

Yuba College Alumni of the Year Award - 1999

Renzo A. Del Pero

Alumnus of the Year

This award was presented to Mr. Del Pero at the May, 1999 Yuba College (Marysville Campus) graduation ceremony.

Education: Renzo A. Del Pero's association with Yuba College dates to the College's earliest years. Mr. Del Pero attended Yuba when the school was still physically and organizationally affiliated with Marysville High School. His graduation from Yuba College in 1934, and his continued schooling at UC Berkeley, were exceptional achievements in light of the veil of economic depression which hung over the country at the time.

Mr. Del Pero's U.C. Berkeley years were similarly remarkable. After completing his associate's degree at Yuba, he was accepted into Berkeley, where he was awarded the prestigious Anabelle Carr Scholarship to complete his undergraduate studies. Remarkably, he then had the unprecedented privilege of again receiving the Carr Scholarship, this time in support of his first year at Boalt Hall, UC Berkeley's Law School, where he then completed his legal studies in 1939.

Professional Career: After a brief affiliation with an Oakland law firm, Mr. Del Pero joined the Federal Bureau of Investigation where he quickly established himself as an exceptionally competent and energetic agent. During the World War II era, Renzo worked on denaturalization proceedings, in support of the FBI's wartime intelligence operations. At the war's conclusion, he returned to Sutter County as the FBI's first resident agent in a Northern California region. His territory encompassed five counties while his duties involved the investigation of bank robberies, missing children cases and general investigation.

His formal legal career began in earnest in 1950 when he left the FBI to join John G. Hauck in the Sutter County District Attorney's Office. His association with Hauck was productive for both parties, launching Renzo first into the role of Assistant District Attorney under Hauck and later, when Hauck became County Superior Court Judge, into the position of County Counsel. Hauck and Renzo were allowed in those days to join in a private practice as well, an association that lasted for several decades.

Since the late 1960s Mr. Del Pero has dedicated himself to his private practice. As a member of the California State Bar for nearly 60 years, he has developed expertise in numerous areas including criminal law, family law, and business and corporate law, as well as estate planning and probate law. In recent years he has concentrated more on corporate and business law, limiting his part-time practice to the service of long-time clients and friends. His daughter Lisa, who joined the family firm in 1977, shares with him an interest in corporate and business law.

Community and Family: Renzo Del Pero has been married to Eunice Del Pero for 51 years, and in addition to Lisa, they have given our community Richard and Robert Del Pero, who are both physicians in the Yuba/Sutter region. He has five grandchildren.

Mr. Del Pero is a charter member of the Yuba City Rotary Club as well as a member of the Masons and Shriners. He has recently been awarded a 50-year pin by the Masons. Additionally he has served as a life member of the Cal Alumni Association and is a member of the Association of Ex-FBI Agents in Sacramento. In his spare time Renzo enjoys traveling and photography, while remaining physically active through walking and exercise.