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President's Note

*Lawyers associated for
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mentoring,
social interaction and
leadership for our members
and our community.*

Happy May! We had a nice attendance for our April

Adoption Update CLE. A special thank you to Robin Pope for her informative presentation. Also, it was great to see all the staff at our Staff Appreciation Dinner. We can never thank all the staff at our offices and the court enough, for the assistance they provide us on a daily basis!

Please join us for our May CLE regarding the intersection of Bankruptcy and Family Law matters. Greg Roberson of Peterson, Peterson & Walchli, LLP will be our CLE presenter. Registration information is on page 5. This month is our annual business meeting, which includes our elections, so be sure to attend to vote for new positions and Board members.

We are also looking forward to our Summer Social/Picnic which will be held at a new location this June, Ruby Vineyard and Winery in Hillsboro. The food will be done by Claeys Catering and Ruby will have wine tasting for \$5 per person as well as bottles available for purchase. We hope to see you all there! We will be presenting the WCBA Professionalism Award at the picnic. Please forward any nominations for the Professionalism Award to any board member no later than June 1st.

Please feel free to contact me with any feedback and/or information for inclusion in our newsletter. We encourage your article submissions! You may always contact me or any other member of the board directly with input, questions or concerns.

*Amy Velázquez
President*

Washington County Bar Association

Call for 2015 Washington County Supplementary Local Rules (SLR) Proposals

The Washington County SLR Committee invites you to propose 2015 SLRs.

Committee members include Presiding Judge Kirsten Thompson; attorneys Megan Johnson, Ron Ridehalgh, Steve Eberlein & Paul Vames; & Court Administrator Richard Moellmer.

Proposals should be sent to

richard.e.moellmer@ojd.state.or.us

By Friday, May 16, 2014.

Link to current Washington County SLR,
February 1, 2014 - January 31, 2015:

[https://www.ojd.state.or.us/Web/ojdpublishations.nsf/Files/Washington_SLR_2014.pdf/\\$File/Washington_SLR_2014.pdf](https://www.ojd.state.or.us/Web/ojdpublishations.nsf/Files/Washington_SLR_2014.pdf/$File/Washington_SLR_2014.pdf)



Upcoming Events/CLEs

May 9: Bag & Baggage WCBA Night
See page 4 for details

**May 14: Bankruptcy & Family Law;
WCBA Annual Business Meeting**

**June 11: Summer Social/Annual Picnic
NEW LOCATION:**

Ruby Vineyard & Winery, Hillsboro

July/August: WCBA Summer Break

September 10: OSB PLF CLE: Topic TBA

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The Honorable Beth Roberts

One of “Our Own” Takes the Bench

By Jennifer Peckham

The casual observer sitting in the gallery of the Law Enforcement Center, aka “LEC,” courtroom on March 26 might have been surprised to learn that it was only Day Four of Judge Beth Roberts’ appointment as the newest Washington County Circuit Court judge. Having arrived a few minutes before my scheduled interview with Judge Roberts that day, I observed her in action at the end of the 3pm “in custody” docket. Calm, confident, and in control, Judge Roberts appeared to be nothing other than a seasoned pro.

After being appointed by the governor to fill the seat vacated by Judge Rita Batz Cobb at the end of February, Judge Roberts started her first day on the job on March 17. After a few days off for a pre-arranged vacation, Judge Roberts was back on the bench and began her first full week as a judge on March 24th.

Stationed at LEC for the time being, Judge Roberts handles the 8:15am plea docket that includes out-of-custody ECR and PV matters, 1:30pm release hearings, and 3pm in-custody matters, ranging from misdemeanors, felonies, contempt, and violations. Her docket will also include some unresolved traffic matters, as well.

Originally from Portland, Judge Roberts lived for several years in Fresno, California, and eventually landed back in Portland, graduating from Portland State University with degrees in business administration and accounting. She graduated from Lewis & Clark Northwestern School of Law in 1993, and went to work in Oregon City from 1994-97 as a solo practitioner, doing contract work, volunteering to represent parties in FAPA hearings, and handling housing, real estate, and domestic relations cases. She offered sliding scale fees to those clients who were referred to her from Legal Aid.

Judge Roberts next worked as a mortgage and compliance officer for the Department of Consumer and Business Affairs, before joining the Washington County District Attorney’s Office as a DDA in 1999. At the DA’s office, Judge Roberts handled child support enforcement, then transferred to the misdemeanor unit, eventually becoming the Misdemeanor Coordinator before joining the felony unit in 2009. Judge Roberts was also the Drug Court DDA, spending her last day in Drug Court on March 10th.

Drawing upon her accounting skills, Judge Roberts served as treasurer for the Washington County Bar Association, and was on the WCBA Board of Directors from 2002-04. Proud of her history of service in Washington County, with her background as a DDA and her understanding of the Washington County Circuit Court, Judge Roberts is eager to help shape the future of the court and looks forward to being part of the court’s revitalization project. She embraces the challenges that face her as a new judge, and is quickly honing her active listening skills, knowing the importance of being

“alert and aware” while on the bench.

Judge Roberts hopes that the attorneys who appear in front of her will have good attitudes, will always do their best, and will know not to take what happens in court personally. The attorneys who lingered after court the day I was there expressed to Judge Roberts their appreciation that she provided specific ending dates for probation extensions, rather than simply extending probation by “six months” or “one year.” Judge Roberts has clearly set a tone of judicial efficiency and the practical administration of justice in her courtroom.

Although Judge Roberts will miss the collegiality that she enjoyed at the DA’s office, she looks forward to becoming more involved in the community outside of working hours. The WCBA extends congratulations and a hearty welcome to Judge Beth Roberts!



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!

\$50 entry fee until May 31

\$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.



Washington County Family Law Bench & Bar Committee

There have been some important developments in the Washington County Family Law Bench & Bar Committee this year.

As you read in the April *WCBA newsletter*, the Washington County SLR 6.013 regarding status conferences has been modified. Based on a recommendation of the Better Ideas Subcommittee, a subcommittee of the WCBA Family Law Bench & Bar Committee, the SLR requires completion of the UTCR 8 property distribution summary at the time of the status conference. This particular change, effective as of February 1, was designed to enhance the utility of the status conference for settlement purposes. You can view the SLRs on the Washington County website at: <http://courts.oregon.gov/washington> under the Rules & Fees tab.

The Better Ideas Subcommittee is now working on identifying the differences among each judge's procedural practices. This subcommittee is polling attorneys in the community regarding these differences. The subcommittee is not making any recommendation at this point, but is simply gathering information. The judges would like to try to unify procedures where practicable.

The Website Subcommittee has continued to add important videos and other materials to the website. This includes several self-help videos created by Washington County Circuit Court to assist self-represented litigants as they maneuver through the family court process. These videos are available in English and Spanish, and star our own Judge Raines. You can find the videos here: http://courts.oregon.gov/Washington/Services/Family_Law/Pages/familyLawVideos.aspx.

There is a new Child Support Education Subcommittee created to provide education and guidance after the child support rules changed on July 1, 2013. Members of this subcommittee are regularly addressing issues that arise in this area and have brought them to the attention of the Bench & Bar Committee.

Finally, there is a new Judicial Feedback Committee that has been researching ways in which the bar can provide feedback to the Washington County Court. This committee is looking at the National Center for State Courts' recommendations for providing such feedback and/or training tools.

If you are interested in joining the WCBA Bench & Bar and/or you have matters that you would like the WCBA Bench & Bar Committee to consider, please contact the chair of the Bench & Bar Committee, Lauren Walchli at lauren@petersonlaw.net.



CLASSIFIEDS

FAMILY LAW ASSOCIATE POSITION:

Yates, Matthews & Eaton, P.C., an AV rated Portland firm seeks an attorney with at least 5-7 years' experience in family law. Competitive compensation and full benefits. Send resume with writing sample, Attn: Office Administrator, Cecelia Connolly, cconnolly@yatesmatthews.com. All inquiries will remain strictly confidential.

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT—OFFICE OF THE GENERAL COUNSEL, OREGON STATE UNIVERSITY

Qualifications include three years administrative support experience; strong oral, written, interpersonal skills; problem-solving skills; experience using MS Office and web; demonstrated commitment to confidentiality, discretion, and diplomacy; ability to multi-task, cope with shifting priorities, coordinate high work volume. Must be able to work under frequent short deadlines and multiple time demands. Preferred qualifications include experience in law office or higher education; some college-level coursework; experience with electronic document management system; experience with web management; a demonstrable commitment to promoting and enhancing diversity. Salary commensurate with education and experience. For full consideration, apply by May 20, 2014. To apply go to: <http://oregonstate.edu/jobs> posting #0012319. OSU is an AA/EOE employer.

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.

Classified advertising rates

\$20 for the first 50 or fewer words, and \$.50 per word thereafter. Classified ads must be prepaid. To obtain a quote, send the proposed text to: washingtoncountybarnews@gmail.com.

Display advertising rates

Business card size (2" x 3.5")	\$30
1/4 page	\$50
1/2 page	\$90

Please submit your ad in JPEG format to: washingtoncountybarnews@gmail.com.

LAW LIBRARY NEWS

Washington County Law Library

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 Email: lawlibrary@co.washington.or.us
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 Oregon Legal Research website & blog:
<http://www.oregonlegalresearch.com/>

Meet the Law Library Staff

- **Laura Orr**, Law Librarian (library director, specialized legal researcher, blogger)
- **Sue Ludington**, Assistant Law Librarian (outreach and training, reference, tech services)
- **Paula Simon**, Law Library Assistant (circulation, tech troubleshooter, office manager)
- **Christi Pingel**, temp (scanning maven, e.g. superseded ORSs)

New CLEs

We've been saving our pennies and are catching up on some deferred CLE purchases from OSB, OLI, and PLF. From our website you can search our Catalog, click on the "CLE Information" tab for lists of new CLEs, or call or email us with your "do you have?" CLE questions.

Superseded Oregon Revised Statutes: 1953-1993

We are still working with Oregon Legislative Counsel, who themselves are still trying to get our 1953-1993 ORSs (and other pre-1999 legislative documents) onto the Legislature's new website. We get superseded ORS document requests from Oregon and other states' attorneys - and even from Canada. With any luck, by the time you read this, these images will be back up on the Legislature's website. But you can always email us if you need copies of superseded ORS sections.

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Join Bag & Baggage for Special WCBA Night!

Come see Bag & Baggage's May 9 performance of *Private Lives*, generously co-sponsored by production sponsors Scott Eisenstein and Kelly Ritz-Eisenstein, and join Artistic Director Scott Palmer and members of the cast for a special Bar Association post-show gathering!



Tickets can be purchased online at:

<http://bagnbaggage.org/events/private-lives/>

By phone at: [503.345.9590](tel:503.345.9590)

More about Bag & Baggage:

<http://bagnbaggage.org/>

May 9 at 7:30pm
The Venetian Theatre
253 E Main Street
Hillsboro OR 97123

A gathering will be held immediately following the performance at Primrose & Tumbleweeds,
<http://www.primroseandtumbleweeds.com/>.

Bag & Baggage ends its 6th season at the Venetian Theatre with a sophisticated, sexy and sparkling production of Noel Coward's brilliant comedic masterpiece, *Private Lives*.

Amanda and Elyot, once the toast of the town and London's most fabulous married couple, haven't seen each other since their explosive divorce five years ago. When they meet by chance on a hotel balcony, their passions re-ignite with explosive consequences ... especially because they are both honeymooning with new spouses! Full of rebellious flippancy, sophisticated romance, and Coward's hallmark rapier-like wit, this is a comedy that has stood the test of time ... and then some!



The WCBA CLE & DINNER MEETING

Wednesday, May 14

CLE—Bankruptcy & Family Law: “Let it Go: Navigating Bankruptcy’s Chilly/Frozen Waters”

Presented by Greg Roberson, Peterson, Peterson & Walchli, LLP

Please join us for the WCBA Annual Meeting
immediately following the CLE.

CLE at 5:15pm, cocktails at 6pm, dinner at 6:30pm
The Old Spaghetti Factory, 18925 NW Tanasbourne Dr.
Hillsboro OR 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 no later than May 12th so that we will be able to guarantee space.
You can now also pay on our website, wcbabar.org, using our PayPal account.

DINNER COST \$15 (PLEASE CHOOSE AN ITEM)

Dinner Reservation

Name: _____

_____ Potpourri 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

(Gluten free & Whole Wheat Pasta Available upon Request)

CLE Reservation

Name: _____

_____ Yes, I will attend the CLE, Number of attendees _____

(\$15 for members, \$25 for non-members)

*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

Soft drinks and water provided

Please send your registration payment to:

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