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## Local Attorney Doug Peterson Keeps the Pedals Turning

By Matthew Yium

When Doug Peterson rides his bike to work, it's not an ordinary ride. The trek from work to home (Hillsboro to Bethany) sometimes isn't quite far enough, so he'll cruise over the hill to Portland and back. You may not know it, but Peterson isn't just another lawyer down the street. He's also a world-class mountain biker.

Peterson, who has been a domestic relations lawyer at Peterson Peterson & Cernitz in Hillsboro since 2001, has been mountain biking competitively since his days in college at Oregon State University. Early in his career, his specialty was the cross country race, where competitors ride for 24-hours to see who can travel the longest distance. He competed seriously from 2000 to 2002, leading up to his qualifying for the World Championships in Whistler, British Columbia. He raced, along with 40 other bikers, in the championships in both 2003 and 2004. His experience there was exciting, but "humbling" as he described it.

In November 2004, Peterson began training for Race Across Oregon, which is a 540 mile road bike race starting at Portland International Airport, heading east over Mount Hood to the Long Creek/Monument area, then turning around and heading back to Timberline Lodge. It is a grueling road biking race, with riders and their support vans traveling extremely long distances, not unlike the well-known Hood to Coast race-only Peterson did it alone.



Doug Peterson

Although he had spent years on the mountain bike circuit, he found a natural transition to road biking because most of his training was being done on the road between home and work anyway. He trained mostly on the weekends, working on his stamina by riding distances between 250-300 miles.

Finally, race day came in early June of 2005. As prepared as he had been, Peterson never could have expected the challenges he faced. By nightfall on the first day, the rain started falling and temperatures dropped into the 30's. Not expecting the rain to last, he decided not to change into his rain gear. But the rain didn't let up and soon his clothes were soaked and he began to get hypothermia. Finally, he made it to a small town where he could change clothes and, feeling refreshed, got back on his bike just as the sun came up and the rain stopped. And that's when his support van broke down. Without a support van, he was

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# President's Message

By Michele Rini, WCBA President



Michelle Rini  
WCBA President

Today, a client of mine, a mother in her mid twenties, signed a Stipulated Judgment terminating her parental rights to her young son. This was the third child that was removed from her care. She has long standing issues regarding marijuana, domestic violence, a prior involuntary termination and, of course, a recent foray into methamphetamines.

This could have been a really tragic day for my client. It wasn't. It was still sad, but it was positive as well. Personally, she is doing well. She is in a long term drug treatment program and receiving mental health and domestic violence counseling. However, under the current federal guidelines, the court considered it "too little too late." But, ironically, this is about what ultimately went right, not wrong.

An assistant attorney general, who shall remain nameless, once commented to me that, if handled with the proper touch, a stipulated termination has the ability to empower a parent with the knowledge that they are doing what is best for their child. On the flip side, a poorly handled situation can make a parent feel defeated and beaten down. In this instance, even after the case was staffed for termination, the caseworker from the Department of Human Services continued to emotionally support my client and applaud the efforts she made. She even contacted the foster/adoptive placements of my client's other two children to arrange ongoing contact between the three siblings.

We were able to secure a mediator who worked with mom and the adoptive resource to draft a post adoption communication agreement, and the court approved the agreement on the record, thereby ensuring to my client that she had an enforceable agreement. As she was set to have one of her last regular visits, the caseworker offered her a disposable camera to take pictures of her little boy.

Throughout the final weeks, my client certainly had her emotional ups and downs, but she did not use, and she kept her thoughts focused on what was best for her son. Had this case not had the extensive history that it has, this child's outcome may have been very different. Today, my client walked away, without anger, knowing that the resolution was the right one for this day. Not for tomorrow, not for the future, but, for today, the correct decision. If all of the people involved in this case had not come together like they did, this would have been a bitter case. But today, I

walked out of the courthouse and felt the sun's warmth on my face, and felt the same hope my client did. Tomorrow is another day.

## PROFESSIONALISM AWARD

The Washington County Bar Association is looking for nominations for those lawyers whom you feel should be honored for their professional demeanor and practices. Please submit all nominations to Rob Harris, who will head the committee along with Scott Adams, Tom Elliott, Richard Helzer, and Susan Isaacs. Nominations are due by April 15, 2006.

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### Doug Peterson

without food or water for some 50 miles, or three hours of the race. As if that wasn't enough, once a replacement van could be found, Peterson was already heading for the home stretch back up to Timberline, where it started snowing. Forty-four hours after he began the race, Peterson crossed the finish line, fifth in a field of 18.

Peterson is now setting his sights on his next race. He has taken the winter off and plans to start training again when the weather improves. Race Across Oregon has been moved later into the summer, a lesson learned from last year's near freezing temperatures. Peterson likely won't do it solo again, but he's considering doing the race with a four-person team. Seems like he'll do anything to get back on the bike.

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# Calendar of Events

## WCBA Newsletter Deadline

Please submit your information, articles, announcements, ads, etc. to our address or fax for publication in our next Newsletter by the following date:

- March/April 2006 Issue: March 31, 2006

## Schedule of Business Meetings/CLE's/Social Events

- WCBA April Dinner/CLE  
Wednesday, April 12, 2006, Rock Creek Country Club  
CLE: Judicial Candidates Panel  
Dinner Speaker: TBA  
CLE begins at 5:00 p.m., Cocktails at 6:30 p.m., Dinner at 7:00 p.m.
- WCBA May Dinner/CLE  
Wednesday, May 10, 2006, Rock Creek Country Club  
CLE: Adoption, Soldier Relief Act; Parents Moving Out of State  
Dinner Speaker: WCBA Annual Business Meeting  
CLE begins at 5:00 p.m., Cocktails at 6:30 p.m., Dinner at 7:00 p.m.
- Washington County Women Lawyers Brown Bag Lunch  
The third Tuesday of every month  
Room 208C – Washington County Courthouse – Noon to 1:00 p.m.

**Note:** All WCBA CLE programs are \$15.00 for those who register in advance and \$20.00 for those who register at the door. Charge for non-WCBA members is \$25.00. Please REGISTER so we know how many CLE packets we need to prepare.

## Multnomah Bar Association CLE Schedule

Registration deadlines are 5:00 p.m. the day before the CLE. If payment is not received by that time, the "at the door" registration fee will apply. For registration inquiries, please call the MBA at (503) 222-3275 or send an email to mba@mbabar.org.

- Off-Site Escapades: Employment Issues Relating to Out of the Workplace Behavior  
Thursday, February 28, 2006, 3:00 - 5:00 p.m.  
World Trade Center Auditorium, 26 SW Salmon; \$50
- Annual Family Law Update  
Wednesday, March 1, 2006, 3:00 - 5:00 p.m.  
World Trade Center Auditorium, 26 SW Salmon; \$50
- Annual Presiding Court and Civil Motions Update  
Wednesday, March 8, 2006, 3:00 - 5:00 p.m.  
World Trade Center Auditorium, 26 SW Salmon; \$50
- Oregon Supreme Court Update  
Thursday, March 16, 2006, 3:00 - 5:00 p.m.  
World Trade Center Auditorium, 26 SW Salmon; \$50
- YLS Young Litigators Series  
Will be held every Friday, February 13 – March 10, 2006  
12:00p.m. – 1:00 p.m.  
Standard Insurance Building Auditorium

## Washington County Bar Association

### Board Members

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*The Board of Directors meets the first Wednesday morning of the month*

## Newsletter Ad Rates:

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- Half-page  
(5 1/2" x 8 1/2") ..... \$90/\$130

These ads will stand out and reach our county bar membership. Please send your ad one month prior to publication, along with payment, to WCBA, P.O. Box 912, Hillsboro, OR 97123. Any questions, call 503-648-0300.

## WCBA

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Phone: 503-648-0300, Fax: 503-693-9304  
Contact Julie Viner, our Administrative Assistant, at the above address and/or number for any correspondence or information about membership, meeting reservations or Newsletter articles or classifieds. Leave a brief message (60 sec. limit) on our answering machine and she will get back to you as soon as possible.

*Letters, award and news items, and announcements are welcome. Articles by members are accepted. All submissions may be edited for length, clarity and style, are published on a space available basis, and at the editor's discretion. Views expressed in articles represent the author's opinion, not necessarily the WCBA's. The publication does not purport to offer legal advice. Newsletter articles and announcements may be sent by e-mail to Michael T. Stone at law@brisbeeandstockton.com*

# Washington County to Implement New Criminal Judgment System

By Andy Sells, Washington County Court Operations Manager

Washington County is set to begin implementation of a new criminal judgment system this spring. Uniform Criminal Judgment (or UCJ) is a statewide form judgment system which has been successfully implemented in 30 Oregon courts to date. Chief Justice Carson has directed that all Oregon courts must be using UCJ no later than January 2007 to comply with legislative direction.

Among its many benefits, UCJ will: produce a form judgment that is easy to read and understand; provide the ability to access a conformed copy of the judgment directly from OJIN; avoid error in interpretation of what the judgment says; replace numerous courtroom forms, e.g., temporary sentence orders, referral forms, etc.; provide almost instantaneous access to the judgment by external stakeholders; and eliminate delay in preparation and entering criminal judgments.

As UCJ is implemented, sentencing may initially take longer than usual; but the pace will pick up as judges and staff become more familiar with the process. Defense attorneys will be asked to provide plea petitions early to staff and prosecutors will need to have victim and restitution information available at sentencing. In fact, any accurate sentencing information which can be provided to the judge and staff ahead of time will facilitate judgment preparation. The copy of the judgment that attorneys take away will be a conformed, legible document.

In Washington County, bar members could see a courtroom produced judgment as early as February 21, 2006. As each judge's staff is trained, they will begin producing all criminal judgments (other than PV judgments) using UCJ. Full implementation is expected by June 1, 2006.

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## New Bench/Bar Committee Seeks Members

The Washington County Bar Association, together with Presiding Judge Thomas Kohl, is pleased to announce the establishment of a Bench/Bar Committee. The purpose of the Committee will be to foster a strong working relationship between the Bench and the Bar and to allow and encourage informal discussions regarding matters of common interest.

The Committee will be made up of eight to ten members with five permanent members consisting of the Presiding Judge, a representative of the Public Defender's Office, the District Attorney and the President and President-Elect of the WCBA. There will be three to five members-at-large to be appointed on rotating two year terms. The Committee will meet at least quarterly and the meetings will be open to the public. The WCBA's President-Elect is responsible for preparing periodic reports to the WCBA through its newsletter.

We are seeking attorneys who have an interest in participating in this Committee as members-at-large. The members-at-large will be selected based upon qualifications and taking into account both practice and geographic diversity.

If you have any interest, please forward a letter of interest detailing your background to Michelle Rini, WCBA President.

Although a new Bench-Bar Committee is convening, there are existing committees in other areas of law. There is the domestic relations committee that meets on an ad hoc basis, and that contact person is Beth Mason. There is also a juvenile law committee, although it is much broader than just the bench and the bar. The juvenile law committee also includes the District Attorney's office, the Attorney General's office, the Department of Human Services, Oregon Youth Authority, and CASA. This committee generally meets about four times per year to discuss all topics to assist the juvenile department to run more efficiently.

**Jane Mopper** is pleased to announce the opening of her new law office at 4900 SW Griffith Drive, Suite 165, Beaverton, Oregon 97005. Phone: 503-626-6261. Jane will continue to focus on family law, employment law and personal injury. Jane welcomes your referrals.

# 2006 WASHINGTON COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION PROFESSIONALISM AWARD NOMINATION FORM

## Selection and Selection Criteria

- Any WCBA practicing member, except a member of the WCBA Professionalism Committee or the WCBA Board of Directors, is eligible to receive this award. Former nominees may be re-nominated.
- The recipient should exemplify, not simply meet, the standards in the WCBA Professionalism Statement:  
Professionalism goes beyond the observance of the legal profession's ethical rules and serves the best interests of clients and the public in general; it fosters respect and trust among and between lawyers, judges and the public, and promotes the efficient resolution of disputes.
- The award is intended to recognize and honor personal and professional qualities, reputation and conduct. Leadership activities/service, while probative of professionalism, are not considered key in the screening and selection process. Pro bono service and volunteer activities will be considered.
- The recipient should be a role model for other attorneys, particularly younger WCBA members.
- Because the award recipient should serve as a role model, an appreciation of diversity in the nomination and selection processes is important. The WCBA recognizes the important contributions of all lawyers – men and women, those in public/government, in-house corporate or private practice, solo or large firm practitioners, minorities, trial lawyers and non-litigators.

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**To nominate an individual for the award, please complete and return this form by April 15, 2006 . You may be contacted, confidentially, for more information on your nominee. Send completed form to Rob Harris at 165 S.E. 26th Avenue, Hillsboro, Oregon 97123.**

NOMINEE \_\_\_\_\_ Company/Firm \_\_\_\_\_

In a few paragraphs describe the nominee's attributes of professionalism (if additional space is needed, attach a letter to this form).

Name of nominator \_\_\_\_\_ Phone No. \_\_\_\_\_

# Presiding Judge Kohl Presents State of the Courts Address

By Matthew Yium

On January 11, 2006, the Washington County Bar Association held its monthly dinner at Rock Creek Country Club. After dinner was served, WCBA President Michele Rini presented a plaque on behalf of the WCBA to former Presiding Judge Marco Hernandez, who received a standing ovation for his work. Judge Hernandez thanked the attendees and highlighted some of the positive changes that were implemented during his tenure as presiding judge, including a number of behind the scenes administrative changes that have made a difference in court operations.

Following the presentation to Judge Hernandez, and after a warm welcome, new Presiding Judge Thomas Kohl delivered his State of the Courts address. As has been previously announced, the criminal docket will be headed by Judge Gayle Nachtigal, the civil docket by Mark Gardner, and the family law docket by Judge John Lewis. Judge Lewis has announced his upcoming departure in June 2006. WCBA members should be prepared for more changes in the judicial lineup, as there will be three new openings for judges who will be retiring at the end of their terms this year.

David Bennett, a consultant from Salt Lake City, has been hired to assess Washington County's criminal justice system. Bennett has already spent considerable time observing our court procedures and meeting with criminal justice officials. He has recommended some new policies and procedures, including the implementation of a pre-trial services program to improve monitoring of defendants and to make better booking/release assessments. Judge Kohl is looking forward to seeing Bennett's recommendations implemented.

The County now has funds for a much-needed full-time juvenile referee. Between 12-15 applications were received and are now under consideration for a hiring decision.

Judge Kohl expressed great enthusiasm about the success of drug court, which opened in March of last year. There are approximately 20 participants and since the opening of the court, two babies have been born drug-free, a true indication of the program's effectiveness.

There is also currently some discussion about the creation of a benchmark committee for the courts. This committee would serve as a forum for judges and lawyers to meet and discuss ongoing issues with the court system. Any interested volunteers should contact Ms. Rini.

Richard Moellmer, trial court administrator, announced that two new media carts will be coming in the spring of this year. These high-tech tools will be made available for any courtroom and will provide a laptop connection, large-screen projection of images and documents, and DVD/CD playback. Bar members should contact Moellmer with any questions about the media carts when they become available.

Finally, as the presentation drew to a close, Judge Kohl and Judge Hernandez honored Hollie Pihl for his dedicated legal work with Washington County, including over 50 years as an Oregon State Bar member. In honor of Pihl's outstanding service, the judges and court administrators made a contribution to the Washington County Historical Society in Pihl's name.

## 2006 WCBA Professionalism Award Nominations Sought

*The WCBA has adopted the following Statement of Professionalism:*

Professionalism goes beyond the observance of the legal profession's ethical rules and serves the best interests of clients and the public in general; it fosters respect and trust among and between lawyers, judges and the public, and promotes the efficient resolution of disputes.

The WCBA is now seeking nominations for its 2006 Professionalism Award to be awarded to a local attorney who exemplifies such professionalism as Alan Bonebrake, last year's winner. Any WCBA member is eligible, with the exception of the WCBA's Board of Directors and members of the Professionalism Award Committee.

Attached hereto is a nomination form and we encourage all of our colleagues to recognize those among us who best exemplify our profession.

## Katelyn Booth Randall Joins Metropolitan Public Defender

James D. Hennings, Executive Director of the Metropolitan Public Defender Services, Inc., announced the hiring of a new staff attorney, Katelyn Booth Randall.

Katelyn Booth Randall joined the Metropolitan Public Defender January 9, 2006, and will be working in the Multnomah County Office. Ms. Randall received her undergraduate degree from the University of New

Hampshire and attended The University of Oregon School of Law, graduating in 2002. Ms. Randall was admitted to the Oregon State Bar in 2004. Prior to joining the Metropolitan Public Defender, Ms. Randall worked as an Associate Attorney.

Ms. Randall is also a Chapter Representative of the Oregon American Constitution Society.

## Jury Appreciation Program Update

By Oscar Garcia

Some may say that they have never heard of this program before. That statement could very well be true unless you checked your email from the Oregon State Bar in September or saw our blurb in the November/December edition of the WCBA newsletter. The Jury Appreciation Program was an effort to get donations of slightly used books, magazines and puzzles from local attorneys for the jurors to use during waiting periods.

The Jury Appreciation Program really didn't get the response that we were hoping for. We initiated the donation process on three separate occasions, once in September, once in November and once in December. Our program contact at the Washington County Courthouse,

Richard Moellmer - Trial Court Administrator, seemed pleased with the few donations he did receive. Thanks to everyone who made donations we were able to donate a couple of grocery sacks and file boxes full of slightly used magazines along with a few jigsaw puzzles and crossword puzzle books with ink pens included. With the help of my assistant, Melissa Jantzer, we dropped off the last donation of magazines on Thursday, January 26, 2006.

If you are kicking yourself because you didn't donate, it is not too late. They are always in need of more magazines, magazines subscriptions, puzzles and books. Please contact my office and speak with my assistant for more details.

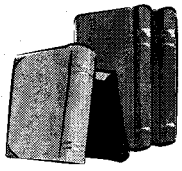
### Mark Your Calendar for Annual Golf Tournament

The Washington County Bar Association annual golf tournament will be held at Quail Valley Golf Course on July 12, 2006. Tee times start at noon. Keep this date on your calendar. This year's event promises to be bigger and better. Yes, we will have Holy tape and St. Mulligans from St. Andrew's Legal Clinic and a barbeque dinner will follow the event. If you have questions, contact Matt Kehoe at 503-648-0766.



### Shelly Fuller Welcomes John Guinn as Associate

Shelly Fuller has now taken on an associate attorney. Her new associate will be John Guinn, formerly an associate at Garland, Lay, Suwada and Hilborn. John will be specializing in criminal, domestic relations, civil litigation and employment law.



# What's New at the Washington County Law Library

By Laura Orr, Law Librarian

## AFTER -HOURS ACCESS KEYS

If you have a Law Library After-hours access key AND have not used it in the past year (2005), please let us know your name, key number, and email address. A number of new security measures are being implemented in all Washington County buildings and your key may not work after March 1st, 2006. After-hours access keys are supplied by the Washington County Facilities Department, which is in the process of updating their magnetic and hard-key systems. We will post new information here in this Law Library News column on After-hours access key policies, but if we have email addresses for all key-holders we can notify you directly of any changes, without delay.

## TAX DEDUCTIBLE DONATIONS

Reduce, REUSE, recycle: The Law Library is happy to help you find a good home for current (past 5 years) CLEs, or other law books for that matter, that you no longer wish to keep in your collections. We can add them to our collection or offer them to another Oregon county law library. The value of the donation may be deductible when you file your taxes.

## DONATIONS, NOT NECESSARILY TAX DEDUCTIBLE

**2003 ORSs:** We are once again collecting 2003 ORSs and distributing them to attorneys in solo practice, non-profits, or with small law libraries where cost-cutting is the order of the day. (Armed with the list of Sections Affected, the 2003 ORS is still a useful set, if one also double-checks online.) So, if you have a set of 2003 ORS you no longer want, please consider donating it to us. There are lawyers who will treasure it. Thank you!

## NEW BOOKS

- *Consultant & Independent Contractor Agreements*, Nolo Press 2005
- *Oregon Automobile Law: A Compilation*, OSB 2005
- *Quick LLC: All You Need To Know About Limited Liability Companies*, Nolo Press 2004

## NEW CLEs

- Advance Directives and the POLST Program (MBA 2005)
- Advanced Administrative Law (OLI 2005)
- Anatomy of a Construction Lien: Getting it Done and Avoiding the Sinkholes (MBA 2005)
- 18th Annual Ethics Seminar (OLI 2005)
- Evidence from the Judges (OLI 2005)
- Mandatory Arbitration Training (MBA 2005)
- Planning and Ethics of Asset Protection (MBA 2005)
- Representing Clients at the Oregon Legislature (OLI 2005)

## ONLINE LEGAL RESEARCH

### Blogs and Websites I'm Reviewing Now

- Online Guide to Mediation: <http://mediationblog.blogspot.com>
- The Illinois Trial Practice Weblog: <http://www.illinois-trialpractice.com/>: (filled with loads of useful information and not just for Illinois attorneys)

### Online Databases and the Law Library

Law Library patrons now have public in-library access to Westlaw and remote access to HeinOnline. There is no charge for using any of these databases; the Law Library pays a flat monthly subscription fee that allows unlimited searching in selected databases.

**Westlaw:** Westlaw Patron Access, as Thomson/West Group calls it, is available in the Law Library. You may search the database yourself, but please don't hesitate asking for search advice from us or from Westlaw's reference attorneys. We have a cordless phone you can use while you're sitting at the workstation logged on.

**HeinOnline:** You have access to HeinOnline from any computer anywhere in the world that has uncensored Internet access – as long as you have a Washington County public library card. We do not issue them here in the Law Library, but any public library in Washington County can. The library card will give you access to the many databases the Washington County library system (Wilinet) subscribes to, including HeinOnline. Washington County residents may also get a Multnomah County library card,



which gives you access to even more databases. Why do I like HeinOnline? One of among many other useful HeinOnline features is that it's fast to get to the documents. It's a relatively small database so it's quick to log on, quick to navigate, and quick to download to PDF. I can be in and out with my document in half the time, or less, than the search would take in the large databases. We don't want to give up our full-service databases, but I'm sure glad the small ones are around too.

**Lexis:** Law Library staff members now also have Lexis passwords. They are not for general use, but we got them so we can provide better service to you. Don't hesitate asking us if we can find something on the database for you or if you want to try it out while you are here in your Law Library. We, and Lexis, are happy to give you the opportunity to take Lexis for a scenic drive.

### **Oregon Legal Research Blog**

The Oregon Legal Research blog can be found at <http://oregonlegalresearch.blogspot.com/>. Not all of you want to "blog-spot" on a regular basis, so I'll make a habit of including here in print some of the more useful entries I've posted to the blog. But do go to the web site to get the URLs (aka hypertext links) – some are just too long to print here. Or email me and I'll email the links back to you. The first entry listed below, on Military Status Verification, was posted in October and re-posted in January, by popular demand.

**Military Status Verification:** If you need to verify non-military status for the purpose of complying with new SMCRA (aka SCRA), here are the amendments to the Soldiers and Sailors Civil Relief Act of 1940 and links to 3 places where you can verify non-military status. <http://oregonlegalresearch.blogspot.com/>, January 20th posting.

**Legal writing blog:** Wayne Scheiss (Legalwriting.net) reminds us about a few words and phrases that should be banished from legal writing (and most other writing for that matter) and includes "to wit." This is a pity. I always liked "to wit" and never really lumped it in with some of the real horrors, to wit, "wherefore premises considered" and "witnesseth" that Wayne mentions. Bryan Garner agrees with Wayne, re "to wit," but I like it. It's useful, adds variety without obfuscation, and has a nice sound to it. I feel the same way about "verbing." I'd object a lot more to the habit people have of turning nouns into verbs if it didn't result in so many wonderful and often funny words.

**Lawyer Survival Guide:** Did you know that the Clackamas County Circuit Court web site has a link to a Lawyer's Survival Guide to the Circuit Court? It's a PDF document so you can print it out for home study. Go to

the OJD web site ([www.ojd.state.or.us](http://www.ojd.state.or.us)) and follow the Courts links to Clackamas County Circuit Court.

**Library Values 2006:** The OSB 2006 Law Library Values grid is available now on the OSB ([osbar.org](http://osbar.org)) web page. The 2005 grid is there as well. I can usually find this useful grid under "Bar News" or using the web site search engine, but sometimes the grid just seems to go into hiding. If that happens, feel free to phone the bar or email me. I usually save it for just those occasions and can email it back to you.

**HeinOnline Content:** HeinOnline has added some interesting journals to their already impressive array. For your reading pleasure (note: an entire run of the "Green Bag" is already there), new additions, among many others, include: "Nexus: A Journal of Opinion," "Arab Law Quarterly," and the "Journal of Legal Pluralism and Unofficial Law."

**Attorney Help Center:** Solo practitioners lawyer blog MyShingle ([myshingle.com/](http://myshingle.com/)) links to and talks about the forms at the Maryland Personal Injury Help Center at the Miller & Zois law firm ([www.millerandzois.com/](http://www.millerandzois.com/)). These are forms that may be of use to attorneys in other states. It is interesting that the content isn't hidden behind a password. Good for them.

### **LAW LIBRARY NEWS**

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BLOG: <http://oregonlegalresearch.blogspot.com/>

## **HOHBACH LAW FIRM LLC**

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# Hearsay from Around the Bar

By Prudence J. Uris

Talk about comings and goings! We have three judges leaving and a slew of candidates eager to run for their positions. For those of you who having difficulty keeping track, I'll give you a short racing form (although by the time of printing we may have added or scratched a runner!). In the first race, we have **Rita Cobb** running unopposed. No bets are being accepted at this time. In the second race, we have **Kevin Luby**, who shot out of the gate by filing first. Following hot on his heels, or hoofs if we want to keep the metaphor going, is **Vince Deguc** and **Charlie Bailey**. In the third race, we have **Jim Fun** and **Leon Colas**. In April, the Bar Association is asking that all the runners parade around the ring at our usual CLE time, so that the bar members can get to know our candidates better. I hope you will join us for what should be a very informative meeting.

**John Guinn** has left Garland, Lay, Suwada, Hilborn et.al and joined **Shelley Fuller** as an associate. John is currently working in the areas of juvenile and criminal law, and expanding into domestic relations and employment law.

**Patrick McCarty** has joined **Ron Ridehalgh's** office. He was recently the judicial clerk for the Honorable Ronald Thom in Clackamas County. His areas of practice will be family law, handling a contract caseload, and whatever else he can get his hands on. An interesting tid-bit, he did postgraduate studies at the University of York, in York England.

In anticipation of **Suzanne Suwada's** maternity leave, **Aminah P. Saunders** will be filling in for a while. She is from Atlanta, Georgia, and will be covering Suzanne's contract caseload. Additionally, **Mark Lay** is also leaving Garland's, but on a permanent basis. He has accepted a job with the Attorney General's Office in the civil torts division.

**Ray Bassel** has moved his office over to the Hare-Sturgis building, and is sharing office space with **Betsy Rawlis** and Kindel Investigations. Hopefully, he will not follow the trends of so many others (you know who you are) who don't have open houses when they open new offices.

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