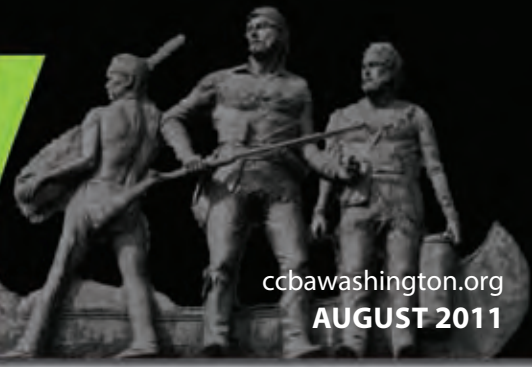


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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Fun In The Sun



KURT RYLANDER

CCBA President

Summer sun and fun. We just had our summer barbeque hosted by The Honorable Judge Melnick. The young lawyers are hosting a softball game between the old and the new. The golf committee has set a date and a place, September 23, Cedars, for the Bar's frequently annual Golf Tournament. And finally, there is sun!

Summer sun in the PNW makes me think how wonderful it would be to have trials and court proceedings out of doors. This is not so unusual a thought as it may seem at first glance. Our judicial construct--judge, laws, juries--comes to us from the Greeks and Romans. These ancients held trials outside. For the Romans, in the Roman Forum. Juries were not laboriously hand selected, like ours, nor limited to 6 or 12. Instead, juries totaled in the 100s, and for some types of trials, the 1000s, and it was the case of whoever showed up, that was the jury.

Taking a leaf from that page, imagine conducting a trial in Esther Short Park. In the summer sun, it should be easy to get a jury of 50 to 100 people, or more. The judge would sit on the raised platform, and lawyers would be free to exhort the jury which would sit like an audience fanned out around the dais. We could have beer

and hot dog vendors to service the crowds. The spectacle I have no doubt would be popular, and would probably spark tourism. It could be grand.

This makes even more sense given that we elect judges. Most of our electors don't even know anything about the judges they are electing, or re-electing. For the Romans, starting out in the trial courts, speaking before juries of 100s and 1000s in the Roman Forum, was the best way for a Roman Senator to get his name out and known as he made his way up the elected ladder, from Aedile to Consul. Cicero and Caesar both started out in this fashion. If we did juries out of doors, before masses of 1000s, the citizenry would get to know the judges, and have something to actually base their later vote upon. Moreover, it might improve the common person's perception of the fairness and accuracy of our justice system. Certainly, having trials indoors, in closed rooms, that require navigating through security entrances and pat downs, is the least amenable to inducing public participation.

In any case, it is something to think about as I look out my window longingly at the beautiful day.

Upcoming CLE Schedule

Date	Area of Law	Topic	Speakers	Committee Chair
September	Mediation	Controversial Issues in Mediation	Richard Spier Steve Andersen Jane Clark	Jane Clark
October	Real Property	Mortgage Loan Remodification Before, During & After Instead of Bankruptcy	Robert Russell William Black	Scott Matthews
November	Federal	Federal Court Civil Procedure		Jim Sellers
December	Ethics			

Date: 08/26/2011

Time: 2:30-4:30p.m.

Celebration

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Annual CCBA BBQ



MARK SAMPATH
Hearsay Special Correspondent

The always popular annual Clark County Bar Association BBQ took place on July 15, 2011. A highlight of the event every year is the Honorable Judge Richard Melnick's role as grill master of ceremonies. Utilizing the well-accepted formulas used in both the 1995 Million Man March and Glenn Beck's 2010 Restoring Honor gathering, turnout was estimated at around 550 people. Using a less accepted method of simply counting the actual number of attendees, headcount was more like 130 people.

The BBQ was supported by a number of Judges, including Judge Johnson, Judge Lewis, Commissioner Stahnke, Judge Bennett, and Judge Wulle. The CCBA was well represented by attorneys, including Chris Boyd, Rick McLeod, Jack Peterson, Gideon Caron, Aaron Ritchie, Kurt Rylander and some of Kurt Rylander's colleagues.

Judge Melnick estimated that this crowd, who never thumbs their noses at a free meal and a chance to have a judge do the

cooking, consumed roughly 20lbs. of burgers (the CCBA actually ran out of burgers), 8 lbs. of hot dog, and 2 lbs. of Veggie Burgers. Judge Melnick also admitted that he has been a vegetarian since he was in the 5th grade, thus explaining his soft and sensitive side. Judge Melnick felt the turnout was healthy compared to past years and that his favorite part of the BBQ was the chance to socialize with Clark County's lawyers. This marks the first time that anyone admitted that they enjoyed the company of attorneys. Judge Melnick expressed a love of cooking and to reassure the attorneys that the food was safe, proudly proclaimed that he had his food handler card in tow.

A sampling of comments from attending attorneys is as follows. The names remain anonymous to protect their reputations. Some poetic license was used.

"I didn't show up for the company or to have fun; I came for the free food and I was not disappointed."



“The food was great; Judge Melnick’s culinary reputation precedes him and he lives up to it.” Regarding the company, the attorney said: “No Comment.”

“The food was excellent and having a burger cooked by a judge is worth both the bar fees and the pain of having to hang out with this crew.”

“The food was good but bossing around Judge Melnick is the best part.”

“Good food, great company.”

“Judge Melnick’s ‘gigantor’ dogs are always something to look forward to and the company was not too shabby.”

Chris Sundstrom wanted his comments on the record, stating the “food was solid except for the stale chips which were left over from last year’s BBQ.” Chris then blamed this shortcoming to the inherent “cheapness” of Commissioner Stahnke. (His words not ours and he insisted we print them as is).

Finally, many raffle tickets were sold for a chance to win a new grill, but there were a number of members, I won’t name names but you know who you are, who came up with empty pockets when it was time to purchase.

Overall, the weather was beautiful, the food was good, and everyone had a great time. We thank Judge Melnick for his culinary contributions.





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A History of Superior Court... And Lodge Makes Three



JEAN McCOY

Hearsay Special Correspondent

This is the conclusion of a three-part series regarding the history of the Clark County Superior Court Bench. At this writing, the Clark County Bar membership has rendered their preference poll for the appointment of a new judge for Department One to fill the shoes of the Honorable Roger Bennett. The Governor should have enough information to make the appointment; let's hope it's soon.

When last we met, Judge Skimas had just retired from Department Four and Judge Lodge would be the third person to sit on the Bench in Department Three. All references herein are taken from *A History of The Superior Court Judges of Clark County, Washington*, By Hon. Roger A. Bennett (1994; ed. 2011), available at the Clark County Law Library.



The Modern Bench

Those that have practiced since the 1990's will remember Judge Thomas L. Lodge as a no-nonsense trier of fact who always kept sight of what was logical when he rendered an opinion. Judge Lodge was born in 1936 in Sturgis, South Dakota. He moved with his family to Clark County during World War II when his father became employed with the Kaiser Shipyards. Judge Lodge attended Vancouver High School and was the quarterback on the 1954 Vancouver High School team, rated as one of the top teams in the State. After high school, Judge Lodge joined the Army and was stationed in Germany with the 3rd Armored Division.

Judge Lodge returned to the Northwest after two years in the service and attended the University of Washington, followed by the Willamette University College of Law in Salem, Oregon. Judge Lodge was the first editor of the Law Review at Willamette and was the first Willamette Graduate to be hired by the prestigious firm of Koerner, Young, which is now known as Lane Powell, PC in Portland, Oregon. Judge Lodged practiced in Portland for a year, and then received a scholarship to attend New York University's tax school, where he edited the Tax Law Review, and received his Master of Taxation in 1965.

Judge Lodge took the Washington Bar exam in the summer of 1964 and after receiving his tax degree was hired by William Boettcher and John Skimas. The firm was Boettcher, Skimas and Lodge, which later merged with the firm of LaLonde and Ladley. Judge Lodge was the President of the Clark County Bar Association

in 1971, and held the position as commissioner of the American Softball Association for Southwest Washington for a period of 16 years.

Judge Lodge ran in a special election in November 1975 for Judge of Department Three and defeated J. Dean Morgan and Robert Harris. In the early 1980's Judge Lodge heard several cases regarding litigant Jack Stein. Stein was disgruntled and hired men to kill opposing litigants and Judge Lodge. One person was killed and several attempts were made on the life of attorney Ned Hall. At one point a bomb in the courthouse was contemplated, but it was never carried out. Stein was later convicted by a visiting judge to 45 years in prison. Judge Lodge ran unopposed in each election from that point up to his retirement in 1997.



The Honorable J. Dean Morgan

Judge Bennett's predecessor in Department One was J. Dean Morgan, the third Clark County Superior Court Judge to achieve the position of appellate court judge. Judge Morgan is a native of Berkeley, California, born in 1942. Judge Morgan received his undergraduate degree in 1964 from the University of California at Berkeley and attended Hastings College of Law, where he graduated in 1968 and admitted to the Order of the Coif.

Judge Morgan practiced in Seattle from 1968 to 1972 with the firm Houser, Garvey and Schubert, where one of his clients was the City of Bellevue. In 1972 Judge Morgan came to Vancouver the year Judge Reed left for the Court of Appeals. In 1977 Judge Morgan assumed the duties in Department One after the retirement of J. Guthrie Langsdorf. Judge Morgan was known for his meticulous and analytic approach to the law.

Judge Morgan taught evidence at the Lewis and Clark College Law School between 1983 and 1990 and at the National Judicial College in Reno, Nevada from 1979 to 1985. Judge Morgan was also a faculty member teaching criminal procedure and evidence at the Washington Judicial College and has taught in some form for the University of Washington, Washington State Bar Association, Seattle University School of Law and the Clark County Bar Association.

When Judge Reed retired from the Court of Appeals in the fall of 1990, Judge Morgan was appointed by Governor Gardner to the

position. Judge Morgan was an accomplished musician, playing the trumpet, piano and guitar. Judge Morgan had a wonderful memory for people's names and their stories and was a favorite visitor to Bar functions after his appointment to the Court of Appeals. After a very distinguished career on the bench, Judge Morgan retired from public service on October 5, 2005.



Our Last Retiree, Robert L. Harris

Judge Robert L. Harris' December 2009 retirement is still fresh in many of our minds. One reason could be because Judge Harris did not feel he was ready to retire, but was forced into retirement by a constitutional provision mandating retirement after the age of 75. Judge Harris was the longest serving Superior Court Judge in the State, having achieved 30 years on the bench.

Judge Harris was born in 1934 in Spokane, Washington and grew up in the Eastern Oregon area of the John Day Valley. Beginning in 1952 he attended Washington State University, graduating with a degree in political science and attended the University of Washington Law School, graduating in 1958. Judge Harris worked after graduation for a year as clerk for Chief Justice Frank Weaver of the Washington State Supreme Court. Judge Harris served in the Air Force reserves for six years after graduation from Law School.

Judge Harris moved to Vancouver in 1959 and worked as a deputy prosecuting attorney with a part-time private practice on the side. In 1970 Judge Harris left the prosecutor's office, practicing solo for two years before joining the firm of Mason and Foley in 1972. In 1978 Judge Harris was the President of the Clark County Bar Association and while he was in private practice was a bar examiner for the State Bar Association and one of the founders of the Washington State Young Lawyer's Association.

On September 1, 1979, Judge Harris was appointed to the newly created Department Five by then Governor Dixie Lee Ray. Immediately after appointment Judge Harris was required to run for re-election in November, defeating opponent Edwin Poyfair. As we know when a new Department is created, the actual office space follows later. Judge Harris initially did not have his own courtroom and heard cases in juvenile court, and set up his office in Judge McMullen's library. Judge Harris heard several sensational criminal trials, including State v. Clark Hazen, which was the first death penalty case in Clark County after reenactment of the death penalty, and he presided over the case of State v. Wesley Allan Dodd, which received national attention and resulted in the first actual execution in Washington in over thirty years. Judge Harris placed an indelible mark on our County, and in December 2009 he was honored by the Clark County Commissioners with a renaming of Juvenile Hall as the "Robert L. Harris Juvenile Justice Center".



Gentleman Jim

Our next Superior Court Judge is everyone's favorite, James D. Ladley. Judge Ladley was not only a well-reasoned Judge, he made sure each litigant and counsel had their say, and conveyed his appreciation for their participation, regardless of whether he ruled in their favor or not. He truly is a "Gentleman" of the best sort. Judge Ladley was the third member of his law firm to become a Judge. Judge Ladley was born in 1936 in Aberdeen, Washington and graduated from Hoquiam High School in 1954. He attended Whitman College in Walla Walla and graduated in 1958 with degrees in economics and business. In 1961 Judge Ladley graduated from the University of Washington Law School and began a job in the Seattle regional office of the Securities and Exchange Commission.

On July 4, 1964 Judge Ladley began private practice with the firm of Robinson and Landerholm, and in December of 1965 moved to the firm of LaLonde, LaLonde and Ladley. As we know from Judge Lodge's history, that firm later merged with the firm of Boettcher, Skimas and Lodge. Judge Ladley was president of the Clark County Bar Association in 1978 and 1979.

On December 15, 1982, Governor Spellman appointed Judge Ladley to the bench for Department Two, replacing Judge McMullen. Judge Ladley was a very well-respected jurist and was frequently sought to teach continuing education courses on evidence and ethics. Judge Ladley retired from the bench in 2000 and is currently widely sought as an arbitrator and mediator. Judge Ladley continues to mentor young attorneys and his door is always open.

Our Current Bench

Clark County has grown to the point that we now have ten judicial departments. Department Six was authorized by the legislature in 1986 and Judge Barbara D. Johnson has been the sole occupant of this position. Department Seven was authorized in 1996 and Judge James E. Rulli was appointed to this position and continues to serve with distinction. Judge Diane M. Woolard was appointed in 2000 to the newly created Department Eight, and in 2004 Judge Robert Lewis was appointed to Department Nine. Department Ten was created in 2008 and its first occupant, Scott Collier, was appointed by Governor Greig as the twenty-seventh Superior Court Judge in Clark County history. Our twenty-eighth Judge, the Honorable Richard Melnick, is currently holding his own in Department Five after Judge Harris' well-publicized retirement.

There are many more interesting tidbits about our current sitting judges we will be able to explore in coming articles and an announcement regarding our twenty-ninth Judge is coming soon.

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Date	Topic	Speaker	Committee Member
September 14, 2011	Wills and Estates		Carol McCaulley
October 12, 2011	Criminal Trial		Suzan Clark
November 9, 2011	Bankruptcy		Scott Matthews
December 14, 2011	Collecting on Judgments		Mark Beatty

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SUPERIOR COURT BENCH/BAR COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

JULY 12, 2011



JOHN FAIRGRIEVE
CCBA Vice President

The meeting began shortly after noon. Persons present were Judge Robert Lewis, Ann Christian, Suzan Clark, Heather Beasley and John Fairgrieve.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Competency evaluations being conducted on out-of-custody criminal defendants by Western State Hospital (WSH): Ann Christian told the committee that the current backlog of out of custody criminal defendants waiting to be evaluated for competency, diminished capacity or insanity is about 220 cases. There is a tentative plan to repeat a procedure used last month where WSH sent four psychologists to Vancouver and in a one-day period evaluated a number of defendants.

NEW BUSINESS

1. A replacement for Judge Roger Bennett: The committee briefly discussed the upcoming bar preference poll of the candidates to replace Judge Bennett and it was announced that representatives from the governor's office would be in Vancouver late in the week of July 11 to interview the candidates. Judge Nichols stated that the new judge's initial duties would depend on his or her legal background.

2. Felony Indigent Defense Appointments: Judge Lewis mentioned that Felony Indigent Defense Appointments were running ahead of projections at this point in the year. Ann Christian stated that appointments were currently running about 20 cases per month ahead of projections.

3. Jail Contact Rooms: Ann Christian raised this issue and reported to the committee that there are four rooms in the jail where criminal defense attorneys are allowed to have direct contact with their clients. In June a decision was made to reserve one of the rooms for corrections personnel to use to interview defendants, creating additional demand for the remaining three rooms and occasionally leading to long waits for defense attorneys to see their clients. Ann stated that she spoke to jail administrators and that corrections now has one of the rooms reserved for its use from 10-11 am and 1-3 pm. Outside of these hours the room will be available, along with the other three rooms, for use by defense counsel and their clients.

4. Discovery in criminal cases: There was a comment that discovery in criminal cases has recently been particularly slow. John Fairgrieve stated he would look into the matter.

5. Financial Status of the Clark County Bar Association: It was reported that the financial status of the Bar Association, which has been of some concern, has improved recently.

6. Next Bench Bar committee meeting: The committee decided not to meet during the month of August. The committee will meet next on Tuesday, September 13, 2011 at noon in Judge Nichols' jury room.

Respectfully submitted,
John Fairgrieve

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 - Clerks office and committee reports
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Bob Lowry's practice focuses on environmental law, also including national recognition regarding multimillion-dollar federal and state Superfund sites and related cleanup litigation, and commercial litigation, with an emphasis on fraud and civil racketeering cases. He has prosecuted and defended a range of matters through trial and appeal in federal and state courts. He earned his J.D. with great honors from Northwestern School of Law at Lewis & Clark College, is licensed to practice in Oregon, practices with special permission in other jurisdictions, and was previously with Bullivant Houser Bailey in Portland for 26 years.

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What CCBA Members Are Doing About Town



RAISA JUDICATA *Guest Gossip Columnist*

While the conflict in Iraq and Afghanistan has become part of the background of our daily life, for families with a loved one overseas the conflict remains front and center. Writing is one way local attorney Lori Volkman copes with the fact that her husband is deployed in the Middle East, as she raises their two young children solo for now. Lori, an attorney in the Clark County Prosecutor's office, has achieved mini-celebrity status for her Blog called "Witty Little Secret". Lori's Blog was featured in October last year by Word-Press.com, and was a finalist in the category for spouse blogs at the 2011 Military Blog Awards in Washington, D.C. In less than a year the blog achieved over 45,000 hits and she has a following of regulars who receive an update whenever she makes a new post. Anyone who is raising young kids, or recalls those days, will recognize the stories of juggling family with the demands of being a lawyer. What we can also respect is doing all this, while being a single parent, worrying about the well-being of the father of your children, and whether the same person you loved will be the person that comes back from war. Check it out at: <http://wittylittlesecret.wordpress.com/> and send her your words of encouragement.



Lori Volkman is a superstar mom and lawyer.

To prove that no good deed goes unpunished, Steve Turner could be a wanted man for nothing more than having his car stolen. Steve, in-house counsel at Total Mechanical, Inc., had his car stolen recently, along with a navigation system and binoculars. When he received a call from the Clackamas County Sheriff's office that they had recovered his binoculars and navigation system, he went to pick them up. He noticed later while using the binoculars that they were not the same ones he owned. Steve called Clackamas County to determine whether his binoculars may have been switched with

another pair still on site. The helpful deputies told Steve there were no other binoculars and to return the ones he received if they were not his. A short time later, Steve received a certified letter that he was required to return the binoculars to Clackamas County, or else. I guess keeping a pair of binoculars is not worth getting fingerprinted and put in the same hole with the guy that stole your car. Let's hope Steve's next photo isn't a mugshot!



Steve Turner and Jessica Dimitrov enjoy a free burger at the CCBA Barbeque.

The grand opening of the new public library on Evergreen and C Street is a welcome addition to the downtown community. A local firm played a small part in the construction. For a one-year period, Landerholm, PS, on the 10th floor at 805 Broadway, hosted a time-lapse video camera in a conference room with an easterly view so the contractor could film the construction and development of the facility. The final product is less than two minutes long, and can be viewed at http://www.fvrl.org/aboutus/Main_Library_Project.htm.



Matthew Bisturis is President of the Parks Foundation of Clark County.

Two more attorneys are receiving publicity for their good deeds. Tonya Rulli, a County Prosecutor, is a new member of the Board of Directors of the Children's Center, a local non-profit organization providing mental health services to children and families in Clark County. Matthew Bisturis, from the Vancouver office of Schwabe Williamson & Wyatt, has been elected President of the Parks Foundation of Clark County, an entity created to accept and

administer donations, gift and bequests for the enrichment and enhancement of the communities' parks, trails and recreational programs.

And, finally, one last Judge Bennett story. With his last official day on the payroll being August 31, 2011, we have a story that is not under the famed "pact of secrecy". A "gag order", according to Wikipedia, is an order, sometimes a legal order by a court or government, other times a private order by an employer or other institution, restricting information or comment from being made public. Judge Bennett at one point in his judicial career had to issue an actual gag order, only with an actual gag. A criminal defendant once was so profane and so out of control in court proceedings that the Judge actually ordered the sheriff deputies to gag the defendant the next time he appeared in Court. It led the deputies on quite a search to come up with something appropriate, as "gags" are not on the County requisition list.



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- WHEN:** Friday, September 23, 2011 *SHOTGUN START AT 1 P.M.*
- WHERE:** Cedars on Salmon Creek, Brush Prairie
- FORMAT:** **FOUR-PERSON SCRAMBLE** with team competition. Teams to be placed in flights.
- COST:** \$340 per teams (\$85 per person) which includes green fees, *golf cart, range balls, raffle prize, and dinner*
- PRIZES:** In addition to prizes for scores and contests, everyone will have a chance to win a raffle prize!
- DINNER:** **DINNER WILL BE SERVED BEGINNING AT 6:30 PM.**
- GUESTS:** Spouses and guests are welcome to the dinner and raffle for \$30 per person.
- TEAMS:** Arrange your teams now. We are limited to 20 teams.

WHAT HAPPENED LAST YEAR: With two weeks to go before the tournament date, there were only 2 teams registered to play. It may have been the date, the format, the weather, or the committee, but we could not tie up the entire course for 2 teams. So, if we do not have more teams registered by the September 2, 2011 deadline, the tournament will be cancelled again.

Please enter me/us in the 2011 Clark County Bar Association Golf Tournament. Indicate handicap or average score for 18 holes for each golfer.

Name (Captain) Score/Handicap

Name Score/Handicap

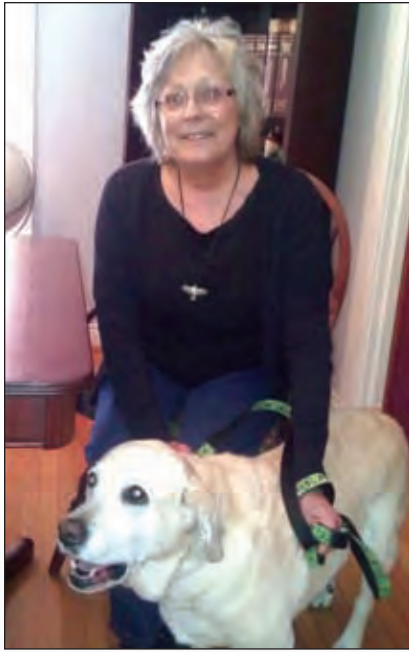
Name Score/Handicap

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Payment Enclosed: \$340 team
 \$30 dinner & raffle only Name(s) _____

Entries must be received by Friday, September 2, 2011.

Please return with this form with payment to CCBA via courier – 500 W. 8th Street, Suite 65
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GETTING TO KNOW: **KARIN DeDONA**

"Getting to Know" is a monthly feature designed to better acquaint the membership with our local attorneys, judges and other people of interest to the Clark County bench and bar. This month's subject is Vancouver Attorney, Karin DeDona.

Where did you grow up and how did you end up in Vancouver?

I grew up in Utica, New York. When I graduated high school, my parents moved the family to the San Francisco bay area, where I attended Stanford University Medical School for radiologic technology training. I worked in the bay area, married and we subsequently moved to Vancouver. I worked at the old Vancouver Memorial Hospital until they merged with then-St. Joseph's Hospital to form Southwest Washington Medical Center (now Peace Health). When the medical center installed the very first CT scanner in the county, I was transferred there to operate it.

What or who inspired you to practice law?

Steve Thayer. While I was working at the medical center, I took on a second job as Editor of in-house publications. We did an employee and a physician's newsletter. The hospital had hired Betty Sue Morris as Public Relations Director, and I was to interview her. At the time, she was the Oregonian's court-beat reporter in Clark County. She was covering a criminal trial where Steve was defense counsel. Betty Sue suggested that I meet her at the courtroom and then we would do the interview over lunch. I watched Steve perform for about an hour, and that was all it took. To this day, I tell him he should have paid my student loans.

What would you be doing if you were not an attorney?

Probably running an herb farm.

Who inspired your practice style or courtroom demeanor?

Not one person in particular, but I do admire David McDonald; my partner of 26 years and the love of my life.

Is there one case which really affected or changed you in a profound way? If so, which and why?

Too many to count. Each client changes me in some ways.

Is it possible to be friends with opposing counsel? Why or why not?

Depends on who that is. Some attorneys take on the worst characteristics of their clients in the heat of battle. Two of my dearest friends practice family law here, and I've had cases with both of them. The friendships, I believe enhanced the settlement of the cases. We started out with mutual respect and honesty. The clients followed suit.

What advice would you give an attorney beginning a practice?

Never take a case where you do not like the client; no matter how much they want to pay you. You don't have to really really like the client, but if they give you a little knot in the stomach they will cost you more than they ever can pay. Some people just have too much anger, and that eventually will come back on you.

What are the best and worst aspects of practicing in Clark County?

We are blessed with good Judges and Commissioners. I really like the smaller community feeling. There is a camaraderie and congeniality among the attorneys that makes practice enjoyable.

Describe your dream client/case:

My clients are screened by Stella, my faithful yellow lab and office personal greeter. If they don't get by Stella (or my gut test above), they don't get into the case load. So nearly every case and client is good.

What is the best piece of advice you have received along the way?

The same advice I stated above for a new attorney. Ken Weber gave me that gem when I started my own practice. He was so right.

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Statistics for June include 57 clients seen in advice clinics, 24 in Family Law, 14 in Family Law paperwork review clinic, 3 in the General Law clinic and 12 in Housing Justice Project clinic. We placed 10 cases with an attorney for direct representation. There were 159 hours of volunteer attorney time donated.

Homeless Court is accepting new referrals after a long period of being closed to referrals. Due to an audit at District Court, Homeless Court went into a period of re-organization. We continued to operate and processed clients who were in the court, but did not take any new referrals. We are now back up to speed.

Homeless Court is a specialty court in District Court that allows homeless persons to convert misdemeanor fines to community service hours. Ours is the only such court in Washington and one of only 26 nationwide. The court was established by the CCVLP in 2004 and is funded by Clark County Department of Community Services.

Volunteer attorneys represent the Homeless person in the court. They present the order to convert fines to the judge, advocate for the homeless person and follow the person through the court until their sentence is complete. Court is held the second Monday afternoon every month.

To get a referral to Homeless Court, a homeless person should contact SHARE at 910-2326 and get a referral. For more information about the court, please contact me.

Thanks, Susan

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 HOMELESS CLINICS, PROVIDED REPRESENTATION,
 AND VOLUNTEERED IN THE HOMELESS COURT IN
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MARIA SOSNOWSKI
Law Librarian

New Moderate Means Program starting up

The law library is taking blind bids on the following items:

1. KCBA Washington Lawyers Practice Manual - full text and forms on CD Rom from 2010
2. Elder Law Forms Manual forms on CD Rom, includes 11-page list of forms, 2010

Give your bid to the law librarian through the end of August. Bids must indicate your name, phone number, amount, and item(s) on which you are bidding. Winners will be notified in early September. We reserve the right to withdraw an item from bidding.

Copier changes coming in the law library

We are switching copier vendors effective October 1, 2011. Details about copy cards are still being worked out. While there is a possibility that the current copy cards will continue to be accepted after that time, it is more likely that they won't be. Please use up balances on your existing cards before that time, as we are unable to issue refunds. Thank you for your understanding.

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NEWS YOU CAN USE

The CCBA wants to congratulate our office manager Elena Quintana on her new position. We would like to welcome our new Office Manager, Lisa Darco. Lisa and our new Member Services Coordinator, Kaitlin Lisandrelli are available in the Clark County Bar office between 12:00 and 4:00pm, Monday through Friday at 360-695-5975.

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QuickBooks - Vehicle Mileage Rates

The mileage rates for 2011 are 51¢ (.51) for January through June and 55.5¢ (.555) for July 1 through December 31.

QuickBooks can track mileage rates, which can be used for quick reference. To enter mileage rates:

- Go to the Company menu and click Enter Vehicle Mileage.
- Click Mileage Rates.
- Insert a line (on the keyboard, Ctrl Insert)
- Enter a date or select a date from the calendar for the Effective Date and press Tab.
- Enter the IRS rate for that date, and then click Close.

Note: Enter a new line for each effective date. For example, if there are no 2011 rates listed, do the above twice – one with an effective date of 1/1/2011 and the second with an effective date of 7/1/2011.

Thank you & happy summer,
Emanuela

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August 3, 2011

CCBA Hearsay Committee Meeting;
CCBA Office, 11:30 am.

CCBA Board Meeting; CCBA office,
12:00 pm

MEETING

August 9, 2011

Superior Court Bench Bar Meeting; 12:30 pm

MEETING

August 16, 2011

CLE Committee Meeting, CCBA office,
12:00pm

MEETING

August 18, 2011

Web Site Committee Meeting, Nellor /
Retsinas / Crawford, 12:00 pm

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September 8, 2011

Family Law Section Meeting

MEETING

September 14, 2011

Nuts & Bolts CLE, Wills & Estates, Red
Lion at Quay, 3:00 to 5:00p

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September 23, 2011

CCBA Golf Tournament
Cedars at Salmon Creek

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THE SWLRS REFERRED 320 CLIENTS IN THE MONTH OF JUNE

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Business & Corp:	5
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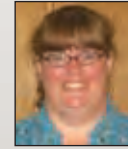
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