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President's Note

by Sharon Brown, WCBA President

Hello everyone! We have invited the Judges for the Oregon Court of Appeals to be our dinner guests at our February 9 meeting, and the Supreme Court Justices will be joining us for the March 9 meeting. This is a tradition for our local bar. Please put these events on your calendar now, so you won't miss out on the opportunity to meet them and speak with them in an informal setting. Looking forward to next year - please consider volunteering for the Washington County Bar Association in whatever capacity that interests you. Elections for next year's officers will take place in May, and it's not too early to speak with the current members of the board about how you can participate in the organization. I can tell you that it is never boring! Contact information for our board members is available in this newsletter and on our website, www.wcbabar.org. I'm looking forward to seeing you all on February 9!

Join the WCBA for a CLE and dinner at The Spaghetti Factory after the board meeting on Wednesday, February 9, starting at 5:15 p.m.

The CLE topic is
Consumer Bankruptcy & Collateral Damage

Presented by Richard Slottee, Professor, Lewis & Clark Law School & Director, Lewis & Clark Legal Clinic

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FOCUS ON
Judge Keith R. Raines
 by Arthur Saito

Judge Keith R. Raines is the head of the Family Court Team, which encompasses the juvenile, domestic relations, and probate departments. There are no easy days for this Team, but a lifetime devoted to community service has prepared him for the task. Among other honors, Raines is the recipient of the St. Thomas More Award from the Catholic Lawyers for Social Justice, the Jefferson Award from the American Institute for Public Service, and the Public Service Award from the Oregon State Bar.



Before his appointment, Raines served on a number of different Oregon State Bar boards and committees, including the Lawyers Assistance Committee, the Disciplinary Board Trial Panel, the Fee Dispute Arbitration Panel, and the Judicial Administration Committee. He is currently involved with the State Family Law Assistance Committee, the Washington County Conciliation Services Advisory Committee, the National Alliance on Mental Illness, Birthright of Hillsboro, and the Hillsboro Rotary Club.

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Raines was raised in Portland and attended Jesuit High School. He graduated from Lewis & Clark College with a BA in Economics in 1972. He obtained his JD from Lewis & Clark Law School in 1976. While studying law, Raines volunteered for the Jesuit Volunteer Corp and helped establish the Washington County Public Defenders' office (where he later worked as a full-time investigator while carrying a full academic course load).

After graduating from law school, Raines entered into private practice with the late Roosevelt Robinson, an African American attorney who, like Raines, ultimately transitioned to the judicial bench. "Roosevelt was a very prominent figure in the African American community and I was graciously received by everyone in the community," remembers Raines. "Our offices were in a building on North Williams Avenue - in a building that was literally falling down - in an area that the Supreme Court once quoted as having the highest incidence of prostitution in Oregon," he says with a laugh. Raines recollects litigating everything from criminal matters to federal civil rights claims. "Those were wild times," he adds. In between litigating cases and working as an OLCC hearings officer, Raines contributed to various community projects, including the creation of a cooperative store to meet the needs of the elderly.

After leaving private practice, Raines helped create St. Andrew Legal Clinic. The idea of starting a clinic to provide legal services for low-income clients immediately appealed to Raines. He and several other attorneys took up the task in earnest in 1979, when they started St. Andrew Legal Clinic on NE Alberta Street in Portland. "It was originally an outgrowth of the St. Andrew Parish," explains Raines, which had already established a community school, a community center, and a medical program. Partnering with Portland attorney Tom Caruso, Raines remembers helping clients with a variety of legal issues ranging from tenant advocacy to family law. "Our goal was to bridge the gap in legal services between Legal Aid and the private bar," noted Raines.

As St. Andrew Legal Clinic expanded, its focus shifted towards representing clients in family law matters. As Raines explains: "Sandra Hansberger, a staff attorney and associate director at the Clinic, urged us to focus on family law because of the impact that family law has on society. This was the least self-sustaining area of the law for the Clinic, but she felt that private contributions would make up the difference. Her wisdom prevailed and we set a new course."

Raines' days at St. Andrew held their share of humor. "I remember the day we bought our first photocopier," he recalls. "Copiers back then put out a lot of heat and I asked the salesman if they ever caught fire. He of course said 'no'. We then noticed smoke coming from copier after the salesman demonstrated it - it actually caught on fire during the demo. We bought one from him anyway."

In 1995, Raines left St. Andrew Legal Clinic in order to start St. Matthew Legal Clinic in downtown Hillsboro. Both organizations shared the same family law focus. Although Raines operated St. Matthew Legal Clinic on a shoestring budget, the new clinic continued to grow and expand its services to more and more Washington County residents.

In 2000, Raines answered the call for pro tem judges in Washington County and volunteered his services in juvenile and small claims court. As he recalls, "Judge Lewis asked me if I was available. I asked him when I started. He answered 'tomorrow.'"

Raines' personal and professional commitment to community service led to his appointment to the bench by Governor Kitzhaber in 2001. He has since become the cornerstone of the Washington County Circuit Court's Family Law Team. Judge Raines' most recent project is the Keys to Success Program (or Juvenile Drug Court) which seeks early intervention for drug addicted minors by creatively combining sentencing and sanctioning with intensive treatment and support. He has overseen this program, together with the MIP\UPM Gateway Court, since 2002.

Judge Raines' involvement with National Alliance on Mental Illness is of particular importance to him. NAMI is a grassroots organization providing support for families who have a member suffering from mental illness. They offer peer support, education, and advocate for accessible services, insurance, and medication. They maintain a community garden, promote art and music classes, and provide peer counseling. More information regarding the Washington County Chapter of NAMI is available at www.namiwash.org.

Not surprisingly, Judge Raines' three adult children share his commitment to community service. Elizabeth (age 27) served as a Jesuit Volunteer with the Oasis Center for homeless teenagers in Nashville, Tennessee, and is a past Rotary Club President (La Jolla New Generations). She currently works as a Development Associate with Girl Scouts San Diego. Christo (age 24) served as a Jesuit Volunteer with the Innocence Project New Orleans. He currently works as a social worker with UNITY of Greater New Orleans, an organization devoted to preventing, reducing, and ending homelessness. Thomas (age 23) is a live-in caretaker at L'Arche Harbor House, which maintains residences and facilities for adults with developmental disabilities in Jacksonville, Florida.

Judge Raines just celebrated his 5th anniversary with his wife, Laurie. He is a proud stepfather to her adult children, Aimee and Daniel, and an involved step-grandfather to Tucker (age 10), Halston (age 7), and Cosette (age 2).



Classroom Law Project Seeks Volunteer Judges

Be a judge for a day!

Sit behind the bench, rule on objections, and make a ruling. Sound good?

If so, be a volunteer judge at Classroom Law Project's 25th annual high school mock trial competition. Schools will compete right here in the Washington County Courthouse on **Saturday, February 26**. There are three separate rounds (morning, late morning, early afternoon), so no excuses!

The case is a criminal one - the deceased is locked in a restaurant's cooler and freezes to death. Her partner is accused with the murder. But wait. Could it be the loan shark instead? There was, after all, a gambling problem.

This case will be fun. The students are awesome.

We need volunteer judges in three roles: presiding (trial experience required), observing attorneys (trial experience not required), and observing witnesses (legal experience not required). So you can do this, no matter what your trial experience may be.

Contact **Elizabeth Lemoine** at **503.620.3342** or elizlemoine@yahoo.com for more information or to sign up to be a judge.

Thanks!



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Have you paid your 2011 WCBA dues? September, 2010 -August, 2011 is the WCBA membership year.

Dues for 2011 are \$75, and may be paid by contacting Julie Viner, Administrative Assistant, at 503.648.0300.

THE WCBA FEBRUARY CLE & DINNER MEETING WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2011

CLE 5:15 p.m.

CONSUMER BANKRUPTCY & COLLATERAL DAMAGE

Please join us for the next CLE, presented by Richard Slottee, Law Professor at Lewis & Clark Law School, and Director of the Lewis & Clark Legal Clinic.

Our dinner guests are the Oregon Court of Appeals Judges.

Cocktails at 6 p.m.
Dinner at 6:30 p.m.

Place: The Old Spaghetti Factory
18925 NW Tanasbourne Drive
Hillsboro, Oregon 97124

Please send your pre-registration form to: Julie Viner, PO Box 912, Hillsboro OR 97123; phone 503.648.0300; fax number 503.693.9304; or via email to wcba.association@frontier.com. Please register by February 4 so that we will be able to guarantee space.
DINNER COST \$15 (PLEASE CHOOSE AN ITEM)

Dinner Reservation:

Your name: _____

Spaghetti Sampler _____ (Mizthra cheese, meat, clam & tomato sauces)
Spaghetti with Meat Sauce _____
Spaghetti with Marinara _____
Spaghetti with Mazithra Cheese _____
Fettuccini Alfredo _____
Baked Chicken with steamed broccoli _____

CLE Reservation:

Your name: _____

Yes, I will attend the February CLE

Number of attendees: _____
\$15 for members, \$25 for non-members.

WASHINGTON COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION 2011 DUES

The WCBA is a local association of lawyers, serving Washington County practitioners. It provides a forum for the exchange of ideas and for local bar members to voice their views on matters of importance to their everyday practice. Consider the benefits of low-cost membership:

You will receive the *WCBA Newsletter*, which keeps you informed (and sometimes entertained) on updated information from Washington County Judges, various bar committees, monthly CLE Programs, social dinners & activities, the law library, etc. The newsletter is also an excellent and inexpensive place for advertising and classifieds.

- Discount on monthly CLE programs and materials.
- Discount on monthly dinner meetings with speakers or opportunities to express your views and become informed directly from local practitioners.
- Events and committees for relaxation, networking and socializing with your colleagues.
- Leadership opportunities and community service.

Membership Dues: \$75 per year (September 2010 to August 2011)
(Note: new members have this fee waived for the first year!)

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