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President's Note

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

I'm pleased to report that we have an exciting and ambitious agenda for the WCBA this year. Many of you have approached us with your ideas and suggestions for how the WCBA can better serve its members - and we are listening!

This year we're starting off with an exciting CLE - Recognizing and Representing Clients with Mental Health Impairments, presented by Kyra Hazilla and Brian Welch. The CLE will count for one Access to Justice Credit. Mark your calendar for September 9 at 5pm at the Hillsboro Old Spaghetti Factory. Hope to see you there!

I am also pleased to report that we started the summer out with some early successes. Amy Velázquez, Matt McKean, Rachel Edwards and Rosie DeSantos worked hard to set up our summer social at Ruby Vineyard. On behalf of the WCBA I thank them for their hard work and support.

We are also very grateful to Ruby Vineyard owner and former OTLA President Steve Hendricks, who has graciously and generously agreed to host our summer social on his gorgeous property. Thank you to Steve for sharing your beautiful view and fine wines with us. For those of you missed out this year - I encourage you to make attendance a priority in 2016!

This summer's court staff appreciation picnic was also a big success - and as always the WCBA was there to share ice cream as a small token of our appreciation for the Court staff's public service. We owe a big "Thank you!" to Arthur Saito for helping to ensure the success of that event. Arthur takes about two vacation days a year and dedicated most of one those days this year to helping make sure that our court staff, county counsel staff, law library staff, and court security got their just desserts. Thanks also to Zoe Smith and Rachel Edwards for their assistance.

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We're also privileged to have the support of a great board of directors. Our board members include three former past WCBA presidents - Kathy Proctor, Amy Velazquez, and Rebecca Guptill. All three have remained very proactive and have been invaluable in lending their ongoing support. Our bar is very privileged to have their continuing leadership and the legacy of their past success.

We should also recognize Matthew McKean for his dedication and leadership as a member of our County Law Library committee; Rachel Edwards for leading our young lawyer's section; and Meghan Bishop, Jennifer Peckham, and Simeon Rapoport for their ongoing help and support.

We're also welcoming some new faces - board directors Zoe Smith of the Washington County District Attorney's office and solo family law practitioner Ben Evans. On behalf of the WCBA - welcome aboard!

In closing I want to thank the board, the WCBA membership, and our county bar at large for your help and support in making this a great year. Many of you have stepped forward to share your insights and ideas, and I am extremely grateful for that. Based on the input and enthusiasm I've heard so far, I am confident that we can all look forward to a great year! Keep those comments and suggestions coming by contacting me at nick@sunsetlegal.com.

*Nick Heydenrych
WCBA President*

WCBA Upcoming Events

Wednesday, September 9
**PLF CLE—Recognizing & Representing Clients
with Mental Health Impairments**



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Rebecca's Speech from the Summer Social at Ruby Vineyard

I am sorry I am not able to be at Ruby Vineyard for the Summer Social this year. Thank you to Steve Hendricks for allowing us to take over his beautiful property and partake in his fabulous wine again. Hopefully everyone is having a great time in my absence. I want to make sure to thank Amy for being willing to fill in for me for purposes of tonight. I also want to thank the entire WCBA board, as well as our assistant, Rosie - they have all been instrumental to every aspect of my term as President. I also want to thank Carol Hawkins for her ongoing service to us editing our newsletter. She does so as a volunteer and her willingness to help us in this regard is crucial to our organization. She is greatly appreciated.

When I was deciding who should receive the President's Award this year it was an easy decision for me. The only difficulty was that I couldn't pick just one person - So, I didn't. This year's President's Awards go to Becky Mehringer and Elizabeth Lemoine - two long-time WCBA board members who are not returning to the board next year to take a much deserved break.

Elizabeth is one of those people who you can count on. She steps up when needed and she is willing to give her time, money and knowledge for the greater good. In addition to her practice, Elizabeth juggles family and volunteer activities with grace. She has been essential to the WCBA board for years, including as its President. Among other things, she has been an active and enthusiastic supporter of the Classroom Law Project and mock trial, providing her knowledge to the next generation of potential attorneys. Elizabeth's presence on the WCBA board will be missed by all of us - I know I will miss seeing her smiling face at the board meetings. It has been an honor and a pleasure getting to work with Elizabeth through WCBA.

Becky is also one of those people you can count on. As another former President, Becky has been instrumental in ensuring our special events, such as the Winter Social go off without a hitch. Becky is always the first to volunteer and not just for WCBA matters. Becky gives freely her time and knowledge, also volunteering with other organizations and committees. In fact, Becky is not here tonight due to a prior commitment adventure training Boy Scout leaders. Becky is the main reason why I began coming to WCBA meetings and formally joined the organization, as she would remind me and invite me to attend as a new lawyer. As a result of her prodding and my experiences with Becky as opposing counsel when I began practicing, I have come to see Becky as a role model, mentor, and friend.

I am sad to see both of these worthy President Award recipients leave our board, but I know they will still be active attendees and members of WCBA. I am grateful for their hard work and dedication and thank them for all they have done for WCBA over the years.

I also want to mention for those who might be

unaware that Laura Orr, our law librarian extraordinaire is officially retiring this summer. She was also recently awarded the Bethany J. Ochal Award for Distinguished Service to the Profession by the State, Court, and County Special Interest Section of the American Association of Law Libraries. Make sure to congratulate her the next time you see her. While her service as law librarian is soon over and she is sure to be missed, I am sure she will still be an active part of our legal community.

As my Presidency has come to an end, I pass the baton to Nick Heydenrych. You are going to do a great job. It can feel a bit overwhelming when you first take over, but if you ever have a question, don't hesitate to ask me. Remember, you have an experienced and energetic board to help you along the way. Don't worry - the year will fly by before you know it. I know it did for me.

Welcome to our new board members, Zoe Smith and Ben Evans, as well as welcome back to Kathy Proctor who is returning to the board as President-Elect. Thanks again to everyone for coming tonight and sorry again that I couldn't attend. See you in September when we will have a CLE on Recognizing and Representing Clients with Mental Health Issues presented by the OAAP and good for one Access to Justice credit.

Thanks for coming!

Rebecca Guptill
WCBA Past President



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 Thanks again to Steve Hendricks



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**THE WCBA September CLE & DINNER MEETING
WEDNESDAY September 9th**

***Recognizing and Representing Clients with
Mental Health Impairments***

PRESENTED BY:

Kyra Hazilla and Brian Welch
of the Oregon Attorney Assistance Program

Date: Wednesday September 9, 2015

Time: CLE - 5:15pm Cocktails & Dinner – 6:30pm

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

CLE Credit (Pending approval): One Access to Justice MCLE Credit

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