contact Brooke Brigham at 510-272-0987. If you are interested in subscribing to the San Francisco Law Review, please contact our subscription agent

1999 SBA DINNER DANCE

The Student Bar Association along with Alumni Association held its Annual Dinner Dance on Saturday, March 27th at the Hyatt Regency at Fisherman's Wharf. This year marked a change of venue for this function, as in past years the dance was held at the Fort Mason Officer's Club.

A smaller attendance than usual this year did not hamper the festivities as Students, Faculty, members of the Board of Directors, SLFS staff and guests all joined together for an evening of good food, excellent conversation, and merriment.

An auction was held and excited guests won dinners, massages and even tickets to a 49er game. A local DJ provided music and dancing continued late into the evening.



The crowd making merry at the Annual

We want to hear from you!

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Interview with Elizabeth V. Coleman

Alesandra Phillips-Shur: What is your personal background?

I was born and raised in California. I've lived in San Pablo for most of my life. I am the second of five children. Though my parents divorced when I was a teenager, I have very close relationships with both of my parents and all of my brothers and sisters. I think that strong family ties are important and I am glad that my family has always been close. Finally, I believe that one of the most important aspects of my personal life is my religion. I have a strong faith and belief in God who I credit for all of my successes. I strongly believe that anyone who puts their trust in God will always succeed because God opens doors that man cannot.

What were your goals in your youth, and are those goals being realized?

When I was 15 years old, I set my goal to work in a large law office in San Francisco. At that time, I couldn't imagine myself being an attorney, so I chose to become a legal secretary. I accomplished that goal several years ago when I was hired on as a legal secretary at Lillick & Charles, a large firm of approximately 90 attorneys. I have now exceeded my childhood goal by obtaining an Associate's position at Lillick & Charles beginning in the fall of 1999.

Please give a short history of your professional background.

After graduating from high school, I enrolled at Heald's Business College's legal secretary program. After graduation from Heald's, I got a job as a legal secretary at Shulster & Jacobs Law Corporation in Oakland, where I worked for 5 years. In 1987, I was offered a secretarial job with Lillick & Charles. In December of 1997, I received a promotion to law clerk. I have been a law clerk at Lillick while attending SFLS and will begin as an Associate in September.

You were instrumental in bringing Black Law Students Association (BLSA) to SFLS. What are your expectations for the organization now that you are graduating?

I am especially proud of the achievements BLSA has made over the years. We succeeded largely because we have strong, devoted and dedicated members. I believe that once you are a member of BLSA, you are a member for life. Throughout the nation, BLSA is successful largely due to the unyielding support of its alumni. I plan to continue in that tradition and work closely with BLSA members at SFLS. Also, I believe that networking with other law students and leaders in the community is a definite benefit to BLSA members. Therefore, I plan to set up a scholarship to sponsor San Francisco Law School BLSA member's attendance at the annual regional conventions.

I understand that you were also involved with the Frederick Douglas Moot Court Competition, could you tell us a bit about the competition and the role you played in it?

Every year BLSA conducts regional Frederick Douglas Moot Court Competitions. This is a very prestigious competition as the judges consist of attorneys and actual judges from within the community. The winners on this regional level go on to compete in the national competition. This past February, I was regional director for the western region's competition. In this capacity, I was responsible for coordinating the Moot Court Competition for students throughout the western states. This year, the



Elizabeth V. Coleman

competition was held at the Hyatt at Fisherman's Wharf. Lillick graciously agreed to host our opening night reception which was a great success. Our speaker was Justice Janice Rogers Brown of the California Supreme Court. The reception was attended by judges, attorneys and students from throughout the region. It was an excellent opportunity for BLSA students to network with professionals in the community.

What made you decide to attend San Francisco Law School?

I must say that I was driven to SFLS largely because of the expense. SFLS seems to be the only school where you can get an excellent education at a reasonable cost. For me, SFLS was a perfect fit because I wanted to continue working while attending law school in the evening. SFLS's program fit my schedule perfectly.

What is the most difficult thing about being a law student?

Time becomes a precious commodity and sleep a foreign concept. I think the key to success lies in learning to juggle several tasks within a very limited time frame which is not easy to accomplish. As I graduate, I still can't believe that I have learned how to use my time efficiently. Also, due to the time constraints, you lose friends and miss out on personal and family events. Overall, I think the most difficult thing about being a law student is the fact that it requires the commitment of the major portion of your life.

What are your goals for the future?

To be an excellent litigation attorney. However, I am not sure what area of civil litigation I want to focus on. In the distant future, I would like to become a judge. I think that being a judge provides the best opportunity to help others achieve justice.

Do you have any plans for the summer besides taking the bar exam?

Absolutely not. Though I will be off from work for four months, I have not decided what I will do after the exam in July. However, I look forward to August, when I will have truly completed my journey.

What advice do you have for new students?

First and foremost, don't let go of your religious values. Realize that real success requires a strong faith in God's constant support and guidance.

Second, make a commitment to succeed. With this commitment, reorganize your schedule so that you can accomplish your goals. However, understand that even the best laid plans can fail, therefore, you must be prepared to make sacrifices with your time. For students that work full-time while attending school, be prepared to sacrifice several hours of sleep to complete your homework.

Third, get involved in extracurricular activities. The more tasks you can juggle, the more marketable you become. Attending night classes while working full-time is admirable and sets students apart as being able to make efficient use of their time and increases their marketability. However, students can make themselves even more marketable by getting involved in extracurricular activities like law review, BLSA, SBA, etc.

Finally, don't give up. Realize that obtaining a law school education is not going to be easy, however, someone once told me that the best things in life will not come easy. Therefore, no matter what obstacles may come in your path, be strong and continue to strive for success. I am a living testimony that the race is not given to the swift, but to the one that endures to the end!

FIRST ANNUAL HALL OF FAME DINNER

ADVOCATE

The first annual Hall of Fame Awards black-tie dinner was held on October 28th at the World Trade Club in San Francisco. A memorable evening, it brought together friends of the inductees, including Supreme Court Justices Stanley Mosk, and Marvin Baxter, and the SFLS Community.

Tom Vacar, Channel 2 newscaster was the Master of Ceremonies. Tom was introduced by Joe Russoniello, President of the Board of Directors. You may have seen them both on Channel 2, as Joe serves as a political commentator for the station.

The honorees were chosen for both their outstanding contribution to the legal community and their support and dedication to SFLS. We were proud to induct the following alumni:

ARTHUR T. BRIDGETT was born in San Francisco in 1910, graduated from SFLS in 1936 and was admitted to the California Bar the same year. The following year, he was admitted to the U.S. District Court and the U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals. In 1939, he married Suzanne Hastings, and had two sons, Ronald and Kenneth.

Arthur practiced law in San Francisco as a solo practitioner until he formed a partnership with Gerry Marcus in 1953. In 1957, Tom Jenkins, who was a partner in the firm of Scholfield, Hanson & Jenkins, invited Bridgett and Marcus to share office space. A partnership was more inviting and, after a year of breakfast meetings at the Palace Hotel, a partnership was formed. The firm was known as Scholfield, Hanson, Bridgett, Marcus & Jenkins. Arthur originally handled corporate law, but within two years he moved to litigation. Today, the firm is known as Hanson, Bridgett, Marcus, Vlahos & Rudy and has over 90 attorneys with 49 partners.

His support and commitment to San Francisco Law School is unparalleled. He has never forgotten the school from which he received his law degree nor its students.

ROBERT W. CROWN graduated from SFLS in 1951 and served in the State Assembly from 1957 until his untimely death in 1973, when he was struck by an automobile while jogging near his home in Alameda. He represented the 14th Assembly District, then went on to serve as Chairman of the Ways and Means Committee under Assembly Speaker Jess Unruh.

The Robert W. Crown Scholarship is awarded each year to an outstanding San Francisco Law School student, several of whom attended the Hall of Fame dinner.

Accepting the award on behalf of Robert W. Crown was Justice Stanley Mosk of the California Supreme Court.

MARVIN E. LEWIS, a highly renowned trial lawyer who was known for his unique creativity and imagination, was born in San Francisco in 1907. After graduation from Lowell High School, he enrolled at SFLS and earned his J.D. in 1929.

In 1930, Marvin worked in the office of Edgar Levey, Speaker of the House, and opened his own office in 1936. His partners have been Sidney DeGoff, Martin Field, Pierce Stein, and Ronald Rouda. Today the practice continues as a partnership with his son, Marvin K. Lewis, under the name Lewis & Lewis.

Known as the Father of BART, Marvin is prominent for his role in the promotion and development of rapid transit. During the nine years he served on the San Francisco Board of Supervisors, he was responsible for the legislation to eliminate traffic congestion and setting up all of the one-way streets in San Francisco. He was also the originator of rulings that conclude that a physical injury can create a devastating psychological injury.

Married to Frederica Lewis until his death in 1991, they had two children, Joell Benioff and Marvin K. Lewis, and five grandchildren, Marc Benioff, Julie Young, Jill Benioff, Jason Lewis and Alison Lewis.

Mr. Lewis never forgot SFLS. One shining example of his interest is the Marvin E. Lewis Student Lounge, which has become a haven for our students. Accepting on behalf of Marvin E. Lewis was his wife, Frederica Lewis.

SENATOR MILTON MARKS is an example of a SFLS student who went on to an illustrious career in the public service arena. His dedication to the School, and to the people of California in general was legendary. Senator Marks passed away shortly after his acceptance of induction into the Hall of Fame. (Please find his biography on page 3 of this newsletter.)

Proclamations were given to the inductees by California State Assemblyman Kevin Shelly, California State Senator Quentin Kopp and Mayor Willie Brown.

The evening concluded with the drawing of the door prizes: tickets to ACT and dinner at the Grand Cafe; dinner for two at the World Trade Club and a SFLS basket of goodies.

It truly was an elegant evening worthy of the accomplishments of the distinguished alumni that we honored.

A Message from the SBA

S.B.A. President, Mark Aulik

The San Francisco Law School Student Body Association (SBA) officers for the 1999-2000 school year are Mark Aulik, President; Marie-Lorraine Mallare, Vice-President; and Walter Butler, Treasurer.

The SBA is currently looking for two students to serve as Historian for the year. If you are interested in serving as Historian, please contact Mark Aulik. In addition, each class should be represented at the SBA meetings. We will be soliciting class representatives at the beginning of the 1999-2000 school year.

The SBA officers will be meeting over the summer to develop a plan of action for the upcoming school year. As always, the SBA will be sponsoring the Annual Spring Dinner Dance early in 2000. All students, faculty and alumni are encouraged to attend. Since the dinner dance is a wonderful opportunity for students to network with law school alumni, the SBA plans to put extra effort into this year's dance to start off the new millennium right!

In addition to the Dinner Dance, the SBA hopes to publish a student phone directory early in the school year; obtain additional study materials for students to borrow; put on a program to help students explore careers in law; and obtain some San Francisco Law School merchandise for purchase by students.

Remember, the money that supports the SBA comes from student fees; if you have any suggestions for SBA-sponsored activities, please contact your SBA officers.

B.L.S.A

A message from J.J. Angress

As president, I would like to take this opportunity to briefly introduce you to the Black Law Students Association. BLSA was founded in 1967 at New York University Law School to help accommodate the ever-increasing needs of black students. Over the past thirty-two years, BLSA has continued to provide a forum for addressing these specific needs as the influx of Black Law Students has continued to rise. Today, BLSA has grown to include over 200 chapters in law schools throughout the country. The main tenets of the BLSA are first, to articulate and promote the professional needs and goals of its members; secondly, to provide an environment of academic support conducive to succeeding in law school; and thirdly, to continue to build strong relationships with the professional Black Legal Community. While BLSA is comprised of a majority of African-American students, it encourages anyone who is interested to become a member.

This academic year, BLSA students have and will continue to be able to participate in numerous events both locally and nationally. Last fall, a Job Fair was held at the University of California Boalt Law School. The Job Fair allows prospective students an opportunity to meet and interview with regional and highly acclaimed law firms, consisting of a large spectrum of fields of law. BLSA students' past participation in the Job Fairs have resulted in summer internships for second and third year students and full-time positions for those poised to graduate. Other events include academic workshops to enhance legal writing and research skills, retreats, community service (such as our clothing drive), Moot Court competition, and availability of various scholarships.

In closing, BLSA wants to express its warmest thanks to the entire administration and staff of SFLS. Thank you for all of your support in ensuring our continued success. Your contributions are greatly appreciated.

DELTA THETA PHI

A message from Gerald Hall, Dean

Delta Theta Phi law fraternity is a highly-motivated group united by a common interest — the desire to excel. Since its birth in 1913, it has flourished within and beyond the United States. In San Francisco Law School's own Senate, it is evident that each member strives diligently both as part of a team and individually to surpass their goals in the areas of legal academia, professionalism, and the betterment of society. Strides are continually being made by existing members who pass on their enthusiasm to new members. The strength of this fraternity is the assurance that the success of each of its participants is well within reach.

Delta Theta Phi, established in 1913 by the merger of three law fraternities (Delta Phi Delta, Alpha Kappa Phi, Sigma Nu Phi) and a recent merger (Theta Lambda Phi), has now grown to consist of 100,000 alumni and more than one hundred active student senates in the United States, Canada and Iceland. The history of Delta Theta Phi dates back to a night in September of 1900 when eight law students from Cleveland Law School of Baldwin-Wallace College "...clustered about a pool table...took their first obligation to each other and to the fraternity they founded and the Delta Theta Phi Law Fraternity was born."

Not unlike its beginning, each fraternity comprising Delta Theta Phi has been founded by strong-minded, ambitious students who share in the similar goals known today as the "Objectives of Delta Theta Phi". These are as follows: To unite, fraternally, congenial students of the law; to lead them and their fellow students to high scholarship and legal training; to surround them with an environment such that the traditions of the law and of the profession may descend upon them; to promote justice; to inspire respect for the noblest qualities of mankind; and to advance the interest of every school of law with which this fraternity shall be associated.

These goals are of the utmost importance to the livelihood of the fraternity and are further encouraged by acknowledgments and prestigious awards and prizes such as, the Scholarship Certificate and Key, Scholarship Cup, William H. Thomas Award for Oral Advocacy, and the Century Senate Award. The recipients of these rewards exemplify the awards of adhering to the above-mentioned principles.

San Francisco Law School's own Senate, Jake Ehrlich Senate, named after a renowned criminal lawyer and graduate of SFLS, was chartered in 1983. Today it is made up of: Gerald Hall (Dean), Robert Schinagl (Vice Dean), Eva Chan (Treasurer), Venetta Cormier-Walker (Tribune) and Robert Tidd (Clerk of the Exchequer). Our newest members — Gladys Rosehill, Kathleen Kwock, Walter Warren Butler, and Yesso Joseph Tererian — were initiated in October 1998, and in January, 1999, new members Kevin Schmidt and Marie Lorraine Fera were initiated. The next convention will be held in Washington, D.C.

Aside from the above-mentioned rewards and the enjoyed camaraderie in Delta Theta Phi, members of the Jake Ehrlich Senate can also benefit from the use of San Francisco Law School's extensive library, Avis car rental discounts, a low APR and no annual fee on a Delta Theta Phi's International Mastercard, other discount programs including Office Max, possible placement assistance and business referrals, eligibility for consideration of limited student loans, international publicity in The Paper Book and the Adelpia, etc. There are also the benefits of participating in and coordinating activities in which the members can express their desire to aid in the community through, food drives, book sales, and other volunteer activities.

It is still evident that from the birth of Delta Theta Phi to the present, the academic and professional goals to excel have

IN MEMORIAM OF SENATOR MILTON MARKS

JULY 22, 1920 – DECEMBER 4, 1998

Class of 1949, SFLS Faculty Member

The San Francisco Law School community, and indeed the State of California has suffered a great loss in the passing of Senator Milton Marks.

Milton Marks was born in San Francisco in 1917, and graduated from Lowell High School. After graduating from Stanford University he attended University of California, Boalt Hall School of Law but his attendance was interrupted by military service in WW II. He completed his law education at San Francisco Law School in 1949.

He practiced general municipal and labor law with his father, Milton Marks Sr. from 1949-1958 when he was elected to represent San Francisco's 21st Assembly District in 1958-1966. He was then appointed by Governor Pat Brown to sit on the SF Municipal Court Bench. A year later in 1967, he went on to serve in the California State Senate, Third Senatorial District from which he retired in 1996.

He was the Founder of the Senate Judiciary Subcommittee on the Rights of the Disabled and served on the Special Committee on Developmental Disabilities & Mental Health and the Task Force on Juvenile Crime & Juvenile Justice response



Senator Milton Marks

Dedicated to promoting civil liberties and environmental protection, Senator Marks is renowned for helping to author laws ensuring quality of life for all citizens and in protecting the resources of future generations.

A partial list of his accomplishments are: The Little Hoover Commission (now Milton Marks Commission) which reviews areas of concern such as taxes, education & health care; Environmental License Plates; Plastic Bag Warnings—pioneered "Keep this plastic away from children"; Legalization of use of birth name for women; and Aids Funding—major bill author.

Senator Marks was married to Carolene Marks, a retired attorney and civil liberties activist in her own right. They have 3 children; Carol Marks, a Federal Defender in Sacramento; Edward Marks, an attorney; and Milton Marks III, Executive Director for Friends of the Urban Forest and three grandchildren; Zoe, Ben and Samuel.

Senator Marks said, "My major accomplishment has been making government relevant and close to the constituents of my district and elsewhere in California as well as the enactment of major legislation to improve life for people of diverse concerns to bring dignity to all".

Senator Marks was a faculty member at SFLS since 1997.

Devoted to his family, faithful to his constituents, committed to his students at SFLS and his undying desire to improve life for people of diverse concerns, his legacy of serving others will live on.

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EXTRA CURRICULARS – MOOT COURT

by Brooke Brigham, Traynor Moot Court Advisor

The Roger J. Traynor California Moot Court Competition is a nationally recognized appellate moot court competition. The California Young Lawyers Association of the State Bar of California developed and conducted the competition for nearly 30 years. Due to the State Bar's budget crisis, the competition was not held last year. This year, under an arrangement with the State Bar, the Witkin Legal Institute and West Group administered this prestigious competition at the University of California, Boalt Hall School of Law in Berkeley on April 10th and 11th. All California schools are invited to participate in this annual competition. Eighteen schools from all over California participated in this year's competition.

San Francisco Law School was represented in this year's competition by James Abbeduto, Mark Aulik and Wendi Boselli. The team's advisor was Brooke Brigham, SFLS class of 1997, who participated in the 1996 Traynor competition. Ms. Brigham is also the current advisor for the San Francisco Law Review.

There were many changes and improvements as a result of the Witkin Institute taking over the competition. The most noticeable was the caliber of judges in the preliminary rounds. All of the judges who participated were either California Appellate Court justices, or experienced staff attorneys for appellate court justices. As a result, the quality of the questions posed to students and the exchanges between the justices and the students was far better than in previous competitions. The final round was judged by Justice Cruz Reynoso, former justice of the California Supreme Court and Justice Arleigh Woods, former justice for the Court of Appeal for the Second Appellate District.

Another change was in the scoring of the competition. In the past, advancement in the competition was based solely on each team's performance in each round of oral arguments. This year however, advancement from the preliminary round was based 25% on the team's performance in oral argument and 75% on the team's written brief score. This was done in an attempt to more accurately simulate the reality of appellate practice, where the party's written brief usually persuades the justices how to rule, and oral argument is an opportunity for the justices to ask clarifying questions based upon their reading of the written brief. For the ten teams who advanced to the semi-final round, advancement to the final round was based upon 50% of their score in the preliminary round and 50% of their score in the semi-final round. Two teams advanced to the final round, and the winner was determined 100% by their performance in the final round. This year's final round winner was the University of California at Los Angeles School of Law.

The problem that each team briefed and argued was based upon a real case. It involved an action for negligence filed by a woman and her child against a police department arising from the police department's response to a 911 call following an incident of domestic violence. The plaintiffs were seeking to hold the department liable for injuries they received after the police left them alone and the woman's abusive boyfriend returned to inflict further injury upon them. In order to find liability, the plaintiffs had to first show that a special relationship was created between them and the police officers that responded. Whether or not a special relationship was created was the sole issue that the students addressed in this problem.

Our students put a tremendous amount of work into this year's competition. They submitted a written brief for the plaintiff's side and had to be prepared to argue both sides at the oral argument. Although our team did not advance to the final round, the students are to be commended for their excellent performance and for the time and effort they gave to this competition on behalf of San Francisco Law School.

MEMORANDUM

Notes From the Administration

Scholarships Awarded

THE 1998 ROBERT W. CROWN SCHOLARSHIP was awarded to Pamela Vincent, '99. A single mother, Ms. Vincent was recognized at the annual trustee's luncheon held in the office of Governor Davis in Sacramento on March 17th.

THE 1999 ROBERT W. CROWN SCHOLARSHIP was awarded to Whitnie Henderson, '00. Ms. Henderson is a single mother, who works for the Judicial Council's Office of Governmental Affairs in Sacramento, lives in Hayward while still attending classes at SFLS.

THE FOUNDATION OF THE STATE BAR OF CALIFORNIA: The 1998 SFLS scholarship winners were: Pam Vincent, \$2,500; Elizabeth Coleman, \$5,000; and Wendi Wrinkle, \$7,500.

CARLENE CALDWELL SCHOLARSHIP: Sponsored by the San Francisco Trial Lawyers Association, three awards were given. We are very proud that the First place scholarship of \$1,500 went to SFLS student, Elizabeth Coleman.

ZACH OGG 1998 SCHOLARSHIP: Zach L. Ogg, class of 1955, was a long-time practitioner in San Francisco. Through his generosity and his regard for his education at SFLS, he left a substantial bequest to the school. The 1998 Scholarships were awarded to Mojeed Salam, 4th year; Mary Ontano, 4th year; and Vince Courtney, 4th year.

A.L. SHAPIRO & SOPHIE SHAPIRO SCHOLARSHIP: This scholarship was established by Everett Shapiro, class of 1966, in memory of his parents. The 1998 scholarship was awarded to Andrew Steinfield.

ROCHE SCHOLARSHIP FUND: The late Justice Buell A. Nesbett, class of 1942 established this scholarship in the name of Judge Michael J. Roche. The 1997 recipient was Janet Kahn, class of '98 and the 1998 recipients were: Brian Tierney, 4th yr.; Joaquin Revelo, 4th yr.; Ann Constantine, 4th yr.; Tanya Chandler, 4th yr.; and Venetta Cormier-Walker, 3rd yr.

ADMINISTRATION NEWS

by Catherine Dawson, Associate Dean for Administration

As the 1998-99 school year ends, I would like to recap a few of the new and exciting events that have happened.

After thirteen years of devoted service the School's garage attendant, John Sullivan retired. Never without a cigar or a friendly smile, Mr. Sullivan, as he was known to the students, will be missed. Josh Goodman has replaced him and patrols the garage with an eagle eye. How convenient that he lives right across the street from the school!

Although our new librarian, Gloria Lopez, a graduate of Hastings, practices immigration law during the day, her true interest is in library studies. She brings to our students a strong background in research and a willingness to share it.

Su-Chan (Susan) Chang has joined the staff as our new bookkeeper. A native of Taiwan she received her MBA (concentration in finance) degree from San Francisco State University.

The first Annual Hall of Fame was a great success. It was an evening to recognize those alumnus who have so generously given back to the school and the legal community. I want to thank the Hall of Fame Committee and SFLS Staff for their help and especially to those of you who supported the evening. A very special thank you to the inductees: Arthur Bridgett, the family of the late Senator Milton Marks, Mrs. Marvin Lewis who accepted the award on behalf of her late husband Marvin E. Lewis, and Justice Stanley Mosk who accepted the award on behalf of the late Robert W. Crown.

Beginning in August, Lexus will be available to our students and faculty through the Internet. Individuals will be assigned a number to use at home for the academic year. Research will also be available on the School's library computers. Students will be able to Sheppardize through Lexus (as of July 1st Lexus obtained exclusive rights with Sheppards.) Lexus also offers career search services.

Over the past few years, we have concentrated on our School's recruiting program. This past year, six Open Houses were held and I thank the alumnus and students who so generously gave of their time to talk with prospective students. We also attended recruiting days at U.C. Berkeley and San Francisco State University. The school also participated at the 1999 Universal Woman's Expo and attended several events sponsored by local corporations i.e., East Bay Municipal District and Pacific Gas and Electric Co.

Repeatedly we hear, "I have never heard of your school before". Let us all spread the word that SFLS exists and offers an affordable education and an opportunity to those who want to study the law at night.

COMPUTER CHAT by Peggy Havey

Looking back over the year, I can't but wonder how we did it all in one year. In a little over ten months, we've opened our "Information Services" department just down the hall from the main office by installing new machines for the staff. This permitted us to move the old computers into the library, greatly expanding our existing resources for the overall convenience of the students and faculty.

With the hardware in place, we up-loaded LRNet (Legal Research Net) as our central research provider on the Internet. This required working a number of kinks out of the servicing and receiving end of the operation.

These early improvements presented themselves as the visible part of our initial operations. Behind the scenes, our activities were not so obvious. They were composed of nitty-gritty matters such as setting up and fine-tuning a completely new document retrieval system, combining a collection of piecemeal databases into one cohesive unit, and data-banking four years of elusive attendance statistics. In addition, we devised a database to computerize the computation of grades to facilitate the work of the teacher and ease the anxiety of the student through faster results.

At the same time that we set these improvements into motion, we had to learn what we were doing. In-house training proved even more enjoyable than software construction. Staff members renewed basic skills on upgraded computers and taught themselves the new database during this roll-out period. Without a chance to catch our collective breaths, the IS Department turned towards learning sufficient hypertext markup language to maintain the school's Web site and hopefully to accommodate syllabi and other useful information where immediacy is a pertinent factor.

Drawing upon the skills required to improve the Web site, the San Francisco Law School will be expanding the administration's document translation services to scan and archive a greater variety of documents than the staff could previously handle. These materials will include a project to digitalize our existing graduate records and a plan to extensively reorganize the library's archiving process through a more efficient cross-referencing of subject matter and a more coherent accounting of available resources.

If we could see a break in the months ahead, the IS Department could say we had plans for next year, but the work piles never arrive in discrete units nor do less than three or four projects overlap at once, so we find ourselves coping with the challenges as they come and hoping to improve the general efficiency on all administrative fronts.

The 1998 - 99 Annual Fund Alumni Contributors

We would like to thank all of the Alumni who contributed so generously to the 1999 Annual Fund Drive. Your continued support is fundamental in helping SFLS to sustain quality education, in the development of programs, facilities, scholarships, endowment and services necessary to the growth of our school. If you have sent a contribution before May 15, 1999 and your name does not appear in this list, please contact the Editor at (415) 626-5550, ext. 120. Contributions made after May 15 will be acknowledged in the 1999-2000 issue of AXIS.

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I.S. Report - Y2k

"Y2K is coming" is a little like "The Phantom Menace" is coming. We all look to it with wild expectations, and a little dread. And while we know the movie will appear in theaters near you, we don't know what will happen when the year 2000 appears.

Futurist predictions range from the staid conclusion that only minor bugs will incapacitate computers, to the more adventurous predictions that civilization, as we know it will crash. More than likely, the problems will fall somewhere in between, and mid-range events are what San Francisco Law School has been focusing on for the past year.

The I.S. department has been identifying all of the possible embedded chip systems in the school from the fire alarms to the garage door opener. Some of the items we use at school are purely mechanical, and without computer components. I was relieved to learn that I did not have to conduct a further investigation of these items. As you can imagine in this day and age, purely mechanical items were few and far between. Most everything in the building is run on computers including our alarm, and telephone answering systems, our computer operating systems, hardware, and copiers. In most instances, after inquiries were made, I was able to obtain letters from the vendors verifying their product's Y2K compliance. In other instances, I had to initiate an upgrading process to bring the School into compliance. We are working at it daily, and hope to be set by December 1999.

Retiring Faculty

JAMES MCALISTER

After teaching at the law school for twenty-five years and educating over 900 students in the area federal taxation, James McAlister retired this past January.

He earned the respect and admiration of his fellow faculty members for his dedication to the high ideals of the teaching profession and his outstanding knowledge of the subject matter of the course he taught. He was revered and beloved by generations of San Francisco Law School students. His loyal support of the School and its mission of training mature law students has prompted the faculty to vote that he remain on the rolls of the Law School as a member of the faculty, emeritus.

Welcome New Faculty

San Francisco Law School is pleased to introduce the 1997-98 new faculty members.

Chip Rose, a graduate of the University of California Law School at Boalt Hall Law School, taught the elective Alternative Dispute Resolution this past fall. One of the largest attended electives, it attracted twenty-two students. Professor Rose practices with the Mediation & Legal Services in Santa Cruz.

Bridgit Lawley taught Real Property last year and will teach Civil Procedure this Fall. A graduate of the University of California Hastings College of the Law, Professor Lawley also teaches at New College Law School.

Lori Weinberg, a graduate of New College School of Law taught the elective Sexual Harrasment this past fall. Ms Weinberg began her legal career for the United States Coast Guard as a federal prosecutor and case investigator-Marine Maritime 1987-90. Currently, she is in private practice with emphasis on family and juvenile law; she is the producer and host of Legal Currents on KCSMTV and is an American Bar Association award recipient.

Thomas Wilson, Esq. returned to SFLS this Spring to teach Community Property. Professor Wilson is no stranger since he began teaching for the school in 1986. He is a graduate of the University of California Law School at Boalt Hall and is currently practicing with Preville & Wilson in Alameda.

Board Moves

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Terry Anderlini, Esq., Terry Anderlini, Esq., ('69) became a member of the Board of Directors in the fall of 1998. BA degree from Tulane University, 1965; Doctor of Jurisprudence San Francisco Law School, 1969; Sr. Partner with Anderlini, Fionelstein and Emerick, San Mateo, CA. The area of practice is in Small Business, Civil Litigation, Medical and Legal Malpractice, Personal Injury, and Commercial Litigation. Past President of the State Bar of California, Italian American Bar Association & San Mateo County Bar; Trial Skills Seminar Instructor, Stanford Law School & University of San Francisco; Ethic Seminar Speaker, San Francisco Law School; Author of numerous articles published in the Daily Journal, The Recorder, California Lawyer and Barclays.

Douglas Sykes, Esq. became a member of Board of Directors in the fall of 1998. Mr. Sykes received a B.S degree in accounting from U. C., Berkeley, in 1965, an MBA from U. C., Berkeley, in 1966 and a Doctor of Laws, U. of C., Berkeley, in 1971. Currently he is a sole-practitioner at Douglas G. Sykes Attorney at Law, Oakland CA. The scope of his practice is representation of Community Development Organizations, including nonprofit organizations engaging in limited profit making activities; representation of Construction Contractors and Subcontractors; Incorporation of nonprofit organizations; representation of clients in Real Estate, Bankruptcy and Federal Income Tax matters.

RETIRING BOARD MEMBER

William Moses, resigned as a member of the Board of Directors in November 1998. Born in San Francisco, Mr. Moses attended the University of San Francisco, Hastings College of the Law and graduated from San Francisco Law school in 1947. He served in the U.S. Air Force in the South Pacific for 4 years, worked for the American Can Company, S.F., was a partner in the law firm of Calfee, Moses, Gregg and Calfee for 10 years; and was a partner in the law firm of Pelletreau, Moses & Larson from 1957 until he retired. He was also a member of the Contra Costa County Board of Education, Contra Costa County Community College Board of Trustees, the California Water Commission, Contra Costa County Republican Central Committee and Republican State Central Committee. His list of fraternal organizations and associations are

The Farewell Editorial

by Ceci Dalton, '80

I write this looking back over four years that seem to have passed like just a few yesterdays but felt like nearly forever while they were passing. I remember the sheer terror and anguish of First Year finals, and the grinding anxiety of all the others. It is all so very strange now to realize that I'll never take another law school exam. Masochism becomes *such* a habit.

But for all the moaning, all the drudgery of this four year endeavor, its completion should give distinct feeling of satisfaction and accomplishment. Though we don't know everything about the law (for example, how to *practice* it), by the time we graduate (knock on wood, fast) and pass the Bar (ditto), we will actually know quite a lot about it; a good fifty to seventy-five percent of the knowledge is floating around in our heads at the very time that we make our departure from SFLS's hallowed, multi-colored halls. Our graduation doesn't mean that they've finally let us out for good; we've also got something pretty substantial to show for our time.

The School, fiercely independent institution that it is, often seems dedicated to educating us in the best traditions of "the self-made man", which is a noble status once it is attained, but one which is notoriously painful along the way. Perhaps there is some merit to the theory that since law school is hard enough, and night law school even harder, it is a disservice to the students to let them think it is anything by dammed hard work by showing them shortcuts. However, it is probably closer to the truth to say that, over the long haul, law school and the Bar are such hard propositions that students will only make it on the strengths of their own efforts anyway, so it certainly wouldn't hurt to ease the burden for them just a bit along the way.

Thus, for many of us the four year journey has been a prolonged agony for ten months of each year. There have been compensations, though; the outstanding teaching of Mr. Corroto, Mr. Bonanno, Mr. Abrams, and Mr. Patrick; and the great good fortune of having two courses from Mr. Patrick instead of just one.

Abridged from the June 1980 Res Ipsa Loquitur (SFLS student newspaper.)



Mr. Patrick, circa 1980

Congratulations Bar Passers

As many already know, the July 1998 bar results nationwide were the lowest in ten years. SFLS held strong with "first-timers" at 50%, compared with other CBA schools at 36.6%. SFLS "repeaters" were 12.4%, compared with other CBA schools at 9.4%.

Congratulations to the following alumni for passing the July, 1998 Bar Exam:

Hyunsoo Ahn	Don Mendel
Robert Casper	Jane Murray
Christian Donica	Tracy Norman
Mara Finerty	James Parks
Erin Hurley	Susan Santerelli
Alejandro Jacome	Christian Scranton
Robert Katz	Erick Von Handorf

Congratulations to the following alumni for passing the February, 1999 Bar Exam:

Mary Lynn Hansen	Elizabeth Delfayet Marks
Gary Mel Hein	Raquel Lynn Slepian
Bruce Alfred LaPore	Eileen Michelle Sweeters
Margaret Jo Lowrie	

Graduation Tapes Available

Remember graduation day, or was it all a blur with the excitement of the day?

The following graduation video tapes are available to purchase. Contact Dirk Dirksen at 415-206-1621 to order your tape.

1989	15 minutes	\$15.00
1990	45 minutes	\$17.50
1991	54 minutes	\$17.50
1992	75 minutes	\$17.50
1997	80 minutes	\$17.50
1998	90 minutes	\$17.50

A very hearty thank-you to all of the Students, members of the Board of Directors, and Faculty who took time away from their busy days to support the School. Volunteering is one of the most important ways that you can show your

THE 1998 GRADUATION CEREMONY

On June 14, the long-awaited day arrived for the class of 1998. The 88th San Francisco Law School Graduation ceremony was dedicated to the memory of Robert W. Crown, class of 1951.

The commencement ceremony was held at the Herbst Theatre, with a reception following in the Green Room. The Board of Directors and the Faculty robed and marched in the procession, adding to the pageantry. Victoria Curtis, 1997-98 Student Body President, introduced Joseph Russoniello, President of the Board of Directors, who served as master of ceremonies. He recognized distinguished guests attending the commencement: Quentin Kopp, guest speaker; Senator Milton Marks, faculty member, and Senator Nicholas Petris, who presented the Robert W. Crown scholarship award.



The 1998 graduating class

Senator Quentin Kopp gave an enlightening speech, but the true inspiration came from the graduates themselves, who spoke from their hearts, notably, Valedictorian Erik Von Handorf, who eloquently expressed to the audience and his fellow graduates the strength of the education they received at SFLS and encouraged them to remember the School that gave them the opportunity to study and practice the law.

After the ceremony, the following graduates celebrated with their families and friends one of the greatest accomplishments of their lives:

Robert Anthony Casper, Jr., Richard Chalmers Curry, J. Victoria Curtis, Christian Froide Donica, Mara Lynn Finerty, Antonio Makonnen Fiorentino, Mary Lynn Hansen, Erin Tara Hurley, Alejandro Idefonso Jacome, Janet Lila Kahn, Donald Mendel, Michael Edward Mitchell, Jane Margaret Murray, Paul Bryant Pizzeck, Jonathan Quint, Francisco Jose Rodriguez, Susan Mary Santerelli, Christian Ryan Scranton, Eileen Michelle Sweeters, and Erik Paul Von Handorf.

1999 ALUMNI-SENIOR DINNER

The annual Alumni Senior Dinner was held on April 8, 1999 at the Officers Club at Fort Mason. Faye Lee Bresler, Alumni Association President, presided over the evening. All fourth year students were invited to attend and were sponsored by an alumnus.

A special thank-you to the following alumnus who contributed to this event.

Terry Anderlini ('69)	Mayer Daniel ('65)	Dwight Parcell ('97)
David Birka-White ('78)	Mary Kathryn Farley ('75)	Susan Santerelli ('98)
Sidney Berebstein ('83)	Mara Finerty ('98)	Frank Satterwhite ('83)
Robert Bisno ('78)	Margaret Havey ('86)	Cynthia Schreurs ('96)
Faye Lee Bresler ('91)	Mary Lynn Hansen ('98)	Dennis Simmons ('89)
David Bryden ('92)	Dorothy Jones ('74)	Robert Succa ('94)
Arthur Bridgett ('36)	Leroy Hersh ('55)	Erik Von Handorff ('98)
Brooke Brigham ('97)	Paula Kamena ('82)	Bruce Wolfson ('95)
Eric Carlson ('78)	Lois Landini ('78)	
James Cois ('88)	John Mallen ('62)	

The Alumni Board of Directors adopted a Mentor Program to foster communication between alumni and to assist graduates in their first years of practice. The Board believes that advice from experienced practitioners can be invaluable to solo practitioners, as they begin their practice of the law. Many new attorneys have not worked for someone else before going solo and lack the experience necessary to address certain problems that arises in the course of their practice. New attorneys are particularly vulnerable to difficulties in arriving at solutions to client problems, have difficulty in assessing options and avoiding tactical errors; or may fail to understand legal procedures in a particular area of law. Through the Mentor Program, solos can also find help with less-than-substantive problems. For example, it may be comforting to call one of our mentors before appearing in court for the first time.

The Mentor Program is similar to programs offered by local bar associations but differs in that our volunteers are graduates of SFLS. Each mentor agrees to commit to at least one hour per month advising new attorneys. The consultation can take place in person, or by telephone. New attorneys have the privilege of assistance from experienced attorneys, while the mentors benefit from the satisfaction of assisting new colleagues. Their meeting may result in other relationships, including Association of Counsel in complicated cases. Law students may want to use the Mentor Program to volunteer their services to work with a mentor attorney for free in exchange for trial experience.

Our advice to new attorneys, "If you don't have a mentor relationship, it may be beneficial to develop one." If you are interested in volunteering for the Mentor Program, please contact LeRoy Hersh ('55), the Program Chairman, at (415) 441-5544.

The following graduates have expressed a desire to help by joining the Mentor Program: P. Terry Anderlini ('69), Walt Arden ('73), Michael Brucker ('63), Steven R. Cavalli ('81), William Clark ('67), Norman Gordon ('95), LeRoy Hersh ('55), John J. Keegan ('77), Richard M. Kelly ('90), Brian F. Kram (), Barbara Kuehn ('85), Faye Lee ('91), Michael Lynn ('79), Charles Maguire, Jr. ('81), Geraldine McGrath ('82), Nancy McKinnon ('85), King G. McPherson ('76), Eric A. Nyberg ('87), Harry Gordon Oliver II ('79), Stephan Pantos ('89), John Riordan ('59), Felix A. Seidler ('74), Dennis E. Simmons ('89), Rand L. Stephens ('84), Elizabeth E. Trutner ('89), Desmond B. Tuck ('83), Wesley Van Winkle ('87), The Hon. Bobby R. Vincent ('68), Muslim A. Wahab ('63), James B. Wickersham ('73), and Jean F. Wright ('57).

The Alumni Association was formed to promote the best interests of San Francisco Law School and to assist alumni in their service to society and the law profession. The Alumni Board consists of 12 directors who hold meetings in February and September of each year. The directors are elected by the general membership at the annual meeting and serve for three years. The current directors are:

P. Terry Anderlini, Esq. ('69) of Anderlini, Guheen, Finkelstein & Emerick, handles legal malpractice, medical malpractice, and personal injury matters.

Holly Bratt, R.N., J.D. ('89) an Associate with Meisel & Associates in San Francisco, specializing in plaintiff personal injury and medical malpractice.

Faye Lee Bresler, Esq. ('91) of the Law Offices of Bresler & Lee, handles probate and trust matters.

Eric C. Carlson ('78), retired Chief Administrative Officer of San Francisco Law School.

Mary Jane Gordon, Esq. ('89) is employed by United Airlines and has a part-time general practice.

LeRoy Hersh, Esq. ('74) of Hersh & Hersh, handles civil litigation, products liability, personal injury, sexual harassment, and employment discrimination matters.

Dorothy Jones, Esq. ('74) is a Deputy County Counsel for Marin County.

Ligia Melendez, Esq. ('94) of Melendez & Associates, has a general practice.

Ellen Mendelson, Esq. ('88) is a solo practitioner with emphasis on employment and labor law.

John Riccio, Esq. ('85) of the Law Offices of John Riccio, handles landlord-tenant and real estate law.

Mohamed Salem, Esq. ('88) is a solo practitioner in the area of construction law.

Carolyn Tamony ('96) works for the legal department at CNA Insurance Company on asbestos cases.

Wesley Van Winkle, Esq. ('87) is a solo practitioner working on criminal appellate matters.

Alumni Currents

HOLLY BRATT, R.N., J.D. ('89) is the newly-appointed member of the San Francisco Law School Alumni Association Board of Directors. Holly is an associate with Meisel & Associates in San Francisco, specializing in plaintiff personal injury and medical malpractice. She is the author of Risk Prevention Skills for Sub Acute and Extended Care Facilities, and currently writing a book on Risk Prevention Skills for Home Health Care. She is a member of the S.F. Trial Lawyers and the S.F. Bar Association. We welcome her to the Board of Directors.

Holly informed us that her classmates from the Class of '89 have been busy: **BOB MCNAIR** is with Prudential Securities; **MARY SANCIMINO** is with Hunter & Bovarnick in San Francisco and just became a Certified Specialist in Estate Planning Probate and Tax Law; **STAN SHIELDS** is with Boxer, Elkind & Gerson in Oakland handling Applicant's Workers' Compensation matters; and **STEVE PANTOS** is a Hearing Officer for the Immigration and Naturalization Service in San Francisco.

TIM CLANCY, ('82) currently is Deputy District Attorney, Tuolumne County District Attorney's Office, 2 South Green St., Sonoma, CA 95370.

MICHAEL B. DAVIS ('80) has been engaged in contract work for other attorneys, doing research and writing civil law and appellate motions, and writ work in San Francisco. His telephone number is (415) 334-0997.

MARGARET B. LUCEY, ('96) is an associate with Lynch, Gilardi & Grummer, 50 Francisco Street, Suite 400, S.F. 94133. The firm specializes in civil defense litigation, including products liability, professional negligence, employment, business, intellectual property, environmental, health care, construction and insurance coverage disputes.

MARTIN J. RUANE, ('91) has become a partner in the firm of Lanahan and Reilley and practices civil litigation in the San Francisco office, 500 Sansome Street, Suite 300, S.F. 94111. Lanahan and Reilley also has offices in Santa Rosa, Sacramento, and in Los Angeles and handles personal injury, probate, family law, construction defect, business, real estate and transactional matters.

DENNIS SIMMONS, ('92) is a sole practitioner at Dennis Simmons Law Office, 605 Market St., #900, S.F. 94105. He practices Employment law and Personal Injury with a concentration on negotiations of severance packages.

DUDLEY ZAPPETTINI ('51) writes: I graduated from San Francisco Law School in the Spring of 1951. I took the Bar Examination from the 1st thru the 3rd of October in 1951.

I would like to tell you of the success of our small group in the year of 1951. There were five students of San Francisco Law School who took the test. I believe they all were first times. If that is correct, I'm sure your records will disclose that four of the five passed. That would be 80%.

The records should also show the overall Bar passage rate that year was 33%. Believe me I was proud to be part of the S.F. Law School group at that time. At the time I took the Bar Examination; I was an Assistant Trust Officer at the American Trust company, now merged with Wells Fargo Bank. When I passed the Bar, I was offered a job by the law offices of Brobeck, Phleger and Harrison and also by the law office of Hauerken, St. Clair and Viadro. Cyril Viadro at that time was a partner in that firm and he was also an instructor at San Francisco Law School. I chose to go with the firm in which Mr. Viadro was a partner. I continued with that firm until I retired at the end of December of 1987.

During my time as a lawyer, I eventually became a Civil Defense Trial Lawyer and became a member of The American College of Trial Lawyers. At the time of my retirement, the firm name was St. Clair, Zappettini, McPetridge and Griffin.

Mr. Zappettini is a San Francisco Law School Life Member.

If you would like to be included in the alumni currents please let us know by sending the information to the AXIS attn: Editor, 20 Haight St. S.F. 94102 or email address at admin@sfls.edu.

1999 Alumni-Senior Dinner

The annual Alumni-Senior Dinner is a time honored tradition at San Francisco Law School. It is an event which embodies the spirit of fellowship amongst our community. One in which the graduating seniors begin their lives as alumni, and where alumni show their support of their young colleagues. It is our hope that all of our alumni who possibly can, attend this event. This participation illustrates the continued connection between our alumni and student body.

This year's event was held on April 8th, at the Fort Mason Officer's Club. We would like to thank all of the alumni who supported students this year, as well as those who have supported students in the past. We hope to see this traditional event continue to grow and flourish.

Recruitment Update

Recruiting has been a major focus this past year. Personal contact with prospective applicants has been emphasized as we have found this to be the most positive way to interest prospective applicants.

OPEN HOUSES

Five Open Houses were held this year — some on Saturdays, some on weekday evenings. Attendance ranged from 8-60 and included individuals from all walks of life. The smaller, more intimate meetings were the most productive since they showcased the School's atmosphere of personal education.

Law Day featured alumni who recounted their experiences at SFLS and where their education ultimately led them.

COLLEGE FAIRS

Law School Information Day was held at UC Berkeley and San Francisco State University this past fall. Catherine Dawson, Associate Dean for Administration and John Healy, SBA President attended UC Berkeley's Fair and the response was excellent with over 75 interested individuals. Dean Dawson attended the SFSU Fair. Although the Fair was smaller than UC Berkeley's, many attended the following SFLS Open House.

CORPORATE FAIRS

Many corporations hold college fairs to encourage their employees to further their education. Beth Delsol, Marketing and Events Coordinator and Dean Dawson attended the East Bay Municipal Utilities District event which is held every two years. This fair proved very successful for SFLS recruiters and opened the door to other corporate fairs.

Ms. Delsol also represented the school at the Contra Costa Education Fair and plans to attend Pacific Gas and Electric Company Fair.

UNIVERSAL WOMEN'S EXPO

The 2nd Annual Women's Expo, sponsored by KMEL radio was held in April at the San Francisco Concourse Exhibition Center and benefited the American Cancer Society. The School set up a booth where Dean Dawson, Randa Shatara, Director of Admissions, and Beth Delsol handed out catalogs and SFLS tee-shirts and pencils. Over 10,000 people attended and SFLS was the only law school represented. The response was excellent and many of the contacts signed up to attend the June Open House.

If you know of any events that you think the school may benefit by attending, please contact Beth Delsol at 415-626-5550, ext. 124.

Alumni Association AVISO

A Message from Faye Lee Bresler



Faye Lee Bresler – President

At the Alumni Board's fall meeting, we held our election of officers. I was elected to serve as President for another year; Carol Tamony ('96) was elected Vice President; John Riccio ('85) was elected Secretary; and Dorothy Jones ('74) was elected Treasurer.

We also discussed the ongoing Mentor Program and ways to increase participation by mentors and to provide more information to those who would be interested in using these services. The Board also decided to sponsor a one-day tutorial program for first-year students. Committee members for this program are Mary Jane Gordon ('89), Dorothy Jones ('74), and Ellen Mendelsohn ('88). We are also pleased to welcome Holly Bratt ('89) to our board of directors.

The Alumni Association is continuing its efforts to identify class representatives or co-chairpersons for each graduating class. If you are interested in being the contact person or a co-chairperson for your class, please call me at (415) 776-7177.

The 2nd Annual Hall of Fame dinner is scheduled for November 1999, at the World Trade Club, and the class representatives will be assisting in this event and helping to celebrate the law school's 90th anniversary.

Deferred Gifting to SFLS

Remember to include San Francisco Law School in your estate plan through some form of planned gift. Many generous alumni have used a variety of methods to make gifts of lasting benefit to San Francisco Law School. Graduates are encouraged to support San Francisco Law School by a deferred gift plan. Since these gifts are all deferred, you can enjoy your retirement lifestyle and still leave a substantial gift to San Francisco Law School.

Some planned giving methods are as follows: A bequest in a will of a 5% or 10% share of the estate. It's a nice way to say "thank you" to San Francisco Law School for your legal education. (Our thanks to Charles Milhouse Johnson ('41) and to his estate for the recent bequest under his will.)

A life income plan, using a charitable remainder trust. For graduates who are looking for a predictable income stream, a charitable remainder trust (CRT) can meet your personal objectives in addition to reducing your estate taxes. Under a charitable trust, you can change low-basis stock into a fixed, dependable stream of life-time income while making a gift to the law school and qualifying for a year-end income tax deduction. If you make a substantial profit this year, you can consider an outright gift of appreciated property to San Francisco Law School and receive a charitable income tax deduction.

Naming San Francisco Law School as a contingent beneficiary of existing life insurance contracts. Our law school can benefit from your gift when the primary beneficiary is no longer living.

Naming San Francisco Law School as a beneficiary of your IRA or retirement plan. These balances are included in your taxable estate and face federal and state income taxes and a charitable gift to San Francisco Law School can be a useful estate planning tool.

Last year, I agreed to head the Planning Giving Committee for the law school. If you are interested in becoming a member of this committee, please call me at (415) 776-7177. If I can answer any questions about your proposed gift to the law school, please do not hesitate to call.

Annual Dues and Alumni Life Membership

Let us not forget that there is one continuous opportunity to assist your law school that always conserves your time and demonstrates your respect for your legal roots: We speak, of course, of cash donations. Postage costs money, printing costs money, and even dinners for our senior class costs money. We are always more than willing for you to contribute toward those costs. If your practice will allow, we would like to encourage you to become a lifetime member of the Alumni Association for \$250 or to become an active member for an annual due of \$25. We already have 31 alumni who have become life members!

Finally, I would like to thank San Francisco Law School for selecting me as its first Alumnae of the Year. As a result of this award and my volunteer efforts in the Chinese community, the office of Mayor Willie Brown and Mabel Teng of the Board of Supervisors presented me with Certificates of Honor in public recognition of my community service.

Upcoming Events

Our 4th Annual Picnic and 2nd Annual Silent Auction will be held on Saturday, September 11, 1999, at the Pioneer Log Cabin picnic area in Golden Gate Park. Bill Lee of Starlite Electric, Inc., will barbeque for a third year in a row!

Our 1st Annual Silent Auction was such a success, we decided to hold it once again. If you would like to donate art goods, silver, plants, baked goods, or bric-a-brac for the auction, please contact me. We can arrange for someone to pick up the items for this special fundraising event. Mark your calendars to attend this fun-filled picnic and auction. It's a great way to meet with classmates, alumni, faculty and students.

The annual Board of Directors meeting for the Alumni Association will be held on Wednesday, September 8, 1999, at 12:00 noon at the Law

CORNER STONES

Alumni Profile

Felix Stuckey '72

FELIX STUCKEY, ESQ, member of the SFLS Board of Directors and beloved member of the San Francisco Law School community passed away on September 26, 1998.

Born on May 10, 1932 in Kiblah, Arkansas, Felix graduated valedictorian from Booker T. Washington High School. He then went on to graduate summa cum laude from the University of Arkansas and later received a Masters of Business in Taxation from Golden Gate University. In 1972, he earned the degree of Doctor of Jurisprudence from SFLS and was admitted to the Bar the same year.

Felix served in the U.S. Army 1955-57, worked for the U.S. Post Office 1957-60, the Alameda County Assessor's Office from 1960-63, and went on to serve the Internal Revenue Service as the first African-American special agent in Northern California from 1963-72.

He shared his first law office with the late Honorable Donald McCullum, and later opened his sole practice specializing in taxation, real estate and probate law. He also held a real estate broker's license and was former owner of Checkboard Realty.

He was appointed by former Governor Pete Wilson to serve on the Judicial Selection Committee and was later appointed as a Probate Referee for Alameda County. Mr. Stuckey was instrumental in recommending judicial appointments for numerous African-American attorneys who now serve as judges for the Municipal, Superior and Federal courts.

Felix Stuckey was the past president of the Charles Huston Bar Association; a member of the Alameda County Bar Association; and the National Bar Association. He was also a devoted member of the Allen Temple Baptist Church; the University of Arkansas Alumni Association; Pine Bluff Alumni Association; a life member of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Berkeley Alumni Chapter; and a supportive connecting Link in the Alameda-Contra Costa Chapter, Links, Inc.. A strong supporter of San Francisco Law School, Felix served as a Board Member since 1994.

A devoted husband and father, Felix married his college sweetheart, Carolyn Bush, and together they had four children, Rita, Anita, Felica and Felix.

Through his service to the African-American community, as mentor and role model to attorneys and judges throughout California, and for his strong commitment to SFLS, Felix Stuckey will be remembered as a man of great character, and will be missed by all whose lives he touched.



Felix Stuckey
SFLS Class of 1972

LIFE MEMBER'S UPDATE

The following alumni have committed to lifetime membership in the San Francisco Law School Alumni Association:

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ALUMNI JOB BANK

In these lean times, both major law firms and private firms are not advertising their attorney positions in traditional legal newspapers. Your Alumni Association has a job bank to collect these "unadvertised" positions. There are an estimated 1,200 graduates from San Francisco Law School. You can help by showcasing our young alumni for SFLS graduates who are in a hiring position. If your law office is hiring, send descriptions of any job openings to: Portland Coates, Chairman, SFLS Alumni Job Bank 1537 - 12th Avenue, San Francisco, CA 94122, or, you may call her at (415) 564-4609.

Those looking for a job should send a letter identifying their intended area of practice and a resume to

parting shots



A bright group indeed! Past and present Crown Scholarship awardees pose at the Luncheon. Pictured left to right, Matthew Udall ('95), Dean Owens, Pam Vincent ('99), and Marc Francis ('87).



The 1998-99 Traynor Moot Court Team James Abbeduto, Brooke Brigham (Advisor), Mark Aulik, and Wendi Boselli.



Seniors smile at the 1999 Alumni-Senior Dinner.



Dean Owens and Board of Director James Smith robed and smiling at the 1998 Graduation at Herbst Theater.



Putting on the Ritz at the 1999 SBA Annual Spring Dance (from left to right): Lucinda Simpson, Bob Bisno, (SFLS Board of Directors), Jan Bisno, Mark Aulick and Wendi Boselli.



A toast to the future. Seniors Tanya Chandler, Mozeed Salaam, and Shelly Feinberg pause to pose at the 1999 Alumni-Senior Dinner.

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