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SALC Washington County Expands Services; Seeks Volunteers

St. Andrew Legal Clinic's Washington County office was the recent recipient of a grant from the Oregon Law Foundation. This grant allowed an expansion of services in Washington County. In addition, it allowed St. Andrew Legal Clinic (SALC) to extend its services into Columbia County, where low-income legal services were greatly needed.

Since 1979, SALC has been providing legal services to low-income individuals with family law needs. Today it has offices located in Multnomah, Washington and Clackamas Counties and has helped over 35,000 families.

of welfare and become more productive members of our society.

SALC has responded to the increased demand for its services in Washington County and this office location now has the greatest number of staff attorneys. Of the 14 full-time SALC attorney staff, 6 reside in Washington County, 5 in Multnomah and 3 in Clackamas.

In addition, SALC currently has a pool of over 80 volunteers including lawyers and receptionists at all three branch offices that staff intake at Night Clinic.

During Night Clinic, clients meet with volunteer attorneys under the supervision of a SALC staff attorney for a 30-minute consultation. The volunteer interviews the individual, and with the assistance of the staff attorney, advises him/her of their rights, procedures, court costs, and the cost of retaining SALC.

Due to its recent expansion, SALC's Washington County office has an increased demand for Night Clinic volunteers. Night Clinics are held on Wednesday evenings. Volunteers arrive at 6:00pm for dinner and meet with clients from 6:30pm until 9:00pm.

Volunteers do not need to have legal experience in family law in order to help.

If you are interested in volunteering at SALC's Washington County office or to learn more about SALC, please call 503-648-1600 or visit www.salcgroup.org.



SALC's Washington County Staff

Legal representation is provided in the areas of divorce, child support, child custody, guardianship, spousal support, visitation, step parent adoption etc. As a result of the legal representation provided by SALC, children are growing up in safer environments; families have increased financial security; and people stay off

President's Message

By WCBA President Ken W. McNeil



Ken W. McNeil

How many of you celebrated Law Day on May 1st? I read about the thousands of people in downtown Portland and other places celebrating May Day on May 1st, but I couldn't find a single story about parades and demonstrations celebrating Law Day. Perhaps the founders of Law Day picked a bad day to celebrate our profession. There are many other days

in May that do not compete with holidays celebrating organized labor, mothers, or those who have died in military service to our country. While I realize that May 1st is an easy date to remember, May 2nd is also pretty easy to remember and we wouldn't have to compete with all that May Day revelry.

As lawyers, hopefully very few of you are asking "what is Law Day?" According to the Oregon State Bar, Oregon's legal community has celebrated National Law Day on May 1st for more than 25 years. President Dwight D. Eisenhower established Law Day as a day of national dedication to the principles of government under law in 1958. In 1961, May 1st was designated by a joint resolution of Congress as the official date for celebrating Law Day. Some bar associations even celebrate Law Week as an opportunity to recognize the role of courts in our democracy and the importance of jury service to maintaining the integrity of the courts.

I am a bit surprised that we need a special day, or an entire special week, to celebrate and recognize the importance of courts and juries in our democracy. To some extent, all of us should be a reflection of the importance of these institutions every single day. Your Washington County Bar Association is here to help facilitate an appreciation of our profession in two important ways. First, the WCBA assists with community projects that remind people of the importance of law and lawyers in our society. For example, recent WCBA sponsored events include the regional High School Mock Trial Competition, and the Oregon State Bar Association booth at the Washington County Fair.

Second, the Washington County Bar Association is providing monthly programs to help you become a better attorney. Recent presentations on Family Law, Immigration Law, and Elder Law have provided some new insights and practice tips that many consider invaluable. An easy opportunity to learn more about different areas of law should not be missed. For example, those who attended Dick Ginsburg's excellent Immigration Law presentation in April were given

comprehensive written materials that may be indispensable to your practice.

In June, Judge Kirsten Thompson will present a program on representing children in contested custody cases. The things you will learn from this presentation will help any Family Law practitioner, regardless of prior experience. Judge Thompson will also present information on the program she is developing in Washington County wherein private attorneys can be appointed to represent a child caught in a contested custody battle. For those of you interested in participating in this program, you *need* to be at this presentation on June 13th at 5:15 pm, at the Rock Creek Country Club. Of course, we also hope you will stay for the end-of-season bar-be-que dinner meeting and awards presentation immediately following that important CLE.

So perhaps we don't need to wait until May 1, 2008 to again celebrate Law Day. Perhaps the good work you do each and every day, maybe with just a little help from the WCBA, is a way of celebrating our profession. Perhaps that is enough for now, or at least until Law Day gets a better PR firm.

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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:

- May/June 2007 Issue: June 8, 2007

Schedule of Business Meetings/CLE's/Social Events

- WCBA Bar-B-Que Dinner
Wednesday, June 13, 2007
Rock Creek Country Club
*CLE: Representing Children in Contested Custody Cases
By Judge Kirsten Thompson
CLE begins at 5:15 p.m., Dinner at 6:15 p.m.
Price is \$20.00 for WCBA members,
and \$25.00 for non-members. Please make reservations
- Washington County Women Lawyers Brown Bag Lunch
The third Tuesday of every month Room 208C – Washington
County Courthouse - Noon to 1:00 p.m.

* 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.

- Landlord-Tenant Issues for the General Practitioner
Handling Commercial and Residential Problems
Thursday, May 31, 2007, 3:00 - 5:00 p.m.
World Trade Center Auditorium
26 SW Salmon; \$50
- Electronic Discovery
Practical Advice for the Workplace and Your Practice
Thursday, June 14, 2007, 3:00 - 5:00 p.m.
World Trade Center Auditorium
26 SW Salmon; \$50

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Wallace P. Carson, Jr. Award for Judicial Excellence Luncheon

In 2006, the Oregon State Bar Board of Governors established the *Wallace P. Carson, Jr. Award for Judicial Excellence*. This award honors a current or retired state court or federal judge who has made significant contributions to the judicial system and who is a model of professionalism, integrity and judicial independence:

Through his career as a lawyer, judge and civic leader, Chief Justice Carson personified the highest ideals of public service. Please join us in recognizing and celebrating his tireless efforts and innumerable contributions to our state's legal system.

Thursday, May 31st

12:00 p.m.

The Governor Hotel in Portland

Tickets: \$30 each

Reserved tables for 10 available for \$300

Registration forms available at www.osbar.org. For questions or additional information, please contact Karla Houtary, OSB Community Relations Specialist at 503-620-0222, ext. 367, 1-800-452-8260 ext 367 or by email khoutary@osbar.org.

Top 10 Things to Know About Washington County

By Becky Mehringer

Continuing in line with my last article of the top 10 internet sites, here are the top ten things you need to know about Washington County (which includes some interesting things to do in Washington County.) These facts are for fun only, and not intended to cause more controversy than normal water cooler debate

1. How Hillsboro Got Its Name:

Hillsboro was named after David Hill. He owned land in the Tuality District, that also included Portland. He named the town Columbus (some sources say it was also called East Tualatin Plains and Columbia) but it was renamed "Hillsborough" in honor of David Hill when he died. Because of its number of saloons, it was nicknamed "Sin City" as compared to Forest Grove's "Piety Hill." It was chartered in 1876 and re-named "Hillsboro." Its final nickname has been "Silicon Forest."

2. The First Inhabitants:

The area was populated by an Indian tribe by the name of the Kalapuya. They were known for their ability to make "camas" cakes and trade them with other tribes. Camas are a blue/purple flower with a bulb on the bottom that can be eaten. If attempting to make these cakes, and picking your own flowers, please do not mistake them for the white camas, also known as the "death camas". Enough said!

3. Origins of Glencoe:

Founded by Charles McKay and presumably named after those fallen in the battles between the McDonalds and Campbells in Glencoe, Scotland. Glencoe lost its bid for glory when the railroads decided North Plains was a better site for their lines.

4. Why Washington County?

Washington County was first called Tuality. It was

renamed by the Territorial Legislature for the first president of the United States in 1849.

5. We have a Sister City:

Hillsboro's sister city is Fukuroi, Japan.

6. The original Courthouse:

The land for the original townsite was purchased from David Hill for about \$200 and paid to his widow. The new county seat obtained a brick building for the county government in 1852 and a brick courthouse in 1873.

7. Best things to do in Hillsboro:

Saturday market starts May 5th. Great music, crafts, fresh farm produce and food! Tuesday Market starts June 12. Tied for first is also the Glenn and Viola Walters Cultural Arts Center. This venue has the most amazing listing of musical groups, art shows, etc. You'll never need to travel to Portland for culture again.

8. Best Parks:

Rood Bridge Park near Hillsboro High school has walking/biking trails, tennis courts, and picnic tables. Another nomination is for Dawson Creek Park. I haven't been there but I hear its great for feeding the ducks, inline skating, and general communing with nature.

9. Best Wetlands:

Jackson Bottom Wetlands. Formerly the site of "Mirror Lake," the wetlands sits at the south end of town and is home to a brand new Eagles Nest Exhibit.

10. Best Food in Town – now that's a debate worth hearing about - let me hear your opinions!

Above information provided by Washington County Historical Society, Wikipedia, Hillsboro Chamber of Commerce.

News from the Family Court Team

By The Honorable Keith Raines

A referee has been hired to sit on a variety of cases, including small claims, FED, non-criminal traffic, and Family Abuse Prevention Act Restraining Order contested hearings when there is not a related family law case. Nancy Hockman will be starting in May, 2007 when her pro tem appointment is approved by the Supreme Court. In the meantime, we have senior judges hearing that docket. We are very grateful to the six lawyers who volunteered one day a month to hear the

FAPA contested hearing docket: Dick Barton, Brad Lechman-Su, Beth Mason, Tom Rask, Greg Soriano, and Connie Terwilliger. Special kudos to Beth and her staff for administering the crew.

The Conciliation Services Advisory Board meets on a quarterly basis. A few of the salient points discussed are:

(1) CS will not do an updated study unless there has been

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a significant (not less than 5 years) lapse since the first one, absent extremely unusual circumstances.

(2) CS requires parent-child interaction and a home visit to perform a study. If there is a no contact order between the child and a parent, the parties must arrange for a judicial exception for the study. If a parent lives out of the area CS will contact a sister agency to perform the home visit.

(3) If there is a stalking order in place, please advise the judge before requesting a mediation order. In stalking order cases CS is doing separate orientations on different days and separate meetings for mediation; this process has not resulted in many successful mediations.

(4) If a parent is out of the area, telephone mediation may be allowed by motion, affidavit and order. If telephone mediation is allowed, the local parent must physically appear at the CS office for orientation and the mediation. Free forms are available from Sue Gerhardt.

Arbitration is mandated for family law cases in which there are no children or support claims. If you receive an arbitration award, a party must prepare a form of judgment for signature by the judge to whose department the case was assigned.

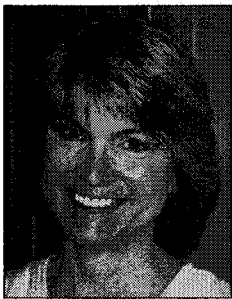
Some lawyers with multi-day trials have asked for appointment of a reference judge, because it may be less expensive to hire the judge than to re-prepare for multiple partial days with time gaps. The judge to whom the department is assigned will approve the appointment and monitor the case for Rule 7 purposes. While the reference judge may sign the judgment as such, it must also be signed by the judge to whom the case was originally assigned.

Kids Turn is crowded and, with summer vacations, spots will be even tougher. The local rule requires enrollment within 14 days of filing pleadings. Mediation and the entry of judgments require completion of the program. Please get your clients enrolled as soon as they come in to meet you. You can even have them enroll before the case is filed.

When you withdraw from a case, you must advise of the next court date and your client's last address, as well as providing a certificate of service on client and opponent.

When you file a voluntary dismissal of a petition or post-judgment filing, please also attach a judgment/supplemental judgment of dismissal for the court's signature to close the case.

Spotlight on Sole Practitioner – Rachel Houston



Rachel Houston

Rachel Houston is a sole practitioner who works out of her office in Cedar Mill.

Rachel received her law degree from the University of Houston Law Center. Before going to law school, Rachel collected several college degrees, including a Bachelor of Arts in Psychology from New Mexico State University and a Master of Science in Management from Troy State University.

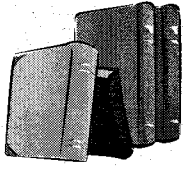
Rachel possesses a varied background of experiences. She worked as an electrical engineering technician for a power company in Texas where she met her husband. Having been involved in construction prior to and after graduating from law school she owned and operated a residential construction company. While running her construction company, Rachel exercised her legal chops by volunteering as a family law clerk and doing pro bono work in Fort Worth, Texas.

In 2003, Rachel moved to the Portland area when Pacificorp hired her husband/best friend Kenneth, a licensed professional engineer. Rachel's son, Ryan, is also a sole practitioner in Texas.

Rachel is licensed to practice law in Texas and Oregon. Rachel has been practicing juvenile dependency for over a year, as a court appointed attorney. She is certified with the Public Defense Services Commission to practice in Washington and Tillamook counties in juvenile dependency, termination of parental rights, juvenile misdemeanor delinquency, and criminal misdemeanor law. Juvenile dependency remains the main focus of Rachel's practice, in accordance with her interest in helping indigent families receive legal representation and especially children who are affected by those circumstances.

Rachel volunteers with the Family Law Assistance Program, the Mental Health Court, and was recently elected onto the Board of Directors for the Washington County Bar Association. She is a member of the Oregon Women Lawyers in Washington County and the Beaverton Women's Club, an affiliate of the General Federation of Women's Clubs.

Rachel feels blessed to live a balanced life. She walks her German Pinscher, Reba, everyday. She plays golf and enjoys cooking for friends. For Rachel, Oregon is simply perfect: great food, wonderful people, and beautiful surroundings. Rachel's mailing address is P.O. Box 91331, Portland, OR 97291. Her phone number is 503-629-2064.



What's New at the Washington County Law Library

By Laura Orr, Law Librarian

DO YOU KNOW ...

How to Hire a Contract Attorney?

Don't forget the OWLs Contract Attorney Service if you're looking for a contract attorney to hire. Link to the Service from the OWLs website:

<http://www.oregonwomenlawyers.org/>

NEW CLEs IN THE LAW LIBRARY

Call or email us to reserve them. Up to 3 CLE course books (and CDs) may be checked out for up to 10 days:

Torticulture: The Art and Science of Animal-Related Litigation, OSB July 13, 2005

Criminal Law 911: Triage for Non Criminal Law Lawyers, OSB, July 20, 2005

Revisiting Younger's Ten Commandments: A Contemporary Update of Irving Younger's Credibility & Cross Examination, OSB, Oct. 13, 2006

Indian Law 2006: Solutions for the Generations, OSB, Oct. 20, 2006

U.S. Constitution – Alive & Breathing; The Oregon Constitution – Still Original, OSB, Nov. 3, 2006

Not Just the Basics: Excelling at Mediation & Arbitration, OSB, Dec. 14, 2006

Oregon Civil Procedure, OSB, Feb. 23, 2007

Effective Employment Investigations Harassment & Discrimination Claims, OSB, April 6, 2007

From Guantanamo to Gresham: Permissible & Impermissible Representation in High Profile Cases and Everyday Life, OLI, Nov. 3, 2006

Litigation Strategies and Tips: Jury Selection & Presentation Skills, OLI, Nov. 17, 2006

Judgments & Collecting Judgments in Oregon: Avoiding the Pitfalls, OLI, March 2, 2007

Courtroom Practices Behind the Scenes: Judges' Insights and Emerging Trends, OLI, April 20, 2007

NEW CLEs COMING TO THE LAW LIBRARY IN EARLY JUNE 2007

Trial Evidence in Employment Cases and Civil Rights Cases, OSB, May 11, 2007

Greatest Hits in Probate Litigation, OLI May 18, 2007

YOUR ONLINE LAW LIBRARY NEWS

Wireless (Wifi) in County Law Libraries around Oregon

The Washington County Law Library now has wireless access to the Internet. It is password protected and encrypted (WPA/PSK). Wireless service reaches to our conference room so it can be used for training and other gatherings where Internet access is useful.

Other county law libraries also have wireless access, including Klamath, Jackson, Multnomah, Marion, and Clackamas counties. Ask at the service desks for logon procedures.

Two Excellent Quick and Dirty Internet Legal Reference Sites

Wisconsin Law Library Alpha List of Topics:
<http://wsll.state.wi.us/witopicindex.html>

A lot of the links are to Wisconsin Law but the national and federal links are terrific. And the simple, easy-to-read layout is a thing of beauty.

Zimmerman's Legal Research Guide: an online encyclopedia for legal researchers:

<http://www.lexisnexis.com/infopro/zimmerman/>

Zimmerman's is a useful place to begin research in a new area of law and it is an easy site to navigate.

OSB BarBooks: Online CLE Manuals

Have you read about the OSB BarBooks service? The Bar has created a subscription database that gives you remote access from your desktop to all CLE Manuals (aka deskbooks, practice manuals, or looseleaves). Your Washington County Law Library has not yet subscribed to the OSB BarBooks service. But we will be watching the development of the database and listening to feedback from attorneys who use it. We will continue to subscribe to the print CLE practice manuals. You can find more information about BarBooks at: www.osbar.org/cle/pubs/BarBooks.html

HeinOnline from Your Desktop PC

I know I include this information in each issue, but a lot of you still haven't explored this invaluable legal database, which is free to any Washington County public library cardholder. This means not only you but your Washington County friends, family, and neighbors can use it too – even, especially, teenagers who might one day become lawyers - Holy Smokes!

HeinOnline is a database of primary and secondary legal materials, many of which you won't find elsewhere. HeinOnline has the Federal Register from 1936 to the present, full-runs of hundreds of law journals and law reviews, federal legislative histories, and much more.

If you haven't logged onto HeinOnline, you've missed something that may save you a lot of time and maybe even provide some fun (especially if you're a legal history buff).

You have access to HeinOnline from any computer with Internet access – as long as you have a Washington County public library card. We do not issue the public library cards here in the Law Library, but just about any public library in Washington County can. The library card will give you access to all the remote access Washington County library system (Wilinet) databases, including HeinOnline. So log onto Wilinet (www.wilinet.wccs.lib.or.us/), select the Government/Law database option, click on HeinOnline, type in your library card number, and enjoy.

Early Case Resolution Court Up and Running

By Keith Rogers

The Washington County Circuit Court started an Early Case Resolution program on March 7th at the LEC arraignment court. The court was set up after months of planning by a group led by Judges Nachtigal and Knapp and which included court staff, Sheriff's staff, the DA's office, the Community Corrections office and indigent defense contractors.

Prior to arraignment, the District Attorney's office identifies cases which are allowed ECR treatment. The cases include lower level non-violent felonies and misdemeanors but specifically exclude domestic violence cases and DUI's. The cases may appear on either the in-custody or out-of-custody arraignment dockets. Probation violations are not yet directly part of this program, but Bob Severe of the Community Corrections department has been available at arraignments to help expedite cases where probation consequences are a factor. Lawyers from the Public Defender's office, the Harris Law Firm, Ridehalgh and Associates, and Garland, Burton and McCaffrey rotate defense coverage for the court.

For cases identified as ECR cases, the District Attorney provides defense counsel the discovery and a plea offer prior to arraignment and the defendant is provided the option of resolving the case if they choose to do so. Tom Tintera is the deputy district attorney leading the program and private counsel who wish to arrange for disposition of an eligible case at arraignment may call him at the ECR office at LEC at 503-846-6089 for the information they need prior to the initial appearance.

For cases where the defendant wishes to consider the offer, but needs more time to do so or to investigate the case, seek civil compromise, etc., the case may be set over. For

very short set-overs of a day or two, the case will remain at LEC and be placed on a subsequent 8:30 a.m. or 1:30 p.m. docket. If more time is needed, the case can be set over for two weeks onto a Monday 3:00 p.m. docket in Judge Nachtigal's court and the plea offers remain open until that time. When this is done, a case assignment date and trial date will also be assigned. Judge Nachtigal's docket is for case resolution only and is not meant to be a settlement or pretrial conference.

If the matter can be resolved at that 3:00 docket, a plea and sentencing or civil compromise may be entered there. If the defense determines that the case should be resolved at this stage, the hearing may be canceled without the necessity of an appearance by counsel or the client by calling calendaring or Judge Nachtigal's court. The previously assigned case assignment and trial dates remain in effect in this circumstance.

To date, the program has been very successful in clearing a substantial number of cases out of the system very early in the process to the advantage of all concerned. In the first three weeks of operation, approximately 33% of all cases entering into the court system at LEC were resolved there on the day of arraignment. This number includes many violations and other minor matters, but also includes approximately 18% of all criminal cases on the dockets. The court has put additional resources into the staffing of the program, but hopes to quickly reap benefits of the system. If defense counsel have questions concerning the process, feel free to call Keith Rogers at the Public Defender's office at 503-846-3414 for more information.

Hearsay Around the Bar

By Prudence J. Uris

I don't know what it is, but suddenly, for a moment in time, everyone seems to have slowed down and are staying put. There are no mass exodus and no mass migrations. Where is the fun in that? Here is what I do know, and what I can print.

Marie Morley is the newest employee at Ridehalgh & Associates. She was previously the Judicial Clerk for Betsy Welch, and then for Katherine Tennyson, and was then snagged up by Ron. She is currently handling juvenile and family law cases.

Dawn LaGrone has been lured downtown by the promise of fame and fortune and has taken a position with Stahancyk Kent Jackson & Hook P.C.. However, she loves Washington County so much that she is going to continue to handle the bulk of their Washington County filings. Rumor also has it that she will continue to assist in some administrative functions for Mr. Finkelstein and Mr. Minson. She blames her current circumstances on Art Saito saying that he "lured" her downtown. I'm sorry Dawn, I just don't see your entrapment theory.

Mike Fearl will be coming back to Washington County. Kind of. Sort of. He will be heading up the domestic relations bench-bar committee. We're glad to have him back, even in this limited capacity.

The District Attorneys office is seeing some big changes. Greg Olson has announced his retirement sometime in 2007. I called him up to congratulate him but also to confess my jealousy. Best wishes for Greg in his retirement. As he moves on, Megan Johnson moves up. She will be the new Senior Deputy and take over Greg's position. Congratulations Megan!

On a sad note, my sympathies go out to Steve Verhulst and his family for the loss of his mother, and the family and friends of Josh Boyer, for the loss of one of our own. I would also ask that you send your thoughts, prayers and positive energy to Beth Mason as she deals with her health issues.

This is my last article, my last hurrah. I've enjoyed writing this column if only to help people follow along the constant and nearly incestuous comings and goings of attorneys in the local firms. But I do want to point out a few things.

I often wondered if I should talk about the secrets that everybody knows, the ones that everybody are talking about. The ones that really are not secrets but people wish they were? You know, like all the juvenile consortium maneuvering that has been going on, all the meetings and sidebar conversations. It is a little like watching Survivor. But maybe I should not mention that secret.

Then there were always things that might have been interesting to put in the article, but that I exercised some personal judgment and decided not to include (some people may be silently thanking me as you read this). There were the headlines I wanted to write, but didn't. Things that although I thought were very funny, I did not want to take the chance that I would offend. Although I did offend some.

Lastly, I always meant things in the spirit of entertainment, good natured teasing and just plain current events updates. This is Prudence J. Uris, signing off.

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(5 1/2" x 8 1/2") \$90/\$130

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Mediation Now Available for Termination of Parental Rights Cases

By *The Honorable Jim Fun*

A court facilitated mediation for pending termination of parental rights trials is now available in Washington County. This mediation program is entirely separate and distinct from the Department Of Human Services' mediation to develop Post Adoptive Contact Agreements. Those agreements focus entirely on post termination (voluntary or involuntary) and relinquishment contact between the biological parents and the permanent resource. Our court mediation will focus on the legal merits of the case. As in the mediation program being utilized by the Oregon Court of Appeals to resolve termination cases on appeal, the Washington County process will involve a comprehensive effort to have a third party evaluate the merits of the case and discuss with the parties options of permanent and durable guardianship, allowing parents additional time to reunify with their children, and an appraisal of the DHS's efforts to reunify parents with their children.

Senior Judge John B. Lewis is performing the TPR mediations in Washington County in addition to his continuing

work with the appellate mediation program. Procedurally, there will continue to be two pretrial hearings in Juvenile Court: the best interests conference to address pretrial discovery issues and motions that affect the scheduling and efficient conduct of the termination trial, and a pretrial conference to discuss case resolution. At the pretrial conference, attorneys are expected to engage in an open discussion on case evaluation and the position of their clients. Mediation will be assigned and scheduled at the pretrial conference.

Mediations are scheduled for the morning or afternoon of the fourth Thursday of every month through August 2007. Separate mediation rooms within the Juvenile Building will be made available to accommodate parents that are in custody.

This collaborative Juvenile Court mediation program was made possible by the work and effort of Assistant Attorney General Kathleen Payne and the Oregon Attorney General's Office, the Oregon Judicial Department and Sr. Judge John Lewis.

St. Andrew Legal Clinic Announces its 7th Annual Race for Justice

On Saturday, June 30, 2007, St. Andrew Legal Clinic will hold its 7th Annual 'Race for Justice' event in NE Portland. A popular outdoor event for members of the legal community and their families, the race begins at 10:15 a.m., starting at The Madeleine Parish, located at 3123 NE 24th Avenue in Portland, Oregon. Both walkers and runners will participate in a 5k course. A Kids' Fun Run also will be held for children ages 3 to 10. A post-event party will immediately follow the race in The Madeleine Parish Hall, where participants will enjoy free pizza, beverages, live music and awards.

St. Andrew Legal Clinic (SALC) is a nonprofit organization providing individuals and families with legal representation since 1979. St. Andrew Legal Clinic's main office is at 807 NE Alberta Street in Northeast Portland, with branch offices located in Washington and Clackamas counties.

The 2007 'Race for Justice' is underwritten by Kent & Johnson, LLP and Safeco Insurance. Additional sponsoring law firms and companies include adidas, Ater Wynne LLP, Bullivant Houser Bailey PC, Clackamas County Family Law

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