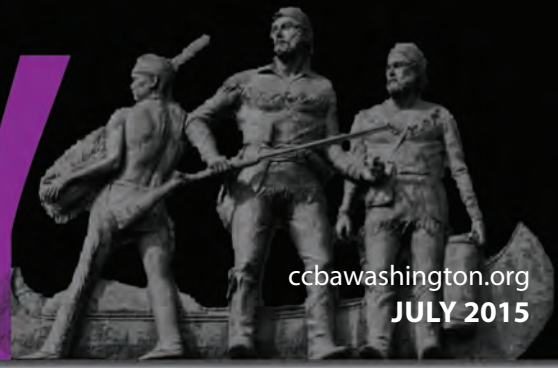


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CCBA Annual Meeting and Lunch

Wednesday, September 16, 2015

12:00 – 1:00 PM

Red Lion at the Quay

100 Columbia Street, Vancouver

The Annual Meeting will feature reports from Superior Court, District Court, the Clerks Office, the Family Law Section, the Young Lawyers Section and various committees. The CCBA Treasurer will also present a budget for the coming year and we will elect our new slate of officers.

In an effort to better accommodate our members

Pre-registration and payment is mandatory for lunch.

Please call the CCBA at (360) 695-5975 or

Email: ccbamanager@ccbawashington.org

Lunch: \$15.00

Directly following the meeting, the CCBA is proud to present

~ A View From The Appellate Bench ~

Justice Charles Wiggins, Justice Mary Yu and Judge Richard Melnick

CCBA Members: \$122.50, Non-members: \$157.50, Non-attorneys: \$61.25

3.5 CLE credits are available for this presentation.

1:15pm—5:00pm

Space is limited! Pre-registration is required!

Name: _____ Bar Number: _____

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Interview with E-Filing Clerk Felicia Corona



HEATHER J. NORTON
Hearsay Special Correspondent



If you don't know Felicia Corona and you are considering e-filing, you will get to know her very well, very soon! Felicia's primary responsibility at the Clerk's Office is overseeing the e-filing process. Felicia is the magician behind the scenes that returns those conformed copies in the blink of an eye. She is a

10,000
The number of documents
the clerk's office processes
each week.

perfectionist and has total attention to detail. She is part clerk and part sleuth since it is her job to find mistakes and correct them. Get your filing wrong, and you'll be getting a phone call from her. (She's always

very kind). I had the privilege of shadowing Felicia for a couple hours. She was so generous with her time! I found her to be warm, delightfully engaging, and hard working. She gave me a tour of the Clerk's Office, and walked me through the e-file process (see the insert entitled *The e-filing Process: AKA What Happens Once You Click 'Send'*). She also answered some of my pressing (and not-so-pressing) questions.

How long have you worked at the Clerk's office?

2 years



10%
The percentage of documents
that are e-filed each week.
This figure is expected to reach 25%
by the end of the year.

What are your responsibilities?

I monitor the daily e-filings and assist with any questions, process and scan new criminal cases, scan daily documents from court and over the counter, weekly and monthly audit reports

What is your primary goal as the e-filing clerk?

My goal is to get a conformed copy back almost instantly. I can't always do that. But that's what I shoot for. See... (she looks at her computer). I've got to get this one back. It's been fifteen minutes. That's not too bad (she says with a grin).

At the front desk are you serving mostly attorneys or pro se litigants?

Mostly pro se, since they don't have any other option (like e-filing). Usually, they don't have all their stuff together.

Usually, they are really patient. There's a lot of stuff we can't help them with. In that case they need to go to the facilitators.

Tell me about the facilitators.

Facilitators are available for family court. They help people who do not have a lawyer. We have three facilitators and their supervisors. It is \$20 to meet with them. They can't give legal advice, but they can assist in the process. It is the responsibility of the

48

The number of employees
at the Clerk's Office.
Plus, around 3-4 volunteers.

Meet your new BFFs:

If you e-file, or are considering joining this group of highly advanced attorneys, you should really get to know

Nancy Jo Campbell and Felicia Corona.

Nancy will get you up and running in no time.

Felicia will be receiving your files and returning your conformed copies before you can grab a cup of coffee.

clerk to take and file the originals. It is not our job to advise people on their next step. So we are often referring people to the facilitators. They are very helpful. It is not mandatory that people meet with them, but we highly recommend it.

What do you love most about your job?

I love helping others – especially with e-filing. It's exciting to me when whomever I am assisting, sees how e-filing works, the quickness of the process and the image quality of their returned documents.

What is the most challenging thing about your job?

Staying ahead of the paperwork.

What's the best "inside story" you can share from the Clerk's Office or what's one of your most memorable experiences at the Clerk's Office?

It's funny to me how some offices react when I call them "oh no, what did I do/not do this time" "you must have me on speed dial" LOL!

Half of all attorneys FORGET to do this simple thing:

write the total number of pages in the upper left-hand corner of the first page. It's a simple thing, but it helps the Clerk's Office a great deal

What is one thing attorneys do that you really appreciate?

I appreciate when attorneys know how e-filing works and how to submit the documents themselves. This way when their assistants are out sick or on a vacation, they can still e-file their documents. I also love it when the page counts are on the documents as well as providing the extra coversheet for confidential documents. Super helpful.

Ooops...

Some court clerks are still surprised at the number of attorneys that do not read what they sign. Before you put your 'John Hancock' on that document, be sure to review it first.

1,096

The number of attorneys currently signed up to e-file documents

Also, sometimes people can get really rude. Usually, there are three people working at the front desk. But at lunch there is one person for about 30 minutes. There was one time I was by myself. I looked up and the line was all the way to the door!! I was doing my best. A lady got to the counter and said, "Honey, you're doing a great job!" I've always remembered that. A kind word goes a long way.

What exactly does the Clerk's Office do?

The County Clerk serves and supports the Superior Court by receiving and processing court documents, attending and assisting in all court proceedings, maintaining the court's files, and entering its orders, judgments and decrees. The Clerk authenticates by certificate and/or transcript the records, and files procedures of the court. The Clerk maintains the record for all Felony Criminal, Civil, Dissolution, Probate, Mental, Adoptions, Guardianship and all Juvenile court proceedings. In addition to keeping all the original papers, it is mandatory the Clerk preserve and journalize all orders for security purposes. The Clerk also receipts and disburses the court's money and the money of litigants, at the court's direction.



Most Common Mistake

attorneys make when filing documents: Filing with the wrong case number or caption.

#1 thing attorneys can do to improve processing at the Clerk's Office:

e-file!!! e-file!!! e-file!!! e-file!!!
e-file!!! e-file!!! e-file!!! e-file!!!
e-file!!! e-file!!! e-file!!! e-file!!!

E-filing dramatically reduces the time involved in document processing. It minimizes the risk of losing or misplacing documents. Additionally, it saves attorneys time and printing costs. Plus, it's quick, easy, and a snap to set up!

What's the one thing attorneys could do better to help the Clerks Office help them?

I know that the TIF image requirement is frustrating to some... but I hope that in the long run, everyone will appreciate the quality of their images in our document managing system.

Also, sign up for e-filing! Definitely! It saves so much time—for them and for us. It also reduces internal errors.

Top e-filer award:

TANA BIENIEWICZ

Of all the attorneys registered to file documents via e-file, Ms. Bieniewicz wins the award for filing the most. Way to go, Tana!

The E-filing Process (AKA: What happen once you click 'send')

- 1) The file arrives in Felicia Corona's e-file folder
- 2) Case number is checked against case name
- 3) Case number is indexed
- 4) The document is reviewed to make sure it:
 - is signed
 - is the appropriate quality
 - contains no picture attachments
 - is black and white at 300 dpi resolution
 - is in the correct order
- 5) Page count is confirmed (and should be noted by the attorney on the upper left corner of the document)
- 6) Document is duplicated into another folder
- 7) Case types, 1, 5, 6, 7, and 8 are not yet paperless. These documents are printed and filed. This leaves both a digital and a hard copy file.
- 8) Hard copies are filed.

****If any discrepancy is discovered in this process, your document cannot be filed. You will be contacted by the Clerk's office and asked to correct the error and resubmit it.. This takes time for both the Clerk's Office and the attorney. So take a moment to carefully check your document BEFORE filing.**

The Anatomy of a Case Number:

15-4-00012-2

15 = year 4 = case type

00012 = completely random number assigned to that particular case
2 = check number (1-9) is a random number

Paper clips, please!

It's a small thing. But it sure does take time to pull out all those staples prior to scanning. The Clerk's Office appreciates documents filed with paper clips.

Why no PDFs?

The Clerk's office requires that all files be submitted as a .tiff file. This involves one extra step (a simple one) requiring attorneys to convert their .pdf document to a .tiff. Why? The Clerk's office cannot 'fuse' their markup to a .pdf image. If this 'fusing' does not occur, it causes problems loading and downloading documents from Liberty. (And we wouldn't want that, would we?) Additionally, .pdf files (depending upon how they are created) are at risk of becoming corrupt and won't arrive in the Clerk's Office if they are too large.

Why NO COLOR FILES?

e-filed documents must be filed in black and white at 300 dpi resolution. Why? If the file is scanned in color and then a copy of that file is requested in the future, it is very time onsuming to print the file. Black and white files save time.

Need to file something in color? No problem.

Simply file it at the counter.

If Judge Rulli can do it, YOU can do it!

For years our county Clerk, Scott Weber, has been telling us about all of the innovative changes that have been made in his office. I had no idea of the electronic filing or scanning processes. So my judicial assistant, Lorinda Roberts, and I decided to take a tour of the Clerk's office. I hadn't been behind their front counter since George Miller roamed the halls of the courthouse years ago so Lori and I had a tour with Chief Clerk Nancy Jo Campbell. Boy was that an eye opener. We personally experienced the time it takes to file and record a pleading the old way and the new scanning process. We also saw the time saving benefits of e-filing and most importantly we talked to many of the employees who described their work responsibilities. When we left we had a new found appreciation for what everyone does on a daily basis at the Clerk's office. I want to encourage everyone, Judges, staff and most of all the attorneys to take the tour. I'm sure you'll find it just as interesting as we did. Thank you Scott Weber and your entire staff for doing an outstanding job and serving our community.

CCBA Board Meeting Minutes



LE ANN LARSON
CCBA Secretary

June 3, 2015

Called to order – 12:03 (Dunn, McLeod, Larson, Sampath, Sleight, Caron, Clark) Lisa Darco present

May 6, 2015 Minutes approved (CLARK/ SAMPATH)

Treasurers Report (SAMPATH)

Cash position still strong. Reviewed written report comparing May 2015 to May 2014, Profit and Loss reports, and Balance Sheet. Discussion regarding CLE demand and expense. Darco will prepare a cash flow report regarding 2012 to 2014.

OLD BUSINESS

a) Membership Fees for Judges

Discussion. No action at this time.

NEW BUSINESS

b) Barrister's Ball (DARCO) Date: 2/28/16. Discussed potential locations. Darco will reserve The Heathman.

c) Board of Trustees nominating Committee report


(CLARK) Proposed slate: Dunn for Immediate Past President, Rick McLeod for President, Chad Sleight for Vice President, Mark Sampath for Treasurer, Le Ann Larson for Secretary, Gideon Caron for Trustee, Page Spratt for Trustee, and Heather Norton for Trustee. Slate approved by the board and elections will be at the annual meeting on September 14, 2015.

d) Reschedule July Board Meeting: (SLEIGHT) meeting will be rescheduled from July 1st to July 8, 2015.

e) Dean Langsdorf Memorial (DUNN) The board considered the request for the CCBA to collect funds for donations and agreed to do so.

Adjourned 12:40

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ANNUAL CCBA SOFTBALL GAME

Young Lawyers vs. “Senior” Lawyers
Sunday, September 13, 2015
Prairie Field Sports Complex
2:00pm until YLS victory

The annual Young vs. “Senior” Lawyer Softball Game will be held on Sunday, September 13th at 2:00pm. The game will be at the Prairie Field Sports Complex located on NE 137th Ave. in Brush Prairie. Refreshments provided by the CCBA Young Lawyers Section!

“Senior” Attorneys interested should contact team captain
Judge Stahnke at **Daniel.Stahnke@clark.wa.gov**

Young Attorneys interested should contact team captains
Katie Sinclair at **Katie.sinclair@clark.wa.gov**
Brian Pruett at **Brian.Pruett@clark.wa.gov**

You are a “young lawyer” if under 36 years of age
or fewer than five years of practice.
(or if you played college/professional baseball or softball, regardless of age.)

Spectators Welcome!

**Please come out and enjoy free food
and dazzling displays of athleticism!**

Join the athletes at the Prairie Tavern following the game.

In Memoriam:
MICHAEL HARRISON HICKS
April 21, 1943 ~ June 19, 2015

STEVE BUSICK

Hearsay Special Correspondent

Michael Harrison Hicks passed away on June 19, 2015, at the age of 72. He initially practiced law as a deputy district attorney for one year in St. Helens, Oregon, and for 41 years in Vancouver, Washington. When Dean Morgan was appointed Clark County's first public defender in 1972, Mike was his first hire as an attorney to represent indigent criminal defendants. Mike and Steve Busick formed a partnership in 1975, purchased the converted home at 1915 Washington Street, and practiced law there until 1982. Jerry Hall and Mike then purchased the Langsdorf home at 1010 Esther Street, where they each practiced law for several years before selling the building to Jerry Eline. Mike then formed a partnership with David Meyer in 1996 and they practiced together until 2002 at 1104 Main Street. Mike continued practice of law as a sole practitioner until 2014, when he retired.

Judge Vern Schreiber, Steve Busick and David Meyer spoke at Mike's funeral at Evergreen Memorial Gardens on June 24, 2015, as well as Mike's wife, Barbara, and daughter, Nicole. Vern described meeting Mike and Steve their first year of law school in 1966 at Northwestern School of Law, which was a four year night school on the second floor of an old title company building on Southwest Park Avenue in downtown Portland. Lewis and Clark College acquired the law school half way through their first year, and moved out to the campus on Palatine Hill, where classes were held in the equestrian and science buildings, before the existing law school was built in 1970 and a day division was added. In the interim Northwestern obtained national accreditation, and 1970 was the first graduating class that could take the bar examination in a state other than Oregon.

Mike passed the Oregon bar examination in 1970, and in the summer of 1971 convinced Vern and Steve to study with him and take the winter bar examination in Washington, rather than to wait and take the bar examination again in Oregon, which was only offered once a year in the summer. Both Vern and Mike had day jobs in Portland, and every night the three of them studied at one of their homes. To take the bar examination, they drove up to Seattle in Steve's 1966 Volkswagen camper and stayed together in a motel on Aurora Avenue. Vern and Steve describe the experience as life changing in that Vern was a graduate of the Merchant Marine Academy in Long Island, New York, and did not want to ship out with a young family, and all Steve could think of doing was to become a teacher or forest ranger if he did not pass the bar. They each owe Mike a lifelong debt of gratitude. So in the winter of 1972, here were three new aspiring attorneys entering practice in Vancouver with a county wide population of 60 attorneys, and as Vern described how they were going to assimilate three new attorneys in one year. The local bar did feel some responsibility at the time, and all three found jobs.

Mike was a lifelong hunter and fisherman, and was always eager to have a fellow attorney to hunt or fish with. Vern and Steve were novice fishermen, but were always eager to go on one of Mike's fishing ventures for steelhead. David Meyer described being a stand in for a three day fishing trip in the Olympics. It had rained for two days and no fish were caught. At noon on the third day in the lower Hoh River, the native american nets went in. By that time things were looking grim, and

Mike's famous quote was uttered, "It ain't easy having fun." They stuck with it, and finally landed a steel head when the net fishermen were catching none.



Steve and Vern are grateful to Art Miller, Mike's cousin, for bringing the three of them together again in the last couple of years when Mike's health was failing. Art would arrange lunches at Mike's house. The photograph shows Art, Steve, Vern and Mike lunching at Mike's house in February of 2014. In the fall of 2014, the four of them gathered at Mike's home. Mike had all of his hunting gear laid out on the counter, and though Mike was not able to walk, Jonathan Gill was going to take him hunting in his pickup and use Mike's deer tag, while Mike stayed in the car. Mike was always a joy to be around, and we wish him well on his next fishing or hunting trip.

New Changes to the CCBA Family Law Section



JAMES LUTES
FLS Secretary

After wrapping up another successful year, the CCBA Family Law Section (FLS) would like to take a moment to thank its 2014-2015 Board of Robert Milesnick (President), Josie Townsend (Vice President), Joshua Pops (Treasurer), and Elizabeth Arwood (Secretary). During their tenure the CCBA FLS continued to grow both in terms of membership, stature, and in its ability to provide consistent, valuable CLE presentations. Simply put, the FLS is better off thanks to their outstanding efforts.

As it says goodbye to its 2014-2015 Board, the CCBA FLS says hello its 2015-2016 Board. This year's Board is made up of mostly new faces, and is determined to keep the CCBA FLS on its current upwards trajectory. In fact, due to the demands of its quickly growing membership, the FLS has added a Membership Coordinator position to this year's Board. Aside from adding this much needed fifth position, the Board has also set up a new Facebook page, which it strongly encourages all Washington practicing attorneys to join. You can find the group by searching "CCBA Family Law Section" in Facebook's search engine.

Please take a moment to meet your new CCBA FLS Board below:



Stefanie Ellis, President: An Idaho native, Stefanie Ellis graduated from Boise State University in 2004 and received her Juris Doctorate from the University of Gonzaga, School of Law, in 2007. She moved to the Vancouver area soon after and worked for the City Attorney's office for three years before being hired by Green and Ritchie, PLLC where she has exclusively practiced family law since 2010. Stefanie is very active in the community. She teaches multiple courses for the Clark College Paralegal Program and he has held numerous positions on the board of the CCBA Young Lawyers Section since 2011. Stefanie enjoys reading, camping and everything Boise State... Go Broncos!



Elizabeth Arwood, Vice President: Elizabeth Arwood returns to the Family Law Section Board as Vice President, after serving as the Board's Secretary, last year. She has also held several positions on the Board of the CCBA Young Lawyers Section. Originally from Portland, Elizabeth returned to the area after graduating from Gonzaga's dual J.D./M.B.A. program, with honors in both degrees. Her undergraduate degree is from University of Oregon. Go Ducks! Elizabeth founded Arwood Law, PLLC in 2011, and practices in the areas of family law, juvenile law, and criminal defense. In her spare time, Elizabeth practices yoga, writes, and enjoys spending time with her husband, Matt Blum, and their dog, Sugar.



James Lutes, Secretary: James grew up in Portland, Oregon, and attended Sunset High School before graduating from the University of Oregon in 2009. While earning his J.D. from Willamette University, James clerked at a family law firm in downtown Vancouver. He immediately grew to appreciate practicing family law in Vancouver, and opted to take the Washington Bar during his final year at Willamette. James has been practicing family law in Vancouver ever since and now works as an associate with Gevurtz, Menashe, Larson & Howe. When he isn't working, James enjoys playing rugby, snowboarding, and traveling to Australia, where he holds a dual-citizenship.



Erin Priest, Treasurer: Erin Priest joins the Family Law Section Board as Treasurer for the 2015-16 year. After several years as a public defender, Erin joined Johnson & Associates in 2014 and practices family law, dependency, and criminal defense. She is originally from the Denver area and graduated from Doane College in Crete,

Nebraska, with a double undergraduate degree in Spanish and Criminology. Erin received her J.D. from Florida Coastal School of Law where she was an editor of Law Review and a certified intern in the school's Immigration clinic. After many sunburns, Erin and her husband, Roger, left Florida for the Pacific Northwest and have called it home ever since. Erin enjoys spending time with her husband and adorable baby girl, Etta. She loves to cook, bake, and travel. In addition, the family's Saint Bernard, Mabel, is a source of constant entertainment.

putes, and landlord/tenant matters. Last summer, she relocated to Vancouver and joined Stahanczyk, Kent, and Hook to pursue a career in family law. (Note: This year's Board also thanks Erica for setting up the CCBA FLS' new Facebook page.)

The 2015-2016 Board is excited to get to work, and has already begun planning for its inaugural meeting this September. Please feel free to contact any member of the Board with questions about membership or CLE opportunities.



Erica Aquadro, Membership Coordinator:

Originally from Waterford, Virginia, Erica attended Rhodes College in Memphis, Tennessee, and Saint Louis University (SLU) School of Law in St. Louis, Missouri. During her tenure at SLU Law, she was a member of the Family Law Association and served as a certified mediator in domestic relations cases, child custody dis-



CCBA CLE Calendar

Register now for any of our upcoming CLEs.

N&B – Deposition Techniques: Strategies, Tactics & Techniques (part 1)

David Markowitz & Lawson Fite
September 9, 2015 • 3:00pm – 5:00pm
Red Lion at the Quay

\$50 for Members

\$70 for Non – Members

\$25.00 for Non-Attorneys

CLE – A View from the Appellate Bench

Justice Charles Wiggins, Justice Mary Yu & Judge Richard Melnick

September 16, 2015 • 1:15pm – 5:00pm
(Directly following the CCBA Annual Meeting)

Red Lion at the Quay

\$ 122.50 for Members

\$ 157.50 for Non-Members

\$ 61.25 for Non-Attorneys

N&B – The Care and Feeding of a Soft Tissue Case – Part II Pre-Trial Litigation

Greg Price & Don Jacobs
October 14, 2015 • 3:00pm – 5:00pm
Red Lion at the Quay

\$50 for Members

\$70 for Non – Members

\$25.00 for Non-Attorneys

N&B – Working with your Medically Related Cases- Personal Injury, Medical Malpractice and Criminal Defense

Wendy L Votroubek, RN, MPH, CLNC
November 11, 2015 • 3:00pm – 5:00pm
Red Lion at the Quay

\$50 for Members

\$70 for Non – Members

\$25.00 for Non-Attorneys

N&B – Deposition Techniques: Strategies, Tactics & Techniques (part 2)

David Markowitz & Lawson Fite
December 9, 2015 • 3:00pm – 5:00pm
Red Lion at the Quay

\$50 for Members

\$70 for Non – Members

\$25.00 for Non-Attorneys

CLE –Last Chance Ethics

Speakers and topics to be determined
December 2015

More information to come!



The Clark County Bar Association Presents a Nuts & Bolts CLE

September 9, 2015

Taking Depositions: Strategies, Tactics & Techniques

Part one of a two part series

Presented by:

David Markowitz and Lawson Fite of Markowitz Herbold PC

September 9, 2015 – 3:00 pm to 5:00pm at the Red Lion at the Quay

2 General CLE Credits

CCBA members: \$50.00

Non-members: \$70.00

Non-attorneys: \$25.00

• Snacks and stimulating conversation provided •

Taking Depositions: Strategies, Tactics & Techniques

- ♦ Ten important deposition goals and how to accomplish them using sound questioning strategies
- ♦ How to structure and formulate questions effectively
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- ♦ Techniques the best lawyers use
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David Markowitz is considered to be among the best trial lawyers in the Northwest. His commanding presence and keen instincts have made him a courtroom icon. He is a partner in the law firm of Markowitz, Herbold PC, where he focuses on commercial litigation, including contract, tort, and statutory claims, trust litigation, professional malpractice, and real estate disputes. Dave is recognized in *The Best Lawyers in America* for “bet-the-company litigation,” is a fellow of the American College of Trial Lawyers, is a member of the prestigious International Academy of Trial Lawyers, and is recognized by Chambers USA as one of the top commercial litigators in the U.S.

He was recognized by Super Lawyers magazine as the top Oregon litigator for 2014.

In addition to his active trial schedule, Dave is a popular, nationally sought-after speaker. He has been cataloging his observations of

deposition techniques and strategies for more than 30 years—and he’s ready to share his experience with you!

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Lawson Fite is an experienced and creative litigator who works tirelessly to understand his clients’ business or personal goals and to drive litigation toward those goals. He focuses his practice on complex litigation with an emphasis on environmental litigation and business disputes. His business disputes practice includes patent litigation, partnership disputes, consumer law, complex insurance coverage, and class actions.

Lawson has argued dispositive (case-deciding) motions or motions seeking injunctions on more than 20 separate occasions. He has practiced in courts in more than 20 states and federal jurisdictions, including nearly every federal court within the Ninth Circuit. He is recognized as a Rising Star by *Oregon Super Lawyers* magazine, a designation reserved for only 2.5 percent of Oregon attorneys under the age of 40. Lawson frequently speaks on topics relating to complex environmental litigation.



He is a 1996 graduate of Hudson’s Bay High School, a member of the CCBA and the Clark County Inns of Court.

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**Taking Depositions Part II and Defending Depositions
will be held on December 9, 2015.**

SUPERIOR COURT BENCH/BAR COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

JUNE 9, 2015



KAREN CAMPBELL
Bench Bar Committee Chair

The meeting began shortly after noon. Persons present were Judge Suzan Clark, Judge David Gregerson, Ann Christian, Curtis Welch, Louis Byrd, Clayton Spencer, Karen Campbell, and Jolene Sell.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Local Competency Evaluations: Ann Christian updated the Committee on the full-time psychologist that Western State Hospital (WSH) will soon have housed at a satellite office to complete in-custody competency evaluations. This person will be dedicated to Clark County needs. WSH expects to have the position filled by August. Louis Byrd indicated that motions to dismiss based on untimely in-custody competency evaluations and competency restoration matters are still being filed and granted in some cases.

2. Personnel Rotations in the Prosecutor's Office: Ann Christian provided this information to the private bar, criminal defense attorneys, in addition to attorneys with public defense contracts.

3. Local Juvenile Court Rule: The Judges voted to adopt, without changes, the local juvenile court rule, proposed by Abbie Bartlett, to address the holding in *State v. A.G.S.*, 182 Wn.2d 273, 340 P.3d 830 (2014) where the Supreme Court held that a juvenile's SSODA evaluation was confidential and not subject to release. The rule adds a new subsection to LR 0.5 (Juvenile Department) and provides as follows:

(d) Reports to Be Confidential: Unless otherwise ordered by the court, all pre-disposition reports, including SSODA evaluations and CDDA evaluations, shall be confidential. These reports shall be filed in a confidential envelope and are not considered part of the office juvenile court file.

4. Financial Information for Appointed Counsel in Juvenile Court: Ann verified that the juvenile court is in compliance with the procedures of RCW 10.01.020(3).

5. Form to Request Sealing of Adult Records: There was no new information presented on this topic. A defense representative indicated that Scott Jackson and someone from the defense bar will report, at the next Committee meeting, about their

efforts to develop a form outlining factors for the court to consider upon a request to seal an adult psychological evaluation or pre-sentence investigation report.

NEW BUSINESS:

6. Family Law: Judge Clark informed that Committee that Judge Rulli is requesting the family law bar use an "appropriate cover sheet" when filing confidential dependency pleadings in a family law case. Family law attorneys are directly filing confidential dependency case pleadings in the family law case without using a "confidential" cover sheet.

7. Driver's Relicensing Program: Karen brought to the Committee's attention that Clark County District Court has recently made changes to its relicensing program. These changes include procedures for considering indigency and ability to pay outstanding traffic debt. Karen also educated the Committee about the Northwest Justice Project's (NJP) work on implementing a statewide relicensing program similar to Oregon's License Reinstatement Program. Karen offered to do a presentation at the next bench bar meeting about NJP's work and suggested that we invite someone from the District Court to speak about the Court's recent efforts. Karen thought this might be important information for those that work in the therapeutic, family, and juvenile courts to hear.

Judge Clark agreed that the information was important but thought it might be better suited to a Clark County Bar CLE. Karen agreed to contact the relevant stakeholders and explore whether a CLE might be possible for the fall.

8. Timing of Bench/Bar Minutes in Hearsay: Karen agreed to work with Lisa Darco to include the Bench/Bar minutes in the same month's edition of Hearsay so that people may participate in the upcoming meetings with current information.

9. The next Bench/Bar meeting will be held on September 8, 2015 at 12:00 p.m. in the Department 8 jury deliberation room. The Committee will break for the summer and there will be no meetings in July or August.

Respectfully submitted,
Karen Campbell

YOUNG LAWYERS SECTION

YLS June Meeting: Elections, Trivia Night and Board Minutes

MATT BLUM & BEN MELNICK

Hearsay Special Correspondents

The CCBA Young Lawyer Section's final meeting of the current administration came to a close on June 25, 2015. When the dust settled, some moderate prizes were distributed, and the torch was passed to a new administration of young lawyers.

The election portion of the meeting received healthy attendance, no doubt due to the fervor caused by the exciting positions advertised on the YLS flier. While the elections took the traditional ballot format, I personally like to think of the YLS elections as an opportunity for a younger, hungrier attorney to publicly challenge an older (but still young) and perhaps complacent attorney to a battle for their position. This way of viewing elections may not be exactly "accurate," BUT it is far more exciting than the uncontested elections that have occurred from time to time.

Anyway, without further ado, I am happy to announce our 2015-2016 CCBA YLS Board: President: Amber Rush; Vice President: Elizabeth Arwood; Treasurer: Nick Alexander; Secretary: Ben Melnick; Social Chair: Stef Ellis; Membership Coordinator: Christina Phelan; Criminal Liaison: Jacy Thayer; and Immediate Past President: Matt Blum. Some background information for each member of the 2015-2016 board is provided below. I am excited to see what this new board will be able to do, and also want to thank the 2014-2015 YLS board for all of their hard work this past year making sure that our events are both fun and professionally rewarding.

As for the trivia portion of the event, Lisa Olson and Tanya Green put together an entertaining bevy of questions, featuring two rounds. Lisa Olson acted as host/master of ceremonies, and Shanahan's was gracious enough to hook us up to their PA. The first round pitted two teams of attorneys against each other in a head to head competition. My notes were not so great during this portion of the event, but I can tell everyone that "the No Names" won that round of the competition. As far the name of the losing team, well, I guess that confirms that if you want to be remembered



in the pantheon of greats, you need to win or risk fading into obscurity. The second round was an individual challenge. Nick Alexander took the grand prize, a Brickhouse gift certificate. It was also noted by Olson that Elizabeth Arwood would have taken home the prize, had she not crossed out the correct answer on one of the rounds and replaced it with an errant guess. If you see her flustered or agitated in court, it is no doubt because she is still haunted by the heartbreaking loss, and agonizing over what could have been if she stuck with her initial answer.

However, as is the trend these days, everyone (including one lucky non-attorney patron) got to choose a participation prize. These carefully selected prizes included pop rocks candy, spiritual candles, and young adult romance novels, among other novelties. The trivia event appeared to be a roaring success, so we hope to do this again, possibly pitting teams of younger attorneys against older attorneys.

Finally, the new board met on 7/7/15 to discuss the agenda for the coming year. Below is a summary of the meeting.

General notes from Ben Melnick, Secretary—The meeting was a free-flowing conversation that occasionally touched on the outlined topics. Actual conversation was not as boring as the minutes reflect. Future meetings will have two sets of minutes: one arranged like this and another with interesting comments/snippets of conversation from the various brilliant minds comprising the YLS Board.

Place: Brickhouse

Present: Melnick, Phelan, Ellis, Thayer, Arwood, Blum, Rush, Alexander

12:10 pm: Meeting started

12:11 pm: Discussion of amending the by-laws and associated procedures

12:18 pm: Softball game planning and discussion

12:21 pm: Planning happy hour for July—Heathen Brewing on 7/30 at 5 pm

12:25 pm: Review individual board positions and responsibilities

12:40 pm: General CLE discussion

12:45 pm: Planning September CLE and brainstorm future CLE topics

12:55 pm: Recap of meeting and assigning hearsay article writing assignments—See Amber Rush for details

1:10 pm: Meeting adjourned

YLS Board:



Amber Rush, President. Amber focuses her practice on family law and wills/trusts. She is admitted to practice law in the states of Washington and Oregon. She graduated Magna Cum Laude with a Bachelor of Science in Psychology from Portland State University, and Cum Laude from Gonzaga University School of Law. Amber is a founding member of MRM Law Group, PLLC in Vancouver, WA. She is involved in the national legal community through her positions with the American Bar Association, as well as staying very active in the local bar associations and events. Amber also enjoys running, crossfit, and hiking around in the great Northwest.



Elizabeth Arwood, Vice President. Elizabeth Arwood returns to the CCBA Young Lawyer Section as Vice President, after serving as the Board's Immediate Past President last year. Originally from Portland, Elizabeth returned to the area after graduating from Gonzaga's dual J.D./M.B.A. program, with honors in both degrees. Her undergraduate degree is from University of Oregon. Go Ducks! Elizabeth founded Arwood Law, PLLC in 2011, and practices in the areas of family law, juvenile law, and criminal defense. In her spare time, Elizabeth practices yoga, writes, and enjoys spending time with her husband, Matt Blum, and their dog, Sugar.



Nick Alexander, Treasurer. Nicholas Alexander was raised in Vancouver, Washington and attended college at the Evergreen State College and law school at Willamette University in Salem, Oregon. After graduation from law school, Nicholas continued working at Charles H. Buckley, Jr., & Associates. Nicholas focuses on criminal defense and family law cases. He also represents people in contested restraining order hearings, restraining order violation hearings, probation hearings, and child support hearings.



Ben Melnick, Secretary. Ben was born and raised in Clark County, before moving east of the Cascades to attend Washington State University (aka the "Harvard of the Palouse"—Go Cougs), finishing his Bachelor's in 2010. He migrated north to Spokane, the capital of the Inland Northwest, to attend Gonzaga Law School. In 2013, he graduated and moved back to Clark County to work at Harlan Law Firm. Ben's practice focuses mostly on criminal law, and he has recently begun testing the waters in a personal injury practice. He enjoys playing soccer, running, being a sports fan, and has recently adopted a rescue dog with his girlfriend, Kelly.



Stefanie Ellis, Social Chair. An Idaho native, Stefanie Ellis graduated from Boise State University in 2004 and received her Juris Doctorate from the University of Gonzaga, School of Law, in 2007. She moved to the Vancouver area soon after and worked for the City Attorney's office for three years before being hired by Green and Ritchie, PLLC where she has exclusively practiced family law since 2010. Stefanie is very active in the community. She teaches multiple courses for the Clark College Paralegal Program and he has held numerous positions on the board of the CCBA Young Lawyers Section since 2011. Stefanie enjoys reading, camping and everything Boise State... Go Broncos!



Christina Phelan, Membership Coordinator. Christina Phelan was born and raised in Vancouver, WA. She graduated from Central Catholic High School in Portland, Oregon in 2003. She received a Bachelor of Science in Political Science from Santa Clara University and graduated Magna Cum Laude in 2007. Christina attended law school at Boston University School of Law, graduating cum laude in May 2012. Christina has worked as an intern for the Honorable R. Gary Klausner, federal district court judge for the Central District of California and for the Legal Aid Society, Juvenile Rights Practice in Brooklyn, NY. She has been with Phelan Law office since

2012. She was recently awarded the Clark County Bar Association's "Rising Star Attorney" of 2015.



Jacy Thayer, Criminal Liaison. Jacy Thayer was born and raised in Vancouver, WA. She graduated from Fort Vancouver High School in 1999, received a Bachelor of Arts & Sciences in English, History and Fine Arts from the University of Portland in 2003, and a Juris Doctorate from University of West Los Angeles School of Law in 2008. After passing the California bar in 2008, Jacy returned to Clark County to practice criminal defense with her father, Steven Thayer. Jacy is a founding member and treasurer of Criminal Defense Attorneys of Clark County (CDACC). This is Jacy's second year as the YSL Criminal Liaison. In her free time, she enjoys cooking, watching movies and going to concerts. She is a fan of Portland breweries and Oregon wine country. But above all, she enjoys spending time with her husband, Stephen, and their beloved dog, Oscar.



Matt Blum, Immediate Past President. Acting as consigliere to the CCBA YLS, Matt grew up in Portland, OR and completed his undergraduate Degree in Philosophy and Gonzaga University in Spokane, WA. He obtained his law Degree from the University of Oregon in 2007, where he met his Wife, Elizabeth.

Following law School, Matt practiced for a civil litigation firm in Spokane Washington. He moved back to the Vancouver, WA area in 2009 to practice family law. He has worked for the Law Offices of Carolyn Drew, P.S. since 2010, focusing his practice on Family Law and Estate Planning services. Mat was recognized as the 2012 Volunteer of the Year by the Clark County Volunteer Lawyer Program, and is currently the Vice President of the CCVLP Board. In his free time, Matt enjoys basketball, writing and playing music, and embarrassing his friends playing video-game football.

Blast from the Past



DON JACOBS

Hearsay Special Correspondent

What pray tell is this? A collection of cruise ship waiters just before dinner? An old ad from Men's Warehouse? An acapella group? The above pic was received by this Hearsay special correspondent a short time ago. An anonymous source sent it in.

At the sender's request, he/she/it will remain anonymous. So who are these guys? Can you guess without looking further in the article? Are they still around? Are they still viable? Has the expiration date come and gone? "Best if used by ..." might be an appropriate label to look for here. Well, I'm pleased to report that each of these former young stallions are still alive and kicking and practicing in the legal trades right here in Clark County. In fact, they are probably at the top of their game. They just look a little gamier and grayer now. So let's see if you were correct.

From the top, right to left, we have the recently of counseled Craig Schauermaann, looking rather dapper with those dimples and that Boogie Nights haircut. Next, with arguably the best hair of the bunch, the now honorable senior Superior Court Judge James Rulli. To his right, sporting what my daughter used to call a "Porn Star Mustache" when I had one, our own Tom Phelan. First row, left to right, and no slouch on the mustache rating (which he still sports) our own Mark Muenster. Finally, to his

left, with those formerly golden surfer locks, Steve Thayer. My have the years have changed us. Reminds me of those words from that popular country song, "I'm not as good as I once was, but I'm as good once as I ever was".



A man wearing a light-colored cowboy hat and a red button-down shirt is riding a dark horse. The background is a desert landscape with red rock formations under a clear blue sky. The text is overlaid on the image in various colored boxes.

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Felons and Firearms Rights Restoration: State Orders of Restoration and Potential Federal Hiccups

BRANDON CAMPBELL

Hearsay Special Correspondent

Many Americans believe the right to bear arms is as synonymous with Americana as apple pie. When a Washingtonian is convicted of various crimes (felonies and domestic violence crimes, for example), they may lose their right to purchase, own, possess, or have under their “control” a firearm. An ardent gun enthusiast, who has taken a transitory misstep into the criminal justice system, may have a light at the end of the tunnel.

RCW 9.41.047 requires that a person convicted of certain enumerated offenses, must: immediately surrender their concealed pistol license and must not possess a firearm “unless his or her right to do so is restored by a court of record.” Within three judicial days after conviction, the convicting court is required to forward the judgment and certain identifying information related to the conviction, to the national instant criminal background check system index (“NICS”).

RCW 9.41.040(4)(a) provides an opportunity for felons precluded from possessing firearms to “petition a court of record to have his or her right to possess a firearm restored.” For eligible felonies the petition must be filed, “after five or more consecutive years in the community” without being convicted of a crime. The petitioning felon must have, “no prior felony convictions that prohibit the possession of a firearm counted as part of [their] offender score,” as of the date of filing of the petition for restoration.

Seems straight forward enough, wait some period of time without recidivating, and then respectfully ask for ones right to possess firearms back. So you have a client, they were previously convicted of a class C felony for possessing a controlled substance. The client comes to you sixteen years after successfully completing their probation resulting from this felony conviction. Your client really wants to get their gun rights back so they can introduce a young family member to responsible sport shooting or hunting.

You investigate your client’s background and determine they should be able to successfully petition the court for restoration. You diligently produce a petition for your client and accompany them to a hearing where the judge signs your client’s order of restoration. As you’re leaving the client shakes your hand and tells

you how happy they are for your time and professional counsel. A few months go by and your gun rights restoration client calls you back apocalyptic. It seems they went to a local big box sporting goods retailer and were not able to purchase a weapon. The client even showed the helpful employee at the sporting goods store their restoration order. What could have happened?

Your client has had their right to possess a firearm restored by the court of conviction. However, the FBI run National Instant Criminal Background Check System (“NICS”) search, required to be conducted prior to a firearm purchase, and identified your client’s previous felony conviction as a bar to their ability to purchase a firearm under federal law. The FBI’s website indicates the NICS was, [m]andated by the Brady Handgun Violence Prevention Act of 1993 and launched by the FBI on November 30, 1998, NICS is used by Federal Firearms Licensees (FFLs) to instantly determine whether a prospective buyer is eligible to buy firearms or explosives. Before ringing up the sale, cashiers call in a check to the FBI or to other designated agencies to ensure that each customer does not have a criminal record or isn’t otherwise ineligible to make a purchase. More than 100 million such checks have been made in the last decade, leading to more than 700,000 denials.

Federal law provides, “[i]t shall be unlawful for any person [...] who has been convicted in any court of, a crime punishable by imprisonment for a term exceeding one year [...] to ship or transport in interstate or foreign commerce, or possess in or affecting commerce, any firearm or ammunition; or to receive any firearm or ammunition which has been shipped or transported in interstate or foreign commerce.” 18 U.S.C.A. § 922(g)(1)-(9).

Importantly, what constitutes a conviction of such a crime [covered by 18 U.S.C. 922(g)] shall be determined in accordance with the law of the jurisdiction in which the proceedings were held. Any conviction which has been expunged, or set aside or for which a person has been pardoned or has had civil rights restored shall not be considered a conviction for purposes of [Ch. 44—Firearms], unless such pardon, expungement, or restoration of civil rights expressly provides that the person may not ship, transport, possess, or receive firearms.

18 U.S.C.A. 921(a)(20) (West 2014) (emphasis added). Your client has had their civil rights restored via state action, but the Fed's aren't on board, what is one to do?

Allegedly, "[a] person who is prohibited from possessing, shipping, transporting, or receiving firearms or ammunition may make application to the Attorney General for relief from the disabilities imposed by Federal laws with respect to the acquisition, receipt, transfer, shipment, transportation, or possession of firearms [...]." 18 U.S.C.A. § 925(c) (West 2014). "[T]he Attorney General may grant such relief if it is established to his satisfaction that the circumstances regarding the disability, and the applicant's record and reputation, are such that the applicant will not be likely to act in a manner dangerous to public safety and that the granting of the relief would not be contrary to the public interest." Id.

"Any person whose application for relief from disabilities is denied by the Attorney General may file a petition with the United States district court for the district in which he resides for a judicial review of such denial." Id. "Whenever the Attorney General grants relief to any person pursuant to this section he shall promptly publish in the Federal Register notice of such action, together with the reasons therefor." Id. Unfortunately, "Congress has provided in each [the Bureau of Alcohol,

Tobacco and Firearms ("ATF")] appropriations bill that 'none of the funds appropriated herein shall be available to investigate or act upon applications for relief from Federal firearms disabilities under 18 U.S.C. § 925(c).' Pontarelli v. U.S. Dept. of Treasury, 285 F. 3d 216, 217 (3rd Cir. 2002).

"This appropriations ban prevents [the] ATF from acting upon- and thus from denying-felons' § 925(c) applications." Pontarelli, at 218. As of the Third Circuits decision in Pontarelli, six other courts of appeals had held that the appropriations ban frustrated district court review of a felon's request for relief from firearms restrictions, because the ATF had not in fact denied a felon's application. Id.

Bottom line, the Feds may take the line that your client isn't eligible to purchase or possess a firearm. The FBI may deny your client the ability to purchase a weapon, based on their prior felony conviction showing up during a NICS search. When your client appeals, they will not be able to find venue to hear their appeal from the FBI's denial letter. While your client should be able to purchase and possess a weapon after utilizing Washington's generous restorations process, the careful advisor may find it appropriate to indicate to a client that the Feds may make their future purchase of any firearm problematic.

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Discover Vancouver: A Journey to Vancouver's Summer Beer Fest



COLIN McHUGH

Hearsay Special Correspondent

My assignment was simple: Write about the beer fest and find some lawyers who enjoy it. As a new member of the Hearsay committee, I was intrigued that I was assigned with such an arduous task. “The investigative research is going to be difficult,” I thought. Tasting some of the Northwest’s finest beers and ciders. “Oh no,” I thought. I will have to NOT work this Saturday. Darn.

I left the Hearsay committee meeting and began to recruit my partners in crime for the brew fest via text. My first round draft pick had already been made. Jesse Jacobs, personal injury professional with the NW Injury Law Center. A legacy in this area, and a Washington State Cougar, Jesse is a man who is a seasoned veteran of the Vancouver beer scene. I imagined he would be an excellent battle buddy in Esther Short Park.

Next on my list was an old friend from law school. Dave Kurtz, landlord-tenant baron of Battle Ground and attorney at Jackson Jackson & Kurtz. Another legacy in this town, and a Washington State Cougar, Dave is a dependable friend that I can always count on for a good time. I immediately sent him a text, “Hey man. Brew fest this weekend?” He replied in the affirmative.

Finally, I summoned Bjorn “Ironside” Hess, from the fjords of Camas. Bjorn is lord of financial planning and criminal law at Hazen, Hess & Ott, PLLC. Bjorn is full of captivating tales and sideache-inducing jokes, and was a perfect choice for a brew fest crewmember.

Bjorn was slated to volunteer for the beer fest Friday night, so I coordinated with all three of these gentlemen that we would meet in the afternoon, and head to the festival. So the stage was set for Saturday afternoon to around 2pm.

On Saturday morning I traded texts with Dave Kurtz about the plan. I told him that we should meet downtown, maybe by



Starbucks. However, because Dave and I live in Hazel Dell, he suggested that we meet at Vancouver’s classiest establishment, Billy Blues. Although I was very anxious to get to the beer fest, my girlfriend Megan and I headed to meet Dave at Billy Blues. I sent a text to Bjorn and told him that we were headed to Billy Blues. Bjorn’s response was classic: “I have no idea what that means.”

When we arrived at Billy Blue’s, I drank my first beer of the day, a pint of Deschutes Mirror Pond Pale Ale. About halfway through that beer, Dave Kurtz walked in. We had not seen Dave since his wedding (Dave married Danielle Paradis, a stunning and intelligent family law attorney in Vancouver). As we started talking to Dave, it dawned on him that when I asked him through text if he wanted to go to the “brew fest,” that I was talking about a real beer fest. He thought I was using slang to say that we

should just drink all afternoon. As such, he had made plans to meet up with his longtime friend and groomsman, Kelley and would not be able to attend the beer fest. So we had not even made it close to the beer fest by temporal or geographical measure, and we had already suffered our first casualty.

Around that time, Jesse Jacobs showed up with his wife Ying, ready to move to the next location. Like true champions Ying and Jesse had been dropped off. So the four of us (Megan, Jesse, Ying and myself) hopped in to my valiant steed, the 1995 Green GMC Suburban, (or “the Burb,” as it is affectionately known by many) to make our next stop, the Thirsty Sasquatch. The Squatch is a new establishment with an excellent range of beers on tap, not to mention the ability to order Mexican or pizza from neighboring restaurants, to be delivered directly to you at the Squatch.

It was not before long that we were thrown the second curveball of the day. Ying and Jesse are house shopping and needed to go view a house nearby. So it was not before long that the four of us, as well as Jesse’s parents were touring a potential house to buy. “What are we doing here?” Megan whispered me as we toured the home. “I am not quite sure,” I replied, “but let’s get to the beer fest.”

After touring the home we piled back into the Burb and made our way downtown where we parked the Burb in her final resting place for the evening, at my office on 8th street. We made a quick bathroom break and a stop at the ATM before heading in to the beer fest. On our way in, I ran into a friend of mine, Zak Erz, who I know through the Chamber of Commerce. He mentioned that Bjorn and his brother Erik were all inside and enjoying the ambience of Esther Short Park.

Entrance into the Beer Fest was a glorious greeting for us because we had finally reached our destination. At the door we were awarded a plastic beer glass and several drink tickets, to use sparingly on the fest’s finest brews. As we walked through the gates music was lively on the main stage with a full band. Many local breweries had their kegs tapped and were serving some of Vancouver’s finest beer including Loowit, Dirty Hands, and Mt. Tabor. In particular, Vancouver’s newest microbrewery, Heathen Brewing, who has taken over the Inn’s of Court recent meeting spot, made a strong showing as well.



After tasting some of the Northwest’s finest beers, Bjorn spotted more lawyers and a judge. Laurel Smith and Colin Hayes from the prosecutor’s office were hanging out with Judge John Fairgrieve. Laurel and Colin wanted to make sure that I interviewed Bjorn, the defense attorney. I let them know that I had plenty of photos and quotes to document him as well. Judge Fairgrieve had just run an obstacle course through Vancouver, which is more exercise than the rest of us had, which was simply curling a few ounces of beers to our faces.

As the drink tickets were running low and the sun was setting on the beer tents in Esther Short Park, Ying and Jesse decided to move to a new destination, the Elbow Room. Bjorn, Zak, Erik, Megan and I stayed behind until last call. The whole crew begrudgingly left the gates, as if we were still kids leaving Disneyland. At that point we all decided to stagger for tacos at Jorge’s.

After Jorge’s we all decided to go our separate ways. It had been a riveting day. Megan and I decided to summon an Uber and make our way home. The rest went their separate ways. It was an epic journey to the brew fest but the day had come to an end. We lost some people along the way, but it was an exciting way to spend a sunny summer Saturday in Vancouver.

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Hearsay Profile

Deanna Rusch

Home: I am a proud Pacific Northwest native and am currently in the process of (finally) moving across the river to Washington from my hometown of Happy Valley, Oregon. I graduated from Clackamas High School, earned my Bachelor's Degree from the Honors College at the University of Washington (GO HUSKIES!!), and then attended and graduated from law school at Gonzaga University.

Age: 33 (34 in September!)

Profession: Attorney! I recently joined the firm of McKinley Irvin to continue to practice exclusively family law in SW Washington. McKinley Irvin has deep Washington roots and an office in Portland and I'm honored and excited to be helping them open their new Vancouver office. Practicing family law in SW Washington and particularly in Clark County has been fun, challenging and rewarding...all at the same time. As I approach my 9th anniversary of practicing law, I look forward to continuing to work with my clients and with the bar and bench to always strive to improve the practice of law and how the legal profession is seen by the general public.

Hobby: During football season, anything related to the Seahawks and the Huskies. To say I'm obsessed with football is an understatement. During the off-season, I'm constantly reading about football, recruiting, trades, etc. I love the Blazers but they always break my heart. I love dogs and get out with my 11 year old Rottweiler/German Shepherd (Rocky) at least daily on a walk or to the dog park. I also love shopping, pedicures, and outdoor concerts. Going to see Foo Fighters and Mumford & Sons in Walla Walla this summer!

Last Book Read: "The Boys in the Boat" by Daniel James Brown. It's a non-fiction book about the University of Washington crew team who represented the United States in the 1936 Olympics in Berlin. Fantastic book about hard work while in the background the country was going through the Great Depression and witnessing the beginnings of Nazi Germany. Highly recommend it!

Legal Philosophy: Treat every client like they are your only client. Be respectful at all times but always be strategic. Defer to the court at all times, even if you disagree. Have fun and laugh as much as you can throughout the day. "The law" is a serious business which deserves the appropriate amount of deference, but if you don't have fun and enjoy what you do, what's the point of doing it?

Latest Accomplishment: This is serious – I recently purchased a pair of flats (shoes). If you know me and the high heels I wear on a daily basis, you know how big of an accomplishment this is.

Why I Do What I Do: I love people. I love talking with people and finding out what's important to them, what they like, what they dislike, and what their goals are. I'm always talking, laughing and joking with people. Practicing law, domestic relations in particular, gives me the unique ability and privilege to meet and get to know all different types of people...and I love it.

Beverage of Choice: I drink iced tea daily. Unsweetened, with lemon. You can catch me at least once per day at the Starbucks on Main Street getting my fix.



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MEETING

August 5, 2015

CCBA Board Meeting
CCBA Office Noon - 1:00pm

MEETING

August 18, 2015

Hearsay Committee Meeting
CCBA Office Noon - 1:00pm

CLE

September 9, 2015

Nuts & Bolts CLE - Taking Depositions
Presented by: David Markowitz
& Lawson Fite
Red Lion at the Quay 3:00pm - 5:00pm

MEETING

CLE

September 16, 2015

CCBA Annual Meeting and Lunch
Red Lion at the Quay - Noon

CLE

September 16, 2015

CLE: A View From the Appellate Bench
Presented by: Justice Mary Yu, Justice
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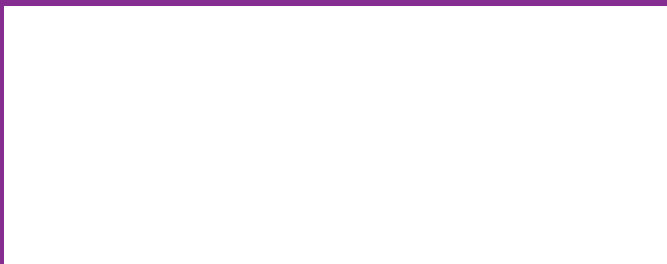
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