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WCBA Newsletter

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President's Note

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

Summer has arrived! This will be our last *WCBA Newsletter* until we resume dinner meetings and CLE courses in September 2014. This is my

also my last *President's Note*, before passing the torch on to **Rebecca Guptill**, our incoming president. We would love to help you kick off your summer at our Summer Social and Picnic on **Wednesday, June 11th** at **Ruby Vineyard and Winery** in Hillsboro. Ruby will have wine tasting for \$5 per person as well as bottles available for purchase and our catering will be done by Claeys. Bottled beer will also be available for purchase. We will be presenting the **WCBA Professionalism Award** at the picnic, please join us in honoring **Richard G. Helzer**, the 2014 recipient. Mr. Helzer was nominated by his law partner, Nicole Schneider, for his years of outstanding professionalism. Mr. Helzer is a partner at Helzer Cromar and Schneider and has been a member of the Oregon State Bar since 1969. We appreciate his years of service and professionalism. We hope to see you all at the Summer Social!

A special thanks for those who attended our business meeting and voted in our elections last month. We are pleased to have two new Directors on our Board: **Rachel Twenge** and **Meghan S. Bishop**. Ms. Twenge is an associate at Proctor Law, P.C. and her practice focuses on family law matters. Ms. Bishop is a sole practitioner in Beaverton and the focus of her practice is juvenile law. **Rebecca Guptill** of Harris Law Firm, P.C. is our new President for 2014-15. **Nicholas A. Heydenrych**, sole practitioner, is our President-Elect. I, **Amy N. Velázquez**, will be the Secretary for 2014-16.

We have two Directors resigning, **Kathy Proc-**

tor and **Nicole Schneider**. Kathy has served as served twice as the WCBA President and has been on the Board since 2010. Nicole has been a Director on the Board since 2010. We thank them both for all of their assistance on the Board and with our WCBA activities and wish them well in their future endeavors. Continuing on as Directors are: **Elizabeth Lemoine** of Mackler Lemoine & Goldberg, P.C., **Matthew C. McKean**, sole practitioner, **Becky Mehringer** of the Washington County District Attorney's Office, **Jennifer L. Peckham** of St. Andrew Legal Clinic, **Simeon Rapoport** of iBridge, LLC, and **Arthur K. Saito** of Stahancyk Kent & Hook, P.C., who also serves as our Treasurer. Thank you for your continued service to the Board. You have been an amazing team to work with and have made my time as President most enjoyable!

Our long time Administrative Assistant, Julie Viner, is retiring from the organization. Ms. Viner has been the WCBA Administrative Assistant for over 14 years and has been the face and backbone of our organization. She will be sorely missed. She has graciously assisted us in selecting our new assistant and will be helping out through the transition period this summer. Ms. Viner continues to work at Schantz Law, P.C. and we believe we will still see her around every now and then! I have selected Ms. Viner as the recipient of the 2014 **WCBA President's Award**, for her years of dedication and service to the Washington County Bar Association. Anyone who knows Ms. Viner, knows how friendly and enjoyable she is to work with and I can absolutely say that she will always be a friend of the WCBA. Thank you, thank you, thank you Julie!!! We cannot say it enough times. You will be missed! Our new Administrative Assistant will be **Rosie De Santos**. Ms. De Santos is a legal assistant at Stahancyk Kent & Hook, P.C. We look forward to working with her and bringing her up to speed!

As always, feel free to contact me with any feedback and/or information for inclusion in our newsletter. Please contact me or any other member of the Board directly with input, questions or concerns.

Amy Velázquez
President
Washington County Bar Association

See upcoming events schedule on page 2.

The WCBA uses email to promote its programs and services to members only and does not share its email list with third parties. If you would like to be removed from our email list, please reply to this message with the word "remove" in the subject line.

Washington County Civil Team Reminders 3rd Installment

Dear Civil Attorneys,

I hope the two installments so far have been helpful. Please let us know if you would like us to answer a “how does the court...?” question. First, I would like to announce that we have now officially formed a Civil Bench/Bar committee having our first meeting on June 17, 2014. A very big “thank you” to all you who volunteered to be on the team. For this installment I am going to discuss a few changes the Civil team has come up with for Judgment Debtor exams, change of venue request, and “hanging signatures.”

Pro Tem Judge Michele Rini brought to the team’s attention a concern that some requests for Judgment Debtor Exams were based very old information or demand letters sent out years before the request. The team did not think it was appropriate for the court to be used for an exam unless some form of collection was made sooner in time for a Judgment Debtor Exam request. Accordingly, we are requiring either a demand letter or some form of contact requesting satisfaction of the debt to have occurred within six months of the request for the examinations. The contact can come in many forms (see ORS 18.265): (1) Demand letter, a return of a writ of execution showing the judgment unsatisfied, or a garnishee response that did not satisfy the full judgment. The date of the contact should be included in the affidavit attached to the request for the exam.

It is unfortunate that sometimes we have to make some rules because a small minority tries to “game” the system, this is why we have changed how we will exercise our discretion on Change of Venue Requests. To avoid ORCP Rule 7 dismissals we noted that a few firms were requesting Changes of Venue because the non-served defendant lived in another county only to find those cases coming back months later because apparently the defendant lived in our county all along. Thus, the court will only approve a Change of Venue after it becomes clear to the court that venue is proper in another county. For example, a person is served and they live in another county or it turns out the property or business associated with the law suit is in another county.

Finally, we have noticed more orders or judgments in which the signature line is all by itself, what is commonly called a “hanging signature.” According to the rules, the judge’s signature portion must be on a page with at least two lines of text above the signature line. ORCP (12)(a). If you send in a document that does not contain at least two lines of text above the signature line, don’t be surprised when you get it back indicating it contains a “hanging signature.”

Judge Charlie Bailey
Chief Civil Team Judge

The Play’s the Thing!

On opening night for Bag’n’Baggage’s production of Noel Cowards’ *Private Lives*, a lively group of Washington County Bar members were in attendance. If you were not among that group, you missed a great performance, lovely wine reception at intermission and a gathering with the actors at Primrose and Tumbleweed following the play. It was a most enjoyable evening. Scott Eisenstein and Kelly Ritz were the presenting sponsors for *Private Lives*. The next season will begin later this summer with Shakespeare’s *Love’s Labour’s Lost*. It will be outdoors at the Hillsboro Civic Center. This was a fun social evening, so let’s try it again.

Bag’n’Baggage is Hillsboro’s professional theatre company with its home stage at the Venetian in the heart of the city. As part of their community outreach, they provide free tickets to any high school student in Washington, Yamhill, Tillamook and Columbia Counties. If you know of any high school students in those areas who might enjoy live professional theatre, keep Bag’n’Baggage in mind.



Shakespeare

Upcoming Events

Wednesday, June 11
Summer Social/Annual BBQ
at Ruby Vineyards
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July/August—WCBA Summer Break

Wednesday, September 10
OSB PLF CLE—topic TBA

Wednesday, October 8
Topic TBA (Probate/Juvenile Law)

Wednesday, November 12
Topic TBA (Probate/Juvenile Law)

Wednesday, December 10
Winter Social

Press Release

Oregon Adds Statewide Abuse Reporting Line: **855.503.SAFE**

Oregon has added another option for reporting suspected abuse of children and vulnerable adults. All our regular local hotline and reporting numbers will continue to take reports as usual, but we have added a single statewide number that provides another way to make these important reports. Oregon's abuse reporting hotline for children and adults is up and running, and it provides callers with the ability to report suspected child abuse, elder abuse, abuse of people with physical or developmental disabilities, and abuse of people with mental illness or those experiencing a mental health crisis.

Callers will be directed that if the report is an emergency requiring immediate attention, to hang up and dial 911. If it is not an emergency, then callers will work through a simple phone tree to ensure their report gets to the right place for response, based on zip code and characteristics of the person they are calling about. Calls can be answered in English or Spanish. Once the calls are routed through the phone tree, they will be directed to local DHS or county offices for Child Protective Services and Adult Protective Services, County Developmental Disability Programs (CDDP) or County Mental Health Programs (CMHP) for response. Not all areas of the state will have a live person to take reports after hours, and some locations will provide voicemail reporting options.

All local hotline and reporting numbers will continue to take reports as usual, and the new line adds a single call option for those who want to use it. Oregon's abuse reporting hotline for children and adults is the result of two legislative workgroups, one on child welfare and one on elder abuse, which recommended a single hotline option to simplify reporting for Oregonians who are not familiar with the abuse reporting process. Mandatory reporters are often well aware of local reporting and hotlines and are responsible for most of the reports we receive. Citizens who may only make one or two calls in their lifetimes can be overwhelmed by the seeming complexity of agencies and numbers from which to choose. **855.503.SAFE (855.503.7233)** will solve that problem by providing a single phone number anyone can call from any community in Oregon!



CLASSIFIEDS

BEAVERTON

Attorney office building for over 35 years on 2nd and Tucker has six to eight offices with reception area, library/conference room, amenities and parking. Flexible to rent/lease entire space or individual office to sole practitioners. Space available. Currently three sole practitioners in building with some overflow/referral. From \$350 for small office to \$500 for full-size office. Work assistant spaces available. Call Sheila or Bob at 503.641.7888.

Family Law of Counsel Position

Yates, Matthews & Eaton, P.C., an AV rated Portland firm seeks an "of counsel" attorney with at least 5-7 years' experience in family law. Favorable terms available. Send resume, to Attn: Office Administrator, Cecelia Connolly, cconnolly@yatesmatthews.com. All inquiries will remain strictly confidential.



Classified advertising rates

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Oregon Legal Assistance Resource Guide

We recently updated our very popular Oregon Legal Assistance Resource Guide. You may find it a useful referral resource. You can find it on our website, email us and we'll send you a copy, or link to this URL:

<http://www.co.washington.or.us/LawLibrary/upload/Oregon-Legal-Assistance-Resource-Guide.pdf>

Law Library Services for Attorneys

We are updating our "Services for Washington County Attorneys" guide You will soon find a copy of it on our website or email us to request a copy. Some of our services:

- Classic, WestlawNext, Lexis, and Shepard's.
- We have HeinOnline, which you might not think you need until you do, and we say, "it's on HeinOnline!" (You can use your WCCLS library card and search HeinOnline yourself - or just give us a call for assistance.)
- We have WiFi, legal forms databases, and print and online federal legislative history resources, and a conference room for client or committee meetings, to listen to CLEs, or just to get away from it all.
- Paula, Sue, and I are Oregon notaries. (Appointments are recommended, but we can sometimes accommodate last minute requests for notarizations.)

More? Stay tuned for the updated "Law Library Services for Attorneys" flyer, which will be posted to our website.

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SALC Race for Justice

Saturday, June 14

St. Andrew Legal Clinic presents its 14th Annual Race for Justice, Saturday, June 14, at the Madeleine Parish - 3213 NE 24th Ave in Portland.

The 5K fun run/walk and Kids' K directly support the mission of SALC, a nonprofit law firm that provides family law legal services for low-income families. Your participation or donation helps SALC continue the important work of ensuring that the law works for everyone.

Post-race events include a pizza party and awards ceremony!

\$60 from June 1 to race day

\$35 Students and first-year associates

\$10 Kids' K (ages 3-10, no tee-shirt)

Free to participants who raise \$100 or more in pledges.

To register online or set up your own pledge-raising page, visit the St. Andrews Legal Clinic website at SALCgroup.org.

For questions, contact Kenny Macdonald at kmacdonald@salcgroup.org or 503.281.1500 x321.

Adoption CLE

Thank you to Robin Pope who presented the April CLE on changes to the Adoption laws due to SB 623. Robin gave some interesting background regarding a work group that she was involved in and which was formed in 2011 to address adoption records and other adoption related issues.

The changes to the adoption laws include new requirements under ORS 109.315 for the Petition. A summary of the filing requirements may be found at http://courts.oregon.gov/OJD/docs/OSCA/cpsd/courtimprovement/jcip/SB622_SB623/SB623FilingRequirements.pdf.

Among the changes that will affect practitioners is the requirement to file an Adoption Summary and Segregated Information Statement (ASSIS) instead of a face sheet. Robin's practice tips are as follows: Do not dabble in adoption matters, read all of ORS Chapter 109, read all of OAR 413-140-0000 through 0110, and have your client's sign the documents in front of a notary public.

For Washington County practitioners, Presiding Judge Kirsten Thompson is now handling adoptions. Adoption ex parte is 8:30am, however you should call Adoptions Clerk Teresa Roach at 503.846.8065 to schedule. Adoptions are filed in Room B-7. Requests for adoption ceremonies should be accompanied by the Judgment and final documents and Judge Thompson's office will contact the attorney with available dates.

Thank you, Robin for an interesting and informative CLE.

*Washington County Bar Association
Summer Social / Annual Picnic
Wednesday, June 11
5:30-8:30pm
Ruby Vineyard
38888 Eggars Road
Hillsboro OR
rubyvineyard.com*



Music
Wine Tasting \$5
Beer \$5
Catering by Claeys \$15
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