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President’s Note

by Kathy Proctor, WCBA President

Welcome to the new season for the Washington County Bar Association. As many of you may already know, our most recently elected president, Janelle Wipper, was appointed by Governor Kitzhaber to the Washington County Circuit Court. I want to extend my congratulations to Judge Wipper and wish well in her new position. With her appointment, I am pleased to serve as the president of our local bar association.

Our new season began with our first monthly meeting on September 14. Wendy Hull, Juvenile Services Division Manager and Conciliation Services Program Coordinator, presented a CLE covering information about changes at Conciliation Services and an update on Kids’ Turn. These are important programs for families in transition and for those of us who practice family law and we appreciated hearing from her.

As usual, our monthly meetings are held the second Wednesday of each month at the Old Spaghetti Factory, 18925 NW Tanasbourne Drive in Hillsboro. The CLE programs begin at 5:15 p.m. and dinner is from 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Upcoming CLEs will cover Ethics, by Helen Hirschbiel, General Counsel for the Oregon State Bar, and an update from the Probate Court by Circuit Court Judge Rita Batz Cobb. Be sure to look for more information in our upcoming newsletters and emails.

As we begin this new year, I hope to hear from members with suggestions on how we may continue to improve our association. If you have suggestions or questions for us, please feel free to contact me personally, or any one of the other members of the board. I may be contacted at kproctor@proctor-popia.com. Additionally, we invite our members to submit proposed articles and announcements for inclusion in our monthly newsletter. Proposed articles, announcements and inquiries regarding advertisements may be emailed to us at wcbba.association@fontier.com or washingtoncountybarnews@gmail.com.

Sincerely,
Kathy Proctor

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Judge Janelle Factora Wipper

by Elizabeth Lemoine

Washington County 's newest circuit court judge, Janelle Factora Wipper, is a familiar presence in Washington County Circuit Court, having been a Washington County Deputy District Attorney for 11 years. In addition to her criminal prosecution experience, she

also has civil experience as she has worked with the Oregon Department of Justice for the last two years as both the Associate Chief Counsel for the Civil Enforcement Division and a Senior Assistant Attorney General in the Consumer Protection Section. I was able o interview her over early morning coffee this week to help the bar

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Q: You have been on the bench for about a month and a half now. What types of things have you been doing?

A: Pre-trial conferences, FEDs, Civil Stalking hearings and I just finished my 9th jury trial.

Q: What was your first day on the bench like?

A: I was sworn in; Judge Nachtigal gave me a quick tour and orientation in the morning, and then had pretrial conferences in the afternoon. Most of my training has been "hands-on" training. I had my first felony trial my second day on the bench.

Q: Are you enjoying being a judge?

A: Yes—absolutely. The other Washington County Judges have been so helpful. In fact, some have even offered to step off the bench during a trial to answer questions that I may have. I really appreciate that willingness to get me up to speed.

Q: What are you most surprised about being a Washington County judge so far?

A: I am most surprised at how much work goes on behind the scenes. I knew the judges were busy, but I did not know how much work gets done off the bench. All the judges are working very hard.

Q: Was your experience with Washington County helpful in your transition to being a judge?

A: It was helpful being familiar with the court processes and procedures.

Q: What is the funniest thing that has happened in court thus far?

A: I actually had an interpreter ask me on the record if there was a minimum age for a judge—obviously implying that I looked too young to be a judge.

Q: What do you do in your spare time when you are not on the bench?

A: I enjoy spending time with my husband Doug and stepson Sean. We enjoy waterskiing and camping. My husband and I are big OSU Beaver fans and we have season tickets to the football games. I also enjoy spending time with our two dogs, Paige and Ash, and Tony the cat.

Q: Tell me one thing about you that people might be surprised by.

A: I was born and raised in Hawaii (most people know that), but also I have eight older half brothers and sisters that live all over the United States.

Q: Thanks for letting us get to know you better!

A: Thank you. I also look forward to getting to know as many lawyers that practice in Washington County as possible. I encourage attorneys to come and talk to me after a trial and I ask for mutual feedback. I am willing to comment on what I observe during the trial, but I also want them to comment on ways that I can improve and learn.

WCBA Director Nicole Schneider

by Rebecca D. Guptill

New Washington County Bar Association Director Nicole Schneider left Lincoln, Nebraska for the northwest a decade ago on a whim. A good friend of Nicole's had invited her to stay in her parents' beach house in Lincoln City during law school and Nicole loved her visit to Oregon so much she ended up returning to practice. Nicole considered Seattle, but in the end opted for Portland and is glad that she did. "I love Portland," said Nicole. Nicole still misses watching football games on campus in Lincoln (she is a *diehard* Cornhusker.) "People get sick of hearing me talk about how big a Cornhusker fan I am," said Nicole. She doesn't miss living in the Midwest, however, where her graduating class from high school had only 80 students.

A self-described beer-loving foodie, Nicole says she will try any food at least once. That being said, it doesn't take long for one to realize that Nicole has an insane addiction to potatoes and has never met a French fry she didn't want to eat. "I have to eat potatoes only once a week or else I can't stop," said Nicole. Nicole dislikes Rachel "not-a-real-chef" Ray, but loves Paula Deen and her comfort food style. Nicole's ideal meal? Steak and potatoes (fries, maybe?), a really good carrot cake with cream cheese frosting, and a nice Oregon beer. But whatever you do, don't try to feed her Guinness or coffee.

Nicole once spent a whirlwind trip touring Amsterdam, Florence, and Rome all in one week's time. "There is something about Europe," Nicole said. "It's magnetic." Nicole, who loves fashion in addition to food, would love to return to Europe. "Next time I want to go to Paris," said Nicole.

When she is not traveling the world and practicing moderation when it comes to her beloved potatoes, she lives with her boyfriend, who she met while singing karaoke with friends, and their pets. Nicole is a partner at the Beaverton, Oregon law firm of Helzer Cromar & Schneider LLP, where she primarily does Family Law and Social Security Disability, along with some Personal Injury. Nicole has found a great fit at a great firm and she loves it.



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**THE WCBA CLE & DINNER MEETING
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 12, 2011**

CLE 5:15 p.m.

*Avoiding Discipline in 2011:
What's New, What's Not.*

This includes a review of recent case law,
ethics opinions and rule changes,
presented by Helen Hierschbiel,
OSB General Counsel

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;
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Please register by October 9 so that we will be able to
guarantee space.

DINNER COST \$15 (PLEASE CHOOSE AN ITEM)

Dinner Reservation

Your name: _____

Dinner food choices:

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

CLE Reservation

Your name: _____

Yes, I will attend the October CLE

Number of attendees: _____

\$15 for members, \$25 for non-members.



Bret Knewtson & Pamela Yee at the 2011 WCBA Picnic

The Douglas County Law Library is pleased to announce they now have a room available to use for depositions and settlement conferences. There is a charge for using the room. It will be available on a first-come, first-served basis, with advance reservations and a deposit needed.

The library has unsecured wireless internet (wifi) available as well.

For further information and reservations, please contact:
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Past President Sharon Brown and Julie Viner at the 2011 WCBA Picnic

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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 and 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 2011 to August 2012)
(Note: new members have this fee waived for the first year!)

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