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# WCBA Newsletter

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## President's Note

The 2011-12 season of the Washington County Bar Association comes to an end on June 13, 2012. I would like to thank the members of the Board for their work this year. I think we had an interesting lineup of CLE topics and speakers and we had some enjoyable dinners with our fellow members.

You may wonder, besides arranging for CLEs, writing a newsletter and taking dinner reservations, what does the Washington County Board do? This year we began the tedious but necessary project of updating and revising the bylaws to reflect current technology and practices. Once the revisions are complete we expect to make these available to our members on our website. While evaluating the bylaws and responding to requests from other organizations, it became apparent that we also needed to understand



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our mission.

Our members may or may not realize that the Washington County Bar Association does not endorse political positions or candidates. Each county is unique with its own aspirations, needs and goals.

### Mission Statement for the Washington County Bar Association

*Lawyers associated for justice, service, professionalism, education, mentoring, social interaction and leadership for our members and our community.*

Through our mission, the Washington County Bar Association Board strives to inform our legal community of matters related to the practice of law in our county. We provide opportunities for new lawyers to connect with other lawyers through social interaction. Our annual curriculum of continuing legal education is provided at reasonable prices in a relaxed setting. Dinner following our CLEs provides a rare opportunity for members of our legal community to socialize and contributes to a close knit and supportive Washington County legal community.

Dues paid by our members are used to support our mission and are not spent for political purposes or to support other dues-based associations. Consistent with our mission we support other legal organizations and associations which promote equal justice, legal education and diversity in the legal community. We do so by promoting their events and causes free of charge in our newsletter. We also encourage our members to support these other organizations and to generally support legal education and the ongoing needs of our court system.

### June 13, 2012 Wine Event

Please join us! Members and families are invited to our year end Wine Event on June 13, 2012 at 5pm. This is our final meeting of the season and is a bit of a change from our usual BBQ which has been held at Rood Bridge Park the last few years. This year we will have appetizers and, for an extra fee, wine enthusiasts will be able to participate in a wine tasting. Other beverages will also be provided. In addition to the food and beverages we will have live entertainment from the talented among our ranks. No, not karaoke, although that might be fun too. Paul Vames, Pete Hamlin, Doug Jacques,

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Greg Clemmons, Cam Clitheroe of CRAZY CHESTER JACKSON'S RAMBLIN'CHOIRBOYS have kindly agreed to perform for us. You can get a sampling of their talent at <http://www.reverbnation.com/#!/crazychesterjacksonsramblinchoirboys>. We will have the Wine Event rain or shine, so dress for the weather.

### PROFESSIONALISM AWARD



We have chosen Laura Orr, Washington County Law Librarian, to receive the Professionalism Award this year in recognition of her contributions to the legal profession not only here in Washington County, but other Oregon counties as well. Laura earned her J.D. from Temple University in 1986. She also holds an M.L.S. from Indiana University, School of Library and Information Science and a B.S. from Indiana University, School of Public &

Environmental Affairs. We are fortunate to have Laura here in Washington County not only because of her educational background, but because of her seemingly tireless commitment to diving in and providing us all with the knowledge of where to find the information we need.

Check out the legal blog site <http://www.oregonlegalresearch.com/>. There you will find numerous timely and informative blogs by Ms. Orr, and others, as well as links to free and low cost legal research sites. In addition to bringing her wealth of employment experience and E-publication projects to her role as our Law Librarian, Ms. Orr is a regular contributor to the WCBA Newsletter and volunteers for and participates with legal organizations throughout Oregon that serve to improve the legal community. If you are a member of OWLS, you have undoubtedly seen emails from her coordinating new homes for free discarded law books which are often well received by small firms, solo or newer lawyers.

Some new lawyers and solo practitioners have told me that the Washington County Law Library is often like a second office and Laura and the other librarians are welcoming and helpful. Laura, we thank you for your contributions to the legal community.

### PRESIDENT'S AWARD OF APPRECIATION

The Washington County Bar Association does not always present a President's Award, but this year it was clear that the staff of the Washington County Courthouse deserved our appreciation. They are the unsung workers who help keep the wheels of justice moving with fewer working days, less help and no less work. Because we cannot do our jobs without them and because our community could not get access to our justice system without them, I think it is appropriate for us to let them know we see them, and we appreciate them and what they do. Richard Moellmer, Trial Court Administrator, will accept the President's Award of Appreciation, along with some of the staff, on behalf of all the staff.

## Share Your News With Colleagues

Have you moved?

Changed your practice areas or firm?

Need or have a space to rent?

Have a position to fill?

Send your news and updates to  
[washingtoncountybarnews@gmail.com](mailto:washingtoncountybarnews@gmail.com)

Thank you for all your work!

### Looking Ahead

While our June meeting is the last one for members, the Board expects to meet once and probably twice over the summer to finalize changes to the bylaws and to plan for next year. Our newest Board Members are **Matthew McKean** of Harris Law Firm and **Simeon Rapoport** of IBridge LLC. Board member **Amy Velázquez** is our President Elect. Welcome new members!

Outgoing board members are **Bret Knewtson** and **Eric Bucher**. Thank you to Bret and Eric for your service!

Even though we are taking a break over the summer, I am always available via email at [kproctor@proctorlawpc.com](mailto:kproctor@proctorlawpc.com) and Julie Viner is available at [wcba.association@frontier.com](mailto:wcba.association@frontier.com).

Our next newsletter will be in the fall; see you then.

Sincerely,  
*Kathy Proctor*

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## News From Around the Courthouse

by Amy Velázquez

We are going to include information regarding changes at the courthouse in our newsletter as we hear about them. If you know of any changes that are important to the legal community, please feel free to forward them to Amy at [avelazquez@harrislawsite.com](mailto:avelazquez@harrislawsite.com) so they can be included in future newsletters.

### Washington County Bar Association President's Award of Appreciation

Every year the President of the Washington County Bar Association has the privilege to select a recipient for the President's Award. This year, President Kathy Proctor has selected the Trial Court Administrator and Staff of the Washington County Circuit Court. On behalf of the Washington County Bar Association, the President and Board would like to thank Trial Court Administrator, Richard Moellmer and the courthouse staff for all the hard work they do each and every day to keep the wheels of justice moving. We know that our county faces more challenges with fewer and fewer resources, but we want all of the staff to know you all are very much appreciated!

The award will be presented to Richard Moellmer and several staff persons at the WCBA wine tasting event on June 13 at 5pm at Oak Knoll Winery.

### Washington County Circuit Court Employee Blood Drive

Court employees will be hosting a Red Cross Blood Donation Drive. Walk-ins are welcome, however folks are encouraged to make an appointment if possible. Please share this information with others in your office, your family and friends. Court staff hopes to make the Drive a huge success and the goal is to collect 52 pints or more!

Date: Wednesday, June 20  
Time: 11am - 3:45pm  
Location: First Baptist Church, 177 NE Lincoln St Hillsboro  
(Corner of 1st Avenue & Lincoln Street)

### Email Procedures for Court Notices

Court staff now provides "Notices of Scheduled Court Proceedings" as a pdf file via email to replace printed notices via regular mail. To help insure timely and accurate notices, counsel must provide the court with an individual email address or establish one email address for your entire firm or agency. Please note that Spam / Junk folders should be checked frequently to insure receipt of all information electronically sent from the court.

To update or change an email address, submit to: [wsh-attorneyupdates@ojd.state.or.us](mailto:wsh-attorneyupdates@ojd.state.or.us). Be sure to include each attorney's full six-digit Oregon State Bar number and street address.



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## WCBA Board Past President Receives MBA Pro Bono Award

by Carol Hawkins

On May 21 at the Marriott Hotel in downtown Portland, the Multnomah Bar Association presented its annual awards at the organization's yearly meeting and dinner. Among those awarded for their pro bono service was WCBA past president **Elizabeth Lemoine**.

The award was presented for service to the Senior Law Project (SLP). Liz began volunteering for SLP the year she was admitted to the bar in 2004. Since 2007, when electronic case management began, she met with over 200 clients. She volunteers monthly at the Hollywood Senior Center in NE Portland and takes direct referrals as well.

Liz finds that her volunteer work enhances her practice by giving her a chance to give back to those who could really use the representation. Her pro bono work has strengthened her litigation and practice skills. She deals with many clients on a short-term basis, but there are a few long-term clients whose stories she shared.

One such client was an elderly female who was being sued for judicial foreclosure on a promissory note and DOT that involved a loan from family. Apparently when times were good, her family didn't mind making loan, but then the relationship soured and the family wanted to be repaid. The client had lived in her home for many years, was on SSI, had no other loans on the property – so she had equity. The loan was minimal. She was just under the age where she could get a reverse mortgage (by about a year). Liz negotiated a settlement whereby the client's friends, who were willing and able to help her keep her house, came up with some money and the client signed a new promissory note for the remainder to be paid when she was able to get a reverse mortgage to pay back her friends. The lawsuit was dismissed.

Liz connected her client with a contact for re-



## Restorative Justice for Juvenile Offenders

by Kathy Proctor

verse mortgages and he was able to pre-approve her so it was a done deal. She was able to stay in her home and prevent the family from taking her home. About a year later, she got her reverse mortgage, paid off the settlement agreement and the friends, and has been doing well ever since.

Another case Liz recalls is of a retired firefighter who for many years had a bad denture that caused him to "whistle" and to experience discomfort. He went back several times to dentist to get it fixed, but the dentist "fired" him, said there was nothing to be done and told the client to go on his way.

A couple of years later, the client went to a new dentist who fixed his problems with a new denture, which was difficult for the client to afford. Suit was filed and went to arbitration, and although technical reasons prevented a judgment against the dentist, the retired firefighter was very pleased with the effort on his behalf. The dentist spent quite a bit on attorneys' fees, since he was not awarded those in the decision. The arbitrator's decision made it very clear to the first dentist that he should have tried harder to correct his bad work and the retired firefighter was very pleased with this result.

These are the kinds of cases that make pro bono work satisfying for those who volunteer to stand in the justice gap. Congratulations to Liz and to all the attorneys who fill this void every year.



A while back I responded to an email asking for help from those interested in volunteering for a juvenile diversion panel. I really did not know what it was, but it involved working with juveniles who had gotten into minor trouble and would be placed in a diversion program. As usual, with a diversion program, those who successfully complete the program have their charges dismissed. So, I volunteered. As a volunteer, I was required to attend some mandatory training. I recently just completed two days of the training sponsored by the Clackamas County Juvenile Department. The two days covered "Juvenile Department and Restorative Justice." The program was attended by people who work in the Juvenile department, college students, and others who work with youth in the community. By the time the program was done, I was an admirer of those who work hard every day to try to make a difference in the lives of young people.

Among the topics we discussed was the notion of shame and is it an effective tool in dealing a young offender, or anyone really? What are the goals of justice and are we reaching them, or can we do a better job?

Want to learn more about Restorative Justice? The [Eighth Annual Restorative Justice Forum](#) is June 28 and 29, 2012 in Oregon City. I received the following information from Matthew Hartman of the NW Justice Forum Planning Committee. There will be "workshops to explore issues such as how to create a **culture of safety in our schools**; the **positive impact of restorative justice on victims, offenders, and communities**; **working with victims of serious and violent crime**; the role of **incarceration in Juvenile Justice**; and a sampling of **restorative justice programming** across Oregon and Washington, this year's forum has something for you!

And if you can't make it during the day for the workshops, don't let that keep you from joining us for the **Keynote Dinner** on Thursday evening at the Abernethy Center with Sujatha Baliga speaking about **reducing racial disparities in our criminal justice system.**"

For more information go to: <http://www.nwjusticeforum.com/>, or contact Matthew Hartman for Oregon and Canada, Phone: 503.655.8310, Eric Gilman for Washington, Phone: 360.397.2201 ext. 4500. Registration form is here: <https://www.resolutionsnorthwest.org/civicrm/event/register?reset=1&id=51>. The program requested 10.5 General CLE credits for individual participants.

Also, see an interesting series discussions on the topic of Restorative Justice at <http://emu.edu/now/restorative-justice/>, an interesting blog by Dr. Howard Zehr, editor of *The Little Book of Restorative Justice*.



**TO KICK OFF THE SUMMER,  
THE WASHINGTON COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION  
PRESENTS A WINE TASTING EVENT AT OAK  
KNOLL WINERY**

**THE CRAZY CHESTER JACKSON'S  
RAMBLIN' CHOIRBOYS  
WILL PROVIDE THE ENTERTAINMENT**

**FAMILIES AND STAFF WELCOME!**

**ON WEDNESDAY JUNE 13<sup>TH</sup>**

We will present the 2012 Professionalism Award to  
Laura Orr, Washington County Law Librarian  
in recognition of her contributions to the legal  
community.

**Richard Moellmer  
Washington County Trial Court Administrator  
will accept the President's Award of Appreciation  
on behalf of the  
Washington County Courthouse Staff**



**Please help us thank them for all their hard work!**

Date: Wednesday June 13th, 2012

Time: 5-7:30pm

Place: Oak Knoll Winery, 29700 SW Burkhalter Rd, Hillsboro, Oregon

Food catered by Claeys Catering

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](mailto:wcba.association@frontier.com). Please register by June 6th so that we will be able to guarantee space.

**Reservation**

Your name: \_\_\_\_\_

Yes, I will attend the June Wine Tasting.

Number of attendees: \_\_\_\_\_ \$15 for members; \$20 for non-members

This price includes food soda and music, There is an additional \$5 charge per person if you choose to participate in the wine tasting (to be paid directly to Oak Knoll).