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## DOMESTIC VIOLENCE RESOURCE CENTER

By Rachel Houston

The Domestic Violence Resource Center (DVRC) has two locations in Washington County. The Protective Order Advocacy Program is housed at the Washington County Courthouse in the Center for Victims' Services location. The Family Violence Intervention Program, which provides counseling services, is located in Hillsboro. Monika's House Shelter is the only emergency shelter in Washington County that provides temporary housing for adults and children. Monika's House Shelter is confidentially located. DVRC was established in Washington County in 1975. Every county in Oregon has a dedicated domestic violence provider. DVRC is the only domestic violence specific agency in Washington County.

La Donna Burgess is Executive Director of DVRC. Linda Wedlake is Director of the Protective Order Advocacy Program. Sheryl Rindel, LPC, NCC is Director and Clinical Supervisor of the Adult Program. Amy Gettings is Director of the Children's Intervention Program and Clinical Director of Monika's House Shelter.

### Domestic Violence Facts

Nationally, one in four women has experienced domestic violence; women accounted for 85 percent of victims of intimate partner violence and men accounted for 15 percent. For high school females, one in five reported being physically and/or sexually abused by a dating partner. And nearly 74 percent of Americans personally know someone who has been or is currently a victim of domestic violence. In Oregon, on average 18 people die annu-

ally as a result of domestic violence.

In Washington County during 2005, the District Attorney's office filed 656 domestic violence related felony and misdemeanor cases. This number accounted for a 16 percent increase in domestic violence cases over 2004.

DVRC internal statistics for 2005-2006 include the following: Monika's House Shelter housed 232 people (131 women, 99 children, and 2 men). The Family Violence Intervention Program helped 3990 people (99 percent women). The Children's Intervention Program helped 222 individuals (75.68 percent children and youth). The Protective Order Advocacy Program helped 1660 individuals (79.22 percent women and 12.11 percent men).

### Programs and Services

DVRC empowers families and individuals to live in healthy and safe relationships through prevention, intervention, and empowerment services.

DVRC offers a Protective Order Advocacy Program. This program is located at the Washington County Courthouse in the Center for Victims' Services office. Linda Wedlake oversees this program which provides legal advocacy for restraining orders, elder/disabled abuse protective orders, and stalking orders. The Protective Order Advocacy Program offers services such as 1) filing assistance in new petitions, renewals, and modifications, 2) advocacy, 3) court accompaniment,

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4) contested hearing assistance, 5) safety planning, 6) community education and 7) training.



*Dora Haynes*

Dora Haynes is an Advocate who works with domestic violence victims. Dora is bilingual and lends assistance to individuals who choose to represent themselves in a restraining order case. She also shows support by attending the hearing with the victim if they choose the added support. Hearings are scheduled for 1:00PM each day. On average approximately 1800 restraining order petitions and 800 stalking order petitions are filed annually.

The Family Violence Intervention Program serves adults who have experienced domestic violence in their lives with individual and group counseling. Sheryl Rindel, a licensed clinician is in charge of the Adult Program. She oversees the master degree level interns who in turn conduct individual and group therapy sessions. There are approximately six to eight interns working in the Adult Program per year. Amy Gettings runs the Children's Intervention Program and is also the Clinical Director of Monika's House Shelter. She also supervises approximately eight interns.

## Funding

La Donna Burgess, Executive Director of DVRC, discussed funding resources for DVRC. The majority of funding (70 percent) comes from public monies and 30 percent is secured through private foundations and community support. DVRC is a 501(c) (3) private nonprofit organization federal tax ID # 93-0665804. DVRC receives approximately \$820,000 annually.

In regard to public money, sources include both federal and state funding. Federal funding comes from Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) and Violence Against Women Act (VAWA), which is administered thru the Oregon Department of Justice. Another source of federal funding comes from Housing and Urban Development (HUD). HUD money applies to DVRC's Monika's House Shelter. Community Action of Washington County works as umbrella agency that vouches for various shelters and audits the shelters receiving HUD money. State funding programs are administered through 1) the Commission on Child and Families and 2) the Department of Human Services. Both federal funding administered by the Oregon Department of Justice and state funding through the Department of Human Services work hand and hand to provide funding at the equivalent levels of previous years.

DVRC applies for community development block grants from Washington County and the City of Beaverton to aid in its funding. In Washington County a percentage of the

marriage license fees and a percentage of the criminal fine assessment funds DVRC. Washington County residents recently passed a safety levy that also provides funding for DVRC. Individual municipalities such as Beaverton, Tigard, Tualatin, and Hillsboro make small annual contributions to support DVRC.

## Domestic Violence Intervention Counsel

The purpose of the Domestic Violence Intervention Counsel (DVIC) is to collaborate and share issues and concerns of the under served populations in Washington County. The mission of the DVIC is to create a climate of zero tolerance for all forms of domestic violence, by serving as a forum to educate, assess, and improve the county's coordinated community response. Linda Wedlake serves as chair of the committee, the Honorable Don Letourneau serves as vice chair, Sharon Brown and Chalaina Connors serve as co-secretary. Gina Skinner, Assistant District Attorney, has been on the executive committee and continues to regularly attend monthly meetings.

This committee meets on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month from 12-1:30 p.m. at the Hillsboro Civic Center in Room 113B. These meetings are open to the public. Attending these meetings offers a clearer picture of domestic violence issues from a county perspective.

## Volunteer Opportunities

DVRC has seen a reduction in funding this year due to a combination of less funding from both public funds and private community support. Making a donation will further ensure the valuable services proved by DVRC continue at the needed levels in our county. There are many ways to contribute your time and/or money to DVRC. Donation of funds can be mailed to PO Box 494, Hillsboro OR 97123 or made online at [www.dvrc-or.org](http://www.dvrc-or.org). For donations in kind, DVRC will accept household goods, toys, blankets, cell phones, and Tri-Met tickets/passes. Volunteers can help in advocacy, office/ clerical, and fund raising events. These are a few of the ways to contribute. For more information on volunteer opportunities call 503.640.5352.

## SPOTLIGHT ON SOLE PRACTITIONER – DEAN SHADE

By Rachel Houston



Dean Shade

Dean Shade has his solo practice in the Cedar Mill community. His office is located at the convenient location of 13765 NW Cornell Road, Suite 250, which is across the street from Sunset High School.

Dean grew up in Oxnard, California helping his father in the family junkyard business and driving tow trucks. He graduated from UC Berkeley in 1974 with a Bachelor Degree in Business Administration. After graduation, Dean decided to work on offshore oil rigs, doing “wire line work” that involved installing electrical and perforating tools into the bore holes.

Later, he worked in the Alaska fishing industry, by traveling from southern California to Kenai, Alaska on a three-week sea journey aboard the “Blue Velvet” (no reference to the movie, we’re talking a 47 foot boat). Dean fished for halibut and salmon, then captained a tender, the “Georgia Straits,” collecting salmon from his set-net fisherman and transporting them across the Cook Inlet to the processing plant at the Kenai River. Dean’s interest in environmental and natural resource issues led to his decision to pursue his legal education.

Dean received his law degree from Lewis & Clark in 1980. After graduating from law school, he again returned to Alaska for another summer of fishing. He returned to Portland, passed the Oregon State Bar and began practicing law as a solo practitioner. He shared office space with other lawyers in a couple of east side locations while living on Sauvie Island. In 1989, he married his lovely wife Sue. She grew up locally on Bonny Slope, so they purchased their home in Terra Linda. All three of their children attended local schools. His son Billy works for the Beaverton School District, as does Sue. She is a specialist who works in resource conservation. Dean and Sue’s daughter Molly is a freshman at

Pacific Lutheran College in Tacoma, Washington and Emily is currently a junior at Sunset High School.

Dean’s law practice emphasizes both family law and estate planning. His approach is easily seen in his office with a quote from Abraham Lincoln *On the Practice of Law* - that includes the lines, “Discourage litigation. Persuade your neighbors to compromise whenever you can. Point out to them how the nominal winner is often a real loser - in the fees, expenses, and waste of time. As a peacemaker, the lawyer has a superior opportunity of being a good man. There will still be business enough.” Dean says, “Bringing resolution to a problem, or calm to a chaotic family situation is rewarding.”

As for hobbies, Dean is an outdoorsman whose hobbies include fishing, elk hunting, and camping. He enjoys watching his kids’ sports. He reads the news and rarely misses a crossword or sudoku puzzle.

Dean has been a member of the Washington County Bar Association since 2000. He is a member of the Cedar Mill Business Association, where he has served as the secretary since 2007. He is an active member of St. Andrew Lutheran Church. Dean invites you to contact him at 503.644.5539 or email him at [dshadelaw@earthlink.net](mailto:dshadelaw@earthlink.net). His office address is 13765 NW Cornell Rd Suite 250, Portland OR 97229.

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### State of Oregon Judicial Department

Washington County Circuit Court

Probate Department

503.846.2366

<http://www.ojd.state.or.us/wsh>

### Notice of Visitor Fee Increase

Effective January 1, 2009, a visitor fee of \$65 per hour shall be paid to the clerk of the court in any guardianship and/or conservatorship proceeding where a visitor is appointed in accordance with ORS 125.150 and ORS 125.170(2).

The following initial deposits shall be required:

Temporary and Permanent Guardianships:	\$650
Temporary Guardianships only:	\$390
Permanent Guardianships only:	\$390



# WHAT'S NEW AT THE WASHINGTON COUNTY LAW LIBRARY

By Laura Orr, Law Librarian

## NEW BOOKS

- *A Judge's Guide to Divorce: Uncommon Advice from the Bench*, Duncan, Roderic (Judge), Nolo 2007
- *A Legal Guide for Lesbian & Gay Couples*, 14<sup>th</sup> ed., Clifford, Denis, Hertz, Frederick, and Emily Duskow, Emily, Nolo 2007
- *Beat Your Ticket: Go to Court & Win*, 5<sup>th</sup> ed., Brown, David W., Nolo 2007
- *Building a Parenting Agreement That Works: How to Put Your Kids First When Your Marriage Doesn't Last*, 6<sup>th</sup> ed., Lyster, Mimi E., Nolo 2007
- *Chapter 13 Bankruptcy: Keep Your Property & Repay Debts Over Time*, 9<sup>th</sup> ed., Elias, Stephen and Robin Leonard, Nolo 2008
- *Estate Planning Basics*, 4<sup>th</sup> ed., Clifford, Denis, Nolo 2007
- *Every Landlord's Legal Guide*, 9<sup>th</sup> ed., Stewart, Marcia, Warner, Ralph and Janet Portman, NOLO, 2008
- *Every Landlord's Tax Deduction Guide*, Fishman, Stephen NOLO 5th ed., 2008
- *Foreclosure Survival Guide: Keep Your House or Walk Away With Money in Your Pocket*, Elias, Stephen, Nolo 2008
- *Foreclosures*, National Consumer Law Center, 2<sup>nd</sup> ed., 2007
- *How to File for Chapter 7 Bankruptcy*, Elias, Stephen, Renauer, Albin, and Robin Leonard, Nolo 2008
- *IRAs, 401(k)s & Other Retirement Plans: Taking Your Money Out*, 8<sup>th</sup> ed., Slesnick, Twila and John Suttle, Nolo 2007
- *Leases & Rental Agreements*, 7<sup>th</sup> ed., Stewart, Marcia, Warner, Ralph, and Janet Portman, Nolo 2007
- *Living Together: A Legal Guide for Unmarried Couples*, 14<sup>th</sup> ed., Warner, Ralph, Ihara, Toni, and Frederick Hertz, Nolo 2008
- *Long-Term Care: How to Plan & Pay for It*, 7<sup>th</sup> ed., Matthews, Joseph L., Nolo 2008
- *Negotiate the Best Lease for Your Business*, 2<sup>nd</sup> ed., Portman, Janet and Fred S. Steingold, Nolo, 2005
- *Neighbor Law: Fences, Trees, Boundaries & Noise*, 6<sup>th</sup> ed., Jordan, Cora and Emily Duskow, Nolo 2008
- *Nolo's Deposition Handbook*, 4<sup>th</sup> ed., Bergman, Paul and Albert J. Moore, Nolo 2007
- *Nolo's Essential Guide to Divorce*, 2<sup>nd</sup> ed., Duskow, Emily, Nolo, 2008
- *Nolo's Essential Retirement Tax Guide: Your Health, Home, Investments & More*, Slesnick, Twila and John Suttle, Nolo 2008
- *Nonprofit Meetings, Minutes & Records: How to Run Your Nonprofit Corporation So You Don't Run Into Trouble*, Mancuso, Anthony, Nolo 2008
- *Prenuptial Agreements: How to Write a Fair & Lasting Contract*, Stoner, Katherine E. and Shae Irving, Shae, Nolo 2008, Nolo 2008
- *Social Security, Medicare & Government Pensions: Get the Most Out of Your Retirement & Medical Benefits*, 13<sup>th</sup> ed., Matthews, Joseph and Dorothy Matthews Berman, Dorothy Matthews, Nolo 2008
- *Stand Up to the IRS*, 9<sup>th</sup> ed., Daily, Frederick W., Nolo 2007
- *The Public Domain: How to Find & Use Copyright-Free Writings, Music, Art & More*, 4<sup>th</sup> ed., Fishman, Stephen, Nolo 2008
- *Your Rights in the Workplace*, 8<sup>th</sup> ed., Repa, Barbara Kate, Nolo 2007

## NEW CLEs

- 2008 Workers' Compensation News: The Latest from WOLI, OLI
- Advanced Estate Planning, OSB
- Best Practices: 21st Annual Family Law Seminar, OLI
- Calendaring, Docketing, and File Tickling Systems, OSB PLF
- Dispute Resolution from the Experts, OSB
- E-Discovery: Bridging the Gap Between the Law and the Technology, OLI
- Elder Law 2008: Advancing the Plan, OSB
- Estate Planning for Protected Persons and People with Disabilities, OLI
- Fee Agreements, Non-Refundable Fees, Billing, and Collections, OSB PLF
- Handling Domestic Relations Cases, OSB
- Latest Developments in Labor and Employment Law, OSB
- Recognizing and Representing Clients with Mental Health Impairments, OSB PLF
- Snap, Crackle and Pop: Injury Biomechanics and Litigation, OSB

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- The Re-styled Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, OSB PLF
- Things You Need to Do Now to Comply with the New E-Discovery Rules, OSB PLF
- Traffic School, OSB

## MCLE Credits from Borrowed Law Library Course Books

For many years, attorneys have been able to borrow CLE course materials from the law library (Washington, Lane, Marion and Clackamas County Law Libraries), view them, and claim or request MCLE credit from the OSB for the program. Some of the rules governing MCLE credit and reporting have changed. We recommend that you read the rules on the OSB website or contact the Oregon State Bar to find out if in fact you are permitted to earn MCLE credits from CLE course materials you have borrowed from the law library.

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# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By WCBA President Rebecca Mehringer



Rebecca Mehringer

I've decided that in light of our recent economic "flexibility," you might be tightening your wallets or purse strings. For many of us it means you think before you make that yearly charity donation, or you might even bypass the cute Girl Scouts and their tables of cookies. You may find yourself cutting coupons and shopping at discount food outlets. You might even reconsider your membership in

your local bar association. Therefore, as you write our your annual dues check, I thought it might be helpful for you to know where some of your well earned cash goes.

- First, your dues did just increase to \$75 from the previous \$60. This increase was the first in 10 years!
- Your dues pay for this newsletter. As costs have nearly tripled in the past six months due to a new printer contract with the Oregon State Bar, we have decided to publish the newsletter quarterly instead of every two months. As our website should be up and running by the time this newsletter is sent out, we will be able to further eliminate costs by going strictly with the website for information. For a short time, however, both mediums will be used.
- In February, the Classroom Law Project sponsors its High School Mock Trial Competition in Hillsboro. Many local lawyers participate in the program as judges and mentors, and the bar association pays for some of the cookies, drinks and for all of the security for the event. We even

made it into the *Hillsboro Argus* as a sponsor of the event!

- Each spring we thank the courthouse staff with an ice cream social. We feel they do so much for the lawyers in the community that this money is well spent.
- The bar association also pays for the new robe presented at an incoming judge's investiture, most recently of note, one for Judge Andy Erwin.
- We sponsor CLEs once a month before our dinner meeting and are now putting together a lunchtime Brown Bag Series.
- We provide an avenue for new lawyers to network. The monthly meeting is a great place to meet other lawyers if you are new in town, or to make new connections if you are looking for work.
- You have a representative on the Facilities Management Board for Washington County, the Public Safety Commission, the Family Law and Probate Bench/Bar Committees, as well as a vote in the semi-annual House of Delegates Meetings at the Oregon State Bar level.

Where else can \$75 buy you a newsletter, a website, education classes, political representation, and ice cream? Your \$75 is well spent, and it helps us to continue to provide a vital role in this law community.

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Articles for the newsletter may be emailed directly to Carol Hawkins at [wcbanews@comcast.net](mailto:wcbanews@comcast.net).

*Letters, awards and other news items, and announcements are welcome. Articles by members are accepted. All submissions are edited for length, clarity and style, and are published on a space-available basis, at the editor's discretion. Views expressed in articles are not necessarily those of the association. This publication does not purport to offer legal advice.*

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### Upcoming WCBA Newsletter Editorial schedule

- Next WCBA Newsletter deadline is May 15, 2009 (for the June quarterly issue).

Please submit your articles, calendar items and other news copy by the deadline to Carol Hawkins by email to [wcbanews@comcast.net](mailto:wcbanews@comcast.net) by the deadline, preferably in Word or Rich Text Format. Please include a high resolution digital photo of the event or article author.

### Schedule of Business Meetings, CLEs and Social Events

#### Washington County Bar Association

\* All WCBA CLE programs are \$15 for those who register in advance and \$20 for those who register at the door. The nonmember rate is \$25. **Please register so we know how many CLE packets we need to prepare.**

#### Lunchtime CLEs are the third Monday of each month at the courthouse annex on 2nd and Main

- March 16, "Learning the Ropes: Stalking Orders in Washington County" with Linda Wedlake
- April 20 - TBA
- May 18 - "Alternative Dispute Resolution - The pros and cons of Mediation and Arbitration" with Helle Rode

In February, those attending were treated to a great presentation from Scott C. Adams on "Ethics, Adoption (and just a bit) More."

More information on the March 16 and April 20 presentations will be forwarded by email or available on the new website, which is [wcbabar.org](http://wcbabar.org).

#### Other Upcoming Events

- March 11 – a representative of the Department of Justice Appellate Division presents "Search and Seizure"
- April 8 – "Dealing with the Aftermath of Custody Decisions" – also, staff appreciation dinner.
- May 13 – "Measure 37" with Rob Harris and the Washington County District Attorney's Office – also, WCBA Annual Business Meeting
- June 10 – Summer Barbecue at Rood Bridge Park

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Paul C. Galm* has joined C. Thomas Davis of Davis Law Firm in Beaverton. The firm handles estate, business, real estate and collection matters. Prior to joining the Davis Law Firm, Galm worked as an associate for Perkins Coie LLP and for the Multnomah County District Attorney's Office as a deputy district attorney. He received his J.D. from New York University of Law.

## The Website is up!

Visit us at [www.wcbabar.org](http://www.wcbabar.org) and send us your suggestions or comments!

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