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Support CourtCare

By Peter H. Glade, MBA President.

A few weeks ago, on a Saturday evening, I found myself hanging out in a strange spot. "Strange" as in "unfamiliar," not "weird." Try as I might, I could not blend in. As anyone who saw me there can attest, I demonstrated a distinct ignorance of the customs and values of the culture, and my awkward attempts at

practicing the local rituals and activities set me apart from many of my colleagues, who displayed either historic roots in the local traditions or sufficient study of them to avoid my sore thumb status.

Yes, I was bowling with over 250 lawyers, judges, their staff and their families at the 2007 WinterSmash. This year, we filled 20th Century Lanes for three hours, and we had great fun while raising money for CourtCare, one of the most worthy of the MBA's endeavors.

By the time this paper comes out, we will be in the midst of our fund-raising season for CourtCare. So, I want to take up a little space here to praise the project and those who have given of their time, energy and money to keep it going. Like many good projects, CourtCare is founded on a simple idea: young children who must accompany their parents to court should be provided a safe,* caring environment while their parents deal with business at the courthouse.

Whatever business brings a parent to the courthouse, no benefit will come from exposing a child to what in all likelihood will be a tense and confusing scene. Children should be protected from witnessing the kinds of disturbing events that accompany the cases our courts handle every day, whether they involve domestic relations, criminal prosecutions or simple civil claims. Providing a safe haven for the kids also helps keep interruptions of crowded court dockets to a minimum. CourtCare serves both these laudable functions.

CourtCare was founded in 2001, sponsored by the MBA and quickly gained the support of the county, state and Volunteers of America Oregon. Since it opened its doors, CourtCare has served more than 5,600 Oregon children and their families. The volume now stands at about 80 to 100 children per month, each of whom has been protected from the anxiety-provoking drama in which their parents had to participate. We should be proud that we provide such care for the children of this community. Whatever tragedy may be played out in our courts by their parents, these children bear no responsibility for it.

CourtCare receives some public financing, but it relies heavily on contributions from the legal community. This year, you will be asked once again to participate in keeping CourtCare's doors open. Your tax-free contribution should be made to the Multnomah Bar Foundation, which has 501(c)(3) status, and earmarked for CourtCare. The foundation will forward the funds to the Volunteers of America Oregon, which operates the program. You can help make a difference in the lives of hundreds of children.

So, back to 20th Century Lanes. Despite that "stranger in a strange land" feeling, I had a blast. The folks who were assigned to my team and bowling in the adjacent alleys illustrated well the energizing atmosphere of fun and camaraderie that filled the lanes. On my team, we had a father and two sons who were vying for top score honors. The elder of the sons won that prize when Dad choked in the last frame. The big lesson here was: if you want to keep any semblance of self esteem, stay away from teenagers (or anyone else) who show up with their own, personal bowling balls.

We also had a Midwestern native whose high school offered training in the sport. Luckily, she had a broken foot, so she only outscored me by 50 points. The team was rounded out by another woman who claimed to have gained considerable bowling experience and knowledge. In fact, she had a "bowling name" she wanted entered in the scoring system. Think about that for a moment; these names appear on the projected scoreboards for all to see. Why didn't I think of that? "Nino," "Racehorse," "Mick." Of course, her name didn't help her against the kid with his own bowling ball. Plus, she kept forgetting that she was "Lil."

On our left was a lane that had a couple bowlers who threw rockets that seemed like they would shatter the pins. Scary. On the right, were the true beginners, who pushed their balls down a set of guiding-rails, launching them on a 15 minute, meandering journey between the safety barriers of gutter bumpers. Why wasn't I allowed to use those?

Oh, I could go on about the judges, the pizza and the beer, but I just don't have the space. It was a great event, and a good time was had by all. Thanks to the organizers and the staff. I recommend the experience to all of you next year. But if you see me there, please don't point and laugh at my gutter balls.

** I use "safe" in the psychological sense of the word. Although the CourtCare facilities are certainly safe in many other respects, they are in the Multnomah County Courthouse, which, if you've been paying any attention at all, you know is not safe in the event of seismic activity of any significance.*

MBA Online Membership Directory Improvements

Member photos and Web site addresses have been added to the online membership directory. Other information includes name, address, phone and fax numbers, email address and practice areas. The directory is a convenient way for anyone who uses the Web site - colleagues, clients, staff - to find an attorney.

If you haven't submitted a photo but would like to, you may send a jpeg photo to kathy@mbabar.org.

Every MBA member is included, unless he or she requested to opt out of the listing. If you would like to change your listing or opt out of the directory, write the MBA at kathy@mbabar.org or 620 SW 5th Ave Ste 1220, Portland OR 97204.

Multnomah Bar Association spring members and judges social and annual meeting

Monday, May 21
Hilton Portland
Pavilion Room
5-7:30 pm

This will be a fun evening of socializing while listening to the Bobby Torres Ensemble.

Please mark your calendar!

Invitations are being mailed separately.

MBA CLE

To register for a CLE, please see the inserts in this issue or go to www.mbabar.org.

March

Tuesday, March 6 HIPAA

Hon. Henry Kantor
Kelly Hagan
Connie McKelvey
Elden Rosenthal

Thursday, March 8 Annual Family Law Update

Hon. Nan Waller
Janice Ashe
Bill Schulte
Gary Zimmer

Wednesday, March 21 Charitable Giving

Matt Hillman
Scott Howard
Jeff Thede

Thursday, March 22 Intellectual Property

Julianne Ross Davis
Paula Holm Jensen
Randy Foster

April

Tuesday, April 10 Washington, Clackamas & Clark Counties Presiding Court Update

Hon. Thomas Kohl
Hon. Steve Maurer
Hon. John Nichols
Leslie Johnson

Wednesday, April 18 Multnomah County Presiding Court Update & Welcome Reception for New Judges

Time: 4-6 p.m.

Hon. Dale Koch and Judicial Guests

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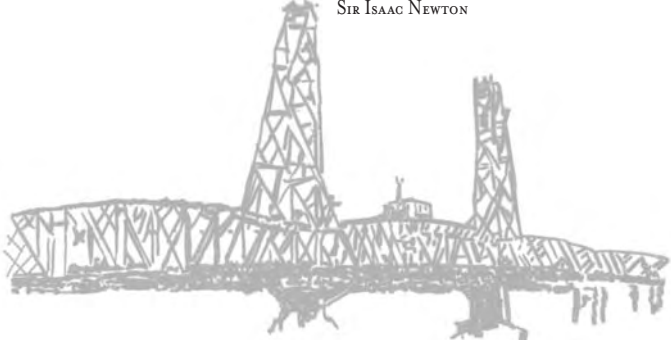
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CALENDAR

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For details visit www.aclu-or.org.

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Tuesday, MBA Board meeting

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Thursday, MBA CLE Annual Family Law Update
See insert or register at www.mbabar.org.

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Friday, OWLS Awards Dinner at The Governor Hotel.

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Tuesday, Campaign for Equal Justice Awards Luncheon
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Wednesday, MBA CLE Charitable Giving
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Thursday, MBA CLE Intellectual Property
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Thursday, YLS Drop-in Social at Thirsty Lion
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Wednesday, YLS PDE Rainmaking Seminar
Details on p. 10.

April

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Tuesday, MBA Board meeting

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Wednesday, Pro Bono Fair
See details on pp. 10 and 11.

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Tuesday, May Multnomah Lawyer deadline

Tuesday, YLS Board meeting

Tuesday, MBA CLE – Clackamas, Washington and Clark Counties Presiding Court Update
See insert or register at www.mbabar.org.

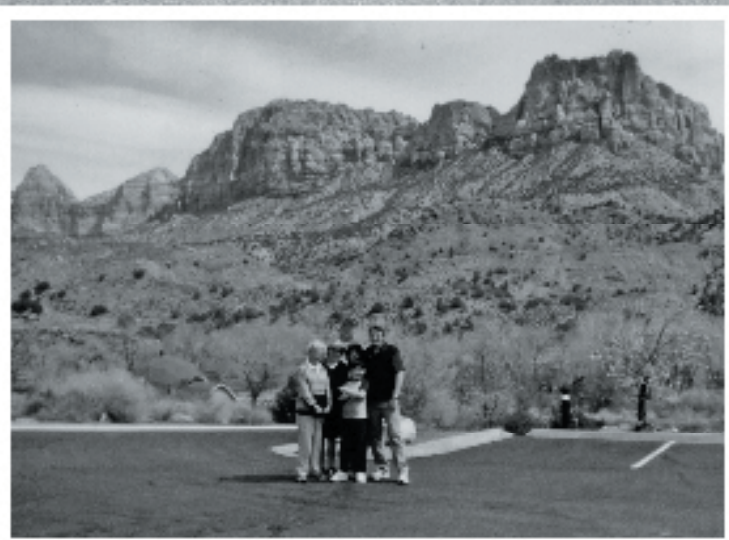
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Wednesday, Multnomah County Presiding Court Update and Social
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Wednesday, Multnomah Bar Foundation Board meeting

Wednesday, MBA CLE Annual Probate Update
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Friday, MBA Board Election Ballots due

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Ethics Focus

By Mark J. Fucile, Fucile & Reising.

The Lawyer-Witness Rule: What It Is and What It Isn't



Imagine this scenario: You are your firm's trial lawyer. One of your partners, a business lawyer, wrote a contract two years ago for one of your firm's clients. The contract is now the focus of a dispute between the client and a customer. The client's position in the dispute is consistent with the negotiating history your partner recalls. Your partner asks you to handle the case. In your first phone call to opposing counsel, however, the opposing counsel tells you that your firm is disqualified under the lawyer-witness rule because he plans to take your partner's deposition. Are you out before the case has hardly started?

The lawyer-witness rule is sometimes tossed around cavalierly during litigation. In this column, we'll look at what it is and, perhaps more importantly, what it isn't.

What It Is. Oregon's lawyer-witness rule is RPC 3.7. It is similar to its ABA Model Rule counterpart and is drawn from former Oregon DR 5-102. The OSB issued an updated interpretive opinion on the lawyer-witness rule in 2005, Formal Ethics Opinion 2005-8, which is available at www.osbar.org. Two of the principal appellate decisions discussing and applying the lawyer-witness rule (albeit before the new RPCs were adopted effective January 1, 2005) are *In re Kinsey*, 294 Or 544, 565-68, 660 P2d 660 (1983), and *In re Kluge*, 335 Or 326, 337-39, 66 P3d 492 (2003).

The lawyer-witness rule is primarily aimed at trial counsel. The rationale for the rule, as expressed in Comment 2 to the ABA Model Rule, is to prevent confusion on the part of the jury by mixing trial counsel's role as an advocate with that of a witness: "A witness is required to testify on the basis of personal knowledge, while an advocate is expected to explain and comment on evidence given by others. It may not be clear whether a statement by an advocate-witness should be taken as proof or as an analysis of the proof."

RPC 3.7 generally bars a lawyer from acting as trial counsel when the lawyer will be a witness at trial unless: "(1) the testimony relates to an uncontested issue; (2) the testimony relates to the nature and value of legal services rendered in the case; (3) disqualification of the

lawyer would work a substantial hardship on the client; or (4) the lawyer is appearing pro se." RPC 3.7 also bars a law firm from further participation in the case when a firm member's testimony will be adverse to its client at trial. The Supreme Court held in *In re Kluge* (335 Or at 337) that a client cannot waive a lawyer-witness conflict. The Supreme Court in *In re Kinsey* (294 Or at 566) also held that a lawyer cannot avoid the impact of the rule by denying the client the lawyer's essential testimony.

What It Isn't. RPC 3.7, however, is not a rule of automatic disqualification. First, as noted, it only prevents a lawyer from acting as trial counsel when the lawyer will be a trial witness (and doesn't otherwise meet one of the exceptions). "RPC 3.7(a) does not prevent a lawyer from assisting in pretrial matters." OSB Formal Ethics Op 2005-8 at 2. Second, if the same evidence can be obtained through other means and the opposing party is attempting to call the lawyer as a tactical ruse to remove the other side's trial counsel, then the lawyer may still be able to act as trial counsel under the "substantial hardship" exception. See Comment 4 to ABA Model Rule 3.7. Finally, even if a law firm lawyer will be a witness at trial, that does not prevent the law firm from trying the case through other firm lawyers as long as the firm member's testimony will be consistent with the client's position.

In our opening example, therefore, the law firm should not be disqualified. Although one of its lawyers will have his deposition taken, that business lawyer's testimony is consistent with the client's position and the case will be tried by another of the firm's lawyers. In short, although the lawyer-witness rule is an important rule of law firm disqualification, the situations where it reaches that result are comparatively narrow.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Generation Gap Survey Results Now Available

Last year the MBA surveyed its members about the perceived "Generation Gap." The survey final report is now available for members' viewing at the MBA's home page, www.mbabar.org. The report includes information on the generations' job satisfaction levels, their commonalities and differences, what the different generations appreciate about each other and what they would like from one another. It also includes recommendations for follow-up work within your firm.

Local Bar Members Honored

On January 15, at the 22nd Annual Keep Alive the Dream tribute to Rev. Martin Luther King Jr., Pamela Jacklin, Leonard Girard and Judge Robert Wollheim of the Oregon Court of Appeals each received a Lifetime Achievement Award for "community contributions and dedicated service honor[ing] the Legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr."

MBA Noon Time Rides

Short fast bike rides with hills. Meet at SW Yamhill and Broadway, between 12-12:10 p.m., Mondays and Thursdays. Contact Ray Thomas 503.228.5222 with questions, or meet at the start.

Campaign for Equal Justice - 16th Annual Awards

The organization's annual luncheon will be Tuesday, March 13 at The Governor Hotel Heritage Ballroom. See www.cej-oregon.org for details.

Multnomah County Family Law Group Luncheon

On March 19 at noon at Jakes, Pearls of Wisdom will be provided by MCFLG members. Please come prepared to share a war story, a helpful practice hint, something funny, or a combination of them. Please contact David Bean at dib@meyerwyse.com if you would like to be added to the list.

Queens Bench Luncheon

On March 13, the speaker will be Margaret Kirkpatrick, Vice President and General Counsel at Northwest Natural Gas Company. Before moving to NW Natural, Kirkpatrick was a partner at Stoel Rives practicing in environmental law.

Queen's Bench lunches are held on the second Tuesday of the month from 11:45 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Jax Restaurant. The cost is \$12; cash or check payment is accepted at the door. For more information, please contact Nicole DeFever at 503.735.5323 or nicole@defever.com or Marja Selmann at 503.233.0820 or marja_selmann@comcast.net.

Upcoming OCDLA Seminars

Oregon Criminal Defense Lawyers' Association (OCDLA) is holding a seminar on DUII and Driving Offenses on March 9-10 at the Salem Conference Center.

OCDLA's annual juvenile law seminar will be April 20-21 at the Best Western Agate Beach Inn in Newport. Registration information are available at www.ocdla.org.

Oregon Law Foundation Elects President

Lisa LeSage, assistant dean for Lewis & Clark Law School business law programs and director of the Small Business Legal Clinic, has been elected president of the Oregon Law Foundation for 2007.

OWLS News

This year, the Roberts-Deiz Awards Dinner honors Hon. Mary J. Deits and Hon. Wallace P. Carson. The dinner will be Friday, March 9 at the Governor Hotel and will feature an OWLS Foundation silent auction and no-host bar, followed by dinner and music by the Sweet Thunder Jazz Trio. More details are available at <http://oregonwomenlawyers.com>.

Oregon Women Lawyers Foundation has awarded its annual grants to several organizations which advance the foundation's mission to promote greater access to the justice system for women and minorities. Multnomah CourtCare,

CASA for Children, Portland Women's Crisis Line and St. Andrew Legal Clinic each received a significant grant from the foundation in 2006.

The foundation also awarded the Vernellia R. Randall Bar Exam Grant to two third year law students who took the Oregon Bar exam in February. Anne Marie Clark, a Lewis & Clark Law School student, is the single parent of three children and has balanced law school with her significant parenting responsibilities. Samantha Copeland, a Willamette College of Law student, is also a single parent to an eight-year-old child.

Oregon Chapter Federal Bar Association Names Officers and Directors

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CourtCare's 4th Annual Fundraising Campaign May 1 - May 22

The MBA is gearing up for its fourth annual CourtCare Campaign, to begin on May 1. Please give generously to this important program.

Watch for details in the April *Multnomah Lawyer*. For more information, contact campaign co-chairs, Susan Marmaduke, susan.marmaduke@harrang.com or Marshal Spector, mspector@gevurtzmenashe.com, or visit the CourtCare page at www.mbabar.org.



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MBA Group Insurance Update March is Open Enrollment

By David Dean, Grenley Rotenberg et al and MBA Group Insurance Chair.

Unlike most “one size fits all” group insurance policies in which all of a law firm’s employees are limited to a single insurance plan chosen by the law firm, the MBA health insurance program allows employees in a participating firm to select their own plan from a menu of nine different plans with three different insurers - Kaiser, Providence and United Health Care. The plans range from moderately priced traditional EPO plans, to benefit-rich but more expensive PPO plans, to low-cost, high deductible tax advantaged Health Savings Account Plans.

All plans have no limitations for pre-existing conditions and are guaranteed issue – no one can be turned down for coverage. The plans are also easy to administer. The employer receives one invoice and writes only one check for the monthly

premium regardless of the number of plans employees select. In addition, Northwest Employee Benefits provides all COBRA administration.

The MBA is excited about the addition of United Health Care as one of its insurers. United Health Care recently acquired PacifiCare and offers an expanded array of benefits. Unlike any of the other insurers in the MBA group insurance program, United Health Care offers two PPO plans which include all of the Portland metropolitan area hospitals, including OHSU, in its PPO network. In addition, the United Health Care PPO plans offer access to a nationwide network of preferred providers.

Lawyers in Portland and the Willamette Valley have long had access to a variety of insurers through the MBA program while lawyers in others parts of the state

have had limited or no access to group health insurance. The addition of United Health Care to the MBA’s group of insurers has expanded the geographic reach of the MBA health plans by including hospitals and providers in its preferred provider network from Pendleton, to central and southern Oregon, to many areas on the coast.

The MBA will also provide expanded coverage for mental health care under all of its plans. In response to legislation passed by the 2005 Oregon Legislature, all of the MBA plans will now cover mental health and chemical dependency services at the same benefit level as other medical conditions. This means that if a plan provides for a \$20 co-pay for office visits and an 80% benefit for inpatient hospital treatment for medical conditions, the plan will now provide the same \$20 co-pay and 80% inpatient

benefits for mental health and chemical dependency treatment.

If you have questions about the MBA health insurance program, please contact our plan administrator, NW Employee Benefits at 503.284.1331 or check their Web site at www.nwebi.com. If you have any suggestions for the MBA’s health insurance plans, please contact the MBA’s Member Services Director, Guy Walden at 503.222.3275.

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AROUND THE BAR

ZIMMER & BUNCH

Carey Mougey has joined the firm as an associate. The firm's practice emphasizes family law.

K&L GATES

Preston Gates & Ellis has merged with Kirkpatrick & Lockhart Nicholson Graham LLP, to form Kirkpatrick & Lockhart Preston Gates Ellis LLP (or K&L Gates). The firm has selected **Ann L. Sherman** as Administrative Partner for the Portland office and member of the firm wide Management Committee for a four-year term.



Norman Sepenuk

NORMAN SEPENUK

Sepenuk has been in The Hague, Holland, involved in a war crimes trial before an International Criminal Tribunal. He is defending General Dragoljub Ojdanic, former Chief of the General Staff of the Yugoslav Army. General Ojdanic and five other individuals are charged with jointly planning to forcibly expel some 800,000 Kosovar Albanians to Albania, Macedonia and other areas in order to change the ethnic balance in Kosovo in favor of Serbia, the then dominant country in Yugoslavia. The trial is expected to last about another year.



Don Corson



Lara Johnson

THE CORSON & JOHNSON LAW FIRM

The Don Corson Law Firm started the year with new name, The Corson & Johnson Law Firm. Together, **Don Corson** and **Lara Johnson** have successfully handled major product liability and personal injury cases. Johnson's legal focus is primarily on civil litigation, with a special emphasis on personal injury and nursing home cases.



Julie M. Engbloom

LANE POWELL

Julie M. Engbloom joins the firm as an associate in the litigation practice group, where she concentrates on securities-related litigation and regulatory compliance.

THE STANDARD

The Standard has promoted **Justin Delaney** to Vice President.



Jenna L. Mooney



David C. Rocker

DAVIS WRIGHT TREMAINE

Both **Jenna L. Mooney**, who specializes in employment litigation, and **David C. Rocker**, who focuses on commercial litigation, products liability litigation and counseling, have been named as partners.



David C. Baca



Lawrence B. Burke

David C. Baca has been elected firm-wide managing partner and will take office at the firm's next annual meeting scheduled for early April. Baca, who is the first managing partner from the firm's Portland office, has practiced for over 24 years. His leadership roles within the firm have included serving on the executive committee for over seven years, the quality assurance committee for over 10 years and he currently chairs the firm's compensation committee.

Lawrence B. Burke has been appointed to chair the firm's national environmental practice group. Burke's practice encompasses a wide range of environmental matters, including complex litigation involving groundwater contamination, environmental insurance coverage disputes, cases involving underground storage tanks and cases alleging professional negligence by engineers or environmental consultants.

Amelia E. Heath is a new associate in the firm, where she will specialize in estate planning, business succession planning and tax exempt organizations.

MILLER NASH

Paul Havel and **Steven Christensen** have been promoted to partner at the firm. Christensen has built a practice concentrated on taxation and business transactions. Havel practices in the areas of domestic and international intellectual property counseling, licensing, dispute resolution and prosecution.



Steven Christensen



Tom D'Amore



John Neupert

John Neupert was elected to the firm's Executive Committee. He focuses his practice on complex commercial litigation in state and federal courts.

SAMUELS YOELIN KANTOR **Edward L. "Ted" Simpson** has been named a partner at the firm.

NEWCOMB, SABIN ET AL **Brian S. Thompson** has been named a partner of the firm, where he will continue to advise clients on mergers and acquisitions, SEC reporting compliance, corporate governance issues, real property transactions and a variety of other business matters.

Merril A. Keane is now an associate with the firm. Keane assists clients in the firm's general business and litigation practice.

D'AMORE & ASSOCIATES **Tom D'Amore** moved his personal injury law firm's main office to Clackamas County. The firm will maintain an office

in downtown Portland but a majority of attorneys and staff will work from the Clackamas County location. The new address is 6400 SE Lake Rd Ste 210, Portland OR 97222.



Todd Cleek

KIVEL & HOWARD

Todd Cleek was recently elected President of the Board of Directors for Mount Hood Habitat for Humanity. This local affiliate of Habitat International works in the eastern metropolitan area to eliminate substandard housing.

The Around the Bar column reports on MBA members' moves, transitions, promotions and other honors within the profession. Submissions are due by the 10th of the month preceding publication or the previous Friday if that date falls on a weekend. Items are edited to fit column format and are used on a space-available basis in the order in which they were received. Submissions may be submitted by email to carol@mbabar.org.

Generation Gap Survey Results Now Available

Last year the MBA surveyed its members about the perceived "Generation Gap." The survey final report is now available for members' viewing at the MBA's home page, www.mbabar.org. The report includes information on the generations' job satisfaction levels, their commonalities and differences, what the different generations appreciate about each other and what they would like from one another. It also includes recommendations for follow-up work within your firm.

Tips from the Bench

By Judge John A. Wittmayer, Multnomah County Circuit Court.

Asbestos Litigation

For 12 or more years, asbestos exposure litigation in Multnomah County has been handled on a separate asbestos docket and has been subject to certain case management orders or general orders. Over the years these cases have been handled by Judges Robert P. Jones, Anna Brown, John Wittmayer, Henry Kantor and Jerome LaBarre.



Effective January 19, Presiding Judge Dale Koch has ordered that this separate docket will be phased out. All cases filed after October 1, 2006 will be processed by the court like any other civil case. The General Orders governing the management of those cases have been repealed. If the lawyers involved in newly filed asbestos cases agree that it is to their clients' advantage to use the pre-existing and now repealed General Orders, they may stipulate to do so. Absent such a stipulation, those case management procedures will not apply.

Cases filed before October 1, 2006 will continue to be managed by Judge LaBarre and will be subject to the General Orders that have existed for some time.

Decorum in Proceedings - UTCR Chapter 3

In my column for March, 2005 I suggested it would be a good idea to read the court rules annually. This month I direct your attention specifically to Chapter 3 of the Uniform Trial Court Rules, Decorum in Proceedings. As the years pass, our society has grown increasingly less formal. In general, I think that is a good thing. But, in court, I believe a certain level of formality contributes to the orderly disposition of disputes and helps support an acceptance by the public and litigants of decisions that result from court proceedings.

UTCR 3.010 requires all persons "attending the court to be dressed

so as to not detract from the dignity of court." Often I see litigants appear in court wearing a T-shirt or other attire that most of us would agree is inappropriate. When those litigants have lawyers and are not pro se, I sometimes wonder if their lawyer discussed with them the requirements of UTCR 3.010(1). UTCR 3.040 requires lawyers to advise their clients and witnesses of the formalities of the court. I am aware that people with less means and resources often do their best with what they have available, but lawyers should at least discuss this with their clients and witnesses in advance of court.

UTCR 3.010(2) requires attorneys and court officials to "wear appropriate attire." With society's more relaxed attitude about formalities in recent decades, we see more and more lawyers who interpret this rule in a very loose manner. Most members of the bar understand "appropriate attire" for male lawyers to include at least a coat and tie. But what of the women lawyers? Are white tennis shoes or a bare midriff "appropriate attire" for them? I have seen both in court. In my 11 years as a judge and my 23 years as a lawyer before that, I have never seen a judge suggest that a lawyer was not properly attired in court, except when a man was not wearing a tie or a jacket. Perhaps judges should take more responsibility for maintaining at least these minimal standards in court.



By Todd Van Rysselberghe, Kennedy Watts et al and Court Liaison Committee member.

Presiding Judge's Report

Judges

Judge Linda Bergman announced plans to retire. The Governor will have three vacancies to fill. Interviews are set up with approximately 10 candidates during the week of February 12. The Presiding Court anticipates two or three appointments to be announced by the end of February. The MBA's list of "highly qualified" candidates may be found at www.mbabar.org.

Courthouses

The Multnomah County Commissioners recently voted unanimously to move forward on the East County justice facility. Their vote reflects approval for the justice facility concept. Further deliberations are expected on February 13 to determine possible sites. One likely site is in Rockwood. Plans for a new downtown facility are continuing to move forward. The Board of County Commissioners' decision to build the new East County Justice Center is consistent with the boards' plans to establish a new downtown facility.

Subcommittee Reports

Judicial Practices Survey

The committee reported that they made the survey more concise by taking out questions that were

answered by the UTCR or were dependent upon specific facts. The committee met with Judges Wittmayer and Wilson, who suggested a section for other comments under each topic. In the future, it is likely that each judge will have the opportunity to post his or her responses on a Web page along with other pertinent information. The compiled survey responses will be available on CD and it will be distributed at an MBA CLE scheduled for May 9. Doug Bray said that the court isn't planning to produce a compiled version of the practices of judges.

A question was raised about email contact with judges. Some judges prefer not to have email contact. There are individual fax numbers for each judge, but they are not considered to be an alternative way to submit any formal document. As a general rule, judges will not sign any document that is not prepared as an original. David Meyer mentioned that email with individual judges could be useful for scheduling purposes.

New Business

E-filing and HB 2357

Doug Bray presented a report prepared by an OSB Task Force organized to formulate a plan

for E-filing in state courts. A plan was developed to provide a document management and E-filing system like the one developed in the federal courts. The official record would shift from paper to an electronic medium, which is considered to be more secure, in a PDF format. Records would be available 24 hours on the internet. Records deemed appropriate for the public would be available on a system like PACER. The task force expects the new system to greatly enhance efficiency for attorneys, court staff and the public. The system will be designed with open standards so as not to be tied to any one vendor. The goal is to make it a uniform, statewide system for the circuit courts and appellate courts subject to the rule making authority of the Chief Justice. Proposed UTCR amendments have been drafted for the circuit courts by the task force, but any formal action for rule making is probably a year or two away. The task force report was approved by the Board of Governors in November. Legislation has been drafted to adopt a plan in House Bill 2357. The cost has been budgeted. The committee unanimously approved a motion to recommend endorsement of the plan by the MBA.

New and improved in 2007 Judicial Practices Survey

The MBA's popular *Judicial Practices Survey* has been revamped and is being completed by the Multnomah County Judges. It will be part of MBA's Annual Judges Trial Practices CLE, held on May 9 this year.

The MBA thanks Judges Wittmayer and Wilson and the Court Liaison Subcommittee members, David Meyer, Aaron Stuckey and Anne Talcott for their work on this revision.

Thanks to all of you!

MBA Board of Directors Slate Announced

The MBA Nominating Committee announces its slate of new directors for the term of July 1, 2007 – June 30, 2011. A profile of each candidate and a voting ballot will be included in the April *Multnomah Lawyer*.

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of Oregon

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Kester will succeed Peter Glade
as President.

The MBA Board elected the following officers for the July 1, 2007 – June 30, 2008 term.

Watch for ballots in the April issue of the *Multnomah Lawyer*.

Profile – Judge Cheryl Albrecht

By Theresa L. Wright, Lewis & Clark Legal Clinic and Court Liaison Committee member.

Although Cheryl Albrecht was born in Texas, she thinks of Louisiana as being her home. After graduating from Louisiana State University with a bachelor's degree in journalism, Albrecht wanted nothing more than to be a music writer. She therefore moved to Los Angeles to pursue her passion, which she did for a little under a year. Not particularly enjoying the L.A. area, she moved back to her Louisiana "home town," Lafayette, where she got a job as a "jill of all trades" for the local daily paper. She covered a variety of beats, including schools, the federal courts, economic development and the environment. She was also an editor for news from a seven parish area. She held this position for two years, and then out of the blue decided to take the LSAT. She was admitted to both NYU and Lewis & Clark and decided to attend the latter, from which she graduated in 1993.

During her time as a law student, Judge Albrecht clerked at Rieke & Savage, primarily a criminal defense firm. After she graduated and passed the bar, she was the first woman hired as a criminal defense associate at that firm. There, she handled a large caseload which included major felonies and murders. Her job became much tougher after the passage of Ballot Measure 11, and she believes the system still struggles from the measure's many issues.

After taking some time off from her firm, Judge Albrecht was hired to replace Michael McShane, a permanent pro tem judge, who was promoted to the circuit court bench. She did that job from 2001 until she was elected to the bench in 2006. While new to the circuit court bench, Judge Albrecht has great insight into the courts. In her opinion, "misdemeanors run the court." By that, she means that the sheer volume of misdemeanor cases coming

before the court swallows up huge amounts of court time (both judges and staff) in resolving these cases in a timely manner. For that reason, she believes the court should explore still more methods of settling criminal cases. The rising number of pro se litigants on the civil side of the aisle is another concern of the courts. Partially as a result of this, Judge Albrecht believes judges have become case managers as much as the other roles they play. That does not take away a judge's responsibility to develop keen listening skills and to learn to make decisions quickly, however, in her opinion. She sees the Multnomah County bench as being extremely collegial, with judges eager to assist each other, in particular the newer judges.

Judge Albrecht loved being a judge from day one of her appointment as a permanent pro tem judge. And, despite her background primarily in criminal law, Albrecht looks

forward to handling the whole gamut of cases the Multnomah County bench hears. She says she learned a lot running for her position and attended most of the summer's festivals handing out campaign literature. She compares the experience to an eight month bar exam!

When not in her role as judge, Albrecht pursues her love of music by attending many live music events in town. She also acquired a drum set for her 40th birthday and looks forward to learning to play. Her other love is being a mentor in the "Write Around Portland" organization. This is a nonprofit association sponsoring creative writing groups for at-risk populations. "Write Around Portland" organizers have developed a preset curriculum, and volunteers like Judge Albrecht take responsibility for implementing the curriculum with whichever group to whom they are assigned. These groups create a safe space for people to write and Albrecht



Judge Cheryl Albrecht

has noticed that most participants improve their self esteem through this process. Although she does not identify her profession when leading a group, Albrecht has declined to lead groups based in county jails and prisons, however, fearing she might have someone she sentenced in her group. This work with the organization has helped her stay creative. In fact, she has four chapters of a novel written, and a half-written book of poems!

Judge Cheryl Albrecht is truly a shining light on the local bench. Welcome to her.

MBA 5th Annual WinterSmash Raises \$15,500 for CourtCare

MBA members, their friends and families and numerous Portland law firms and businesses came out in force on February 3 to raise \$15,500 for CourtCare.

20th Century Lanes was the venue and by all accounts, bowlers young and old had a fun time. Pizza, chips, vegetable trays and drinks were generously provided by Harrang Long Gary Rudnick PC, the event's King Pin Sponsor.

Barran Liebman LLP took home *The Big Lebowski* honor for the firm with the greatest turnout. They also took home the trophy for the highest team score with Jay Collar getting the high individual score. The judges' team, all with matching "Motion to Strike" bowling shirts, won for best shirt.

CourtCare is a collaborative project of the Volunteers of America Oregon (VOA), the MBA, the Multnomah Bar Foundation, the Oregon Judicial Department and Multnomah County. In a converted Multnomah County Courthouse jury room, CourtCare serves as a fully-staffed and certified drop-in center for children and infants. It offers childcare services to parents or guardians tending to court business.

More than 1,000 children are served by the free childcare center each month. This means 5,600 children have been protected from witnessing disturbing courtroom events since the operation began in 2001.



Over 250 people attended this year's event, which was organized by the MBA Fun Committee. The committee is chaired by Andrew Schpak, with members Audrey Baker, Hwa Go, Judge Paula Kurshner, Jeffrey Matthews and Christine Meadows.

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MBA Open House

The MBA held an open house on February 1 for members and friends of the association. People dropped by to see the office, visit with friends and colleagues and enjoy refreshments.



Guy Walden, Michael Dwyer, Anneke Haslett and Aurora Moore at the MBA Open House

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Members are welcome to use the MBA conference room to meet with clients, conduct depositions or for other reasons they might request. Reservations must be made in advance and cannot conflict with regularly scheduled meetings. Please call the MBA for more information.

The conference room use policy is posted at www.mbbabar.org/MBA_resources-freq.htm.



Judges Cheryl Albrecht and Kathleen Dailey show off their "Motion to Strike" bowling shirts

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We look forward to seeing you next year!



The judges sported matching "Motion to Strike" bowling shirts at the WinterSmash



The Yates, Matthews & Eaton Team at WinterSmash

YLS Board of Directors Slate Announced

The YLS Executive Committee announces the slate of new directors for the term of July 1, 2007 – June 30, 2010.

Klarice Kolbe, Abbott & Paris
Justin Leonard, Ball Janik
John McVey, Attorney at Law

Watch for ballots in the April issue of the *Multnomah Lawyer*.

The YLS Board elected the following officers for one-year terms:

President-Elect: **Andrew Schpak**, Barran Liebman
 Treasurer: **Katie Lane**, Multnomah County Attorneys Office
 Secretary: **Cally Korach**, Hoffman Hart & Wagner

David Bean, Meyer & Wyse, will succeed Catherine Brinkman as President.

2007 Pro Bono Fair, April 4 Marriott Portland Downtown Waterfront CLEs 2:30–5 p.m., Pro Bono Fair 5 p.m. Challenge Awards Ceremony 5:30 p.m.

Did you take a pro bono case in 2006?

If you didn't, be sure not to miss the 2007 Pro Bono Fair. The Pro Bono Fair provides a forum for legal service organizations and nonprofit organizations to let attorneys know about their needs for pro bono lawyers and for lawyers to find pro bono opportunities that are right for them.

Come find out about the varied needs of legal service organizations and be inspired by attorneys and firms who have found that the rewards of pro bono are more than worth the effort! Many cases require less than 10 hours, resulting in minimal interference with other obligations. In addition to building valuable skills, you will help reduce Portland's access to justice gap and make a significant difference in another person's life. You might even be reminded of why you wanted to become a lawyer in the first place.

If you already have a busy pro bono practice, the Pro Bono Fair can help you become familiar with programs in our community that connect low income people in need of legal services to pro bono counsel. If you know about these programs, you can help facilitate access to justice even when you can't take on a case yourself.

Help celebrate the efforts of those who provide pro bono services and become inspired yourself by attending the Pro Bono Challenge Awards Ceremony. This year's keynote speaker is Chief Justice Paul DeMuniz, Oregon Supreme Court. The ceremony will honor those attorneys and firms who

reported the highest number of hours to the OSB in 2006 through the voluntary reporting program.

If you would like training in one of the areas of need, please take advantage of one of the free CLEs offered in conjunction with the Pro Bono Fair.

Effective Representation of Domestic Violence Survivors in Restraining Order Hearings will offer training and suggestions for lawyers representing domestic violence survivors in restraining order hearings. Panelists include Multnomah County Circuit Court Judge Maureen McKnight, Pam Haan of Legal Aid Services of Oregon and Angela Schultz of Volunteers of America.

Nonprofit Corporations: Essentials, Hot Topics and Directors' Rights and Responsibilities will serve as a Nonprofit 101 course. The CLE will provide basic information for lawyers representing nonprofit corporations or serving on the board of directors of a nonprofit corporation. Panelists include Tad Everhart, Karin L. Guenther, Nancy Murray and Martha Taylor of Community Development Law Center.

Both CLEs will be held from 2:30-5 p.m., immediately prior to the Pro Bono Fair, at the Marriot Portland Downtown Waterfront. To sign up for a CLE, contact Shelly Dobson at 503.431.6404 or sdobson@osbar.org.

The Pro Bono Fair is organized through the coordinated efforts of the Pro Bono Committees of the OSB, the OSB New Lawyers Division, LASO/Oregon Law Center (OLC) and the MBA Young Lawyers Section.

Tales from the Trenches

Tales from the Trenches is a recurring feature, in which young lawyers (or law students) share their "war stories." The authors remain anonymous.

The best lessons sometimes come when you least expect them. Last spring as a second year law student, I was going through the ritual of outlining. After a long stretch of studying, a fellow law student and I needed a change of scenery. We loaded up our books and headed toward a local coffee shop. Little did we know that the most lasting legal lesson that day would not be drawn from our casebooks or emerging outlines.

We ordered our coffee and sat down with our books. The quiet was broken by a loud cell phone ring and an even louder conversation. The call recipient proceeded to discuss his client's business and legal problems in excruciating detail. Looking his way, it appeared that he had set up his office in the front window. It did not take a legal education or a course in ethics to appreciate the damage occurring to his client, his own reputation and to the entire local bar. To say that I was embarrassed was an understatement.

Apparently noticing our discomfort, another patron of the coffee shop approached us and asked if we were law students. He introduced himself as a member of the local bar and indicated that he had previously confronted this attorney concerning just this behavior, but that he failed to appreciate the gravity of his actions. As an aspiring entrant to the local bar, I was disappointed by this experience but comforted that such behavior is the exception rather than the rule. I wonder if I will do more than confront such a colleague in the future - I hope so.



MBA YLS Law Student Open House

An Open House for law students was hosted by Gevurtz Menashe Larson & Howe, PC on February 9. The event, organized by the YLS Membership Committee with additional support from Lindsay, Hart, Neil & Weigler, LLP, drew students from all three of Oregon's law schools, and provided an opportunity for the law students to candidly discuss the practice of law and socialize with members of the Young Lawyers Section.

The various committees of the MBA YLS were represented at the well-attended event.



YLS Treasurer Anne Koch talks with law students Bernadette Nunley and Jessica Asai

PDE Peer-to-Peer Program Orientation

By Kimberly Griffith, US District Court and YLS Professional Development and Education Committee member.

The YLS Professional Development and Education (PDE) Committee hosted the Third Annual Peer-to-Peer Program Orientation in January at the Red Star Tavern. Approximately 30 new lawyers took advantage of this opportunity to join one of eight Peer Groups. The groups - including Estate Planning, Business Litigation, General Civil Practice, Criminal Law, Employment Law, Defense Litigation, Business and Corporate Law and Mature New Lawyers - will meet on a monthly basis throughout the year for social and professional networking. Group members will also solicit and offer advice via group listservs. You can still join a Peer-to-Peer group by contacting Noëlle Saint-Cyr at noelle@mbabar.org.



JR Weiss and Donna Lee at the Peer-to-Peer Orientation

Announcing the April YLS Community Service Day

Want to help homeless pets in the Portland area find new homes? Please join the MBA YLS Service to the Public Committee at the Oregon Humane Society on Saturday, April 7 or Saturday, April 14 from 1-3 p.m. Family, friends and children over the age of 12 are welcome to join us. Our volunteer sessions will give the animals the attention they need and the social skills to help them find new homes. To sign up to volunteer at the Oregon Humane Society, or for more information, please email Gina Delahunt at gdelahunt@comcast.net.

MBA members and their friends and families volunteered at three events at the Oregon Food Bank in December and January. In February, MBA members volunteered with Start Making a Reader Today (SMART). Look for a future event with Friends of Trees.

celebrate march madness

Meet other young lawyers

You are invited to the YLS Drop-in social to celebrate March Madness. Enjoy light appetizers courtesy of the YLS Membership Committee and watch some NCAA tourney teams try to win it all! Please join us at the Thirsty Lion Pub, located at 71 SW 2nd Ave on Thursday, March 22 from 5:30-7:30 p.m.

Nominate Your Peers for Pro Bono Awards

By Cathy Keenan, Legal Aid Services of Oregon.

We invite you to nominate your peers or yourself for awards honoring exemplary pro bono attorneys, law firms or legal organizations. Each year, representatives from the MBA Board of Directors, YLS Board of Directors, Legal Aid Services of Oregon (LASO) and the Oregon Law Center (OLC) through the LASO-OLC Pro Bono Committee join together to present pro bono awards in the three categories listed below. This year, the awards will be presented at a luncheon sponsored by the MBA in September 2007.

Please consider making a nomination for one or more of the following awards:

Senior Law Project Volunteer of the Year. This award is presented to a lawyer (or lawyers) who has displayed a special commitment to pro bono services via the Senior Law Project. It is the

longest running pro bono project in Multnomah County (since 1978) and it serves over 1000 clients per year.

Michael E. Haglund Pro Bono Award. This award goes to a young lawyer (or lawyers) who, in the tradition of Michael Haglund, founder of the Volunteer Lawyers Project, has displayed a special commitment to pro bono services through LASO, OLC or MBA YLS projects. (LASO, OLC and MBA YLS projects include the Bankruptcy Clinic, Domestic Violence Project, Pro Se Assistance Project, Senior Law Project, Stoel Rives Night Clinic, Community Development Law Center, ProBonoOregon Listserv, Neighborhood Legal Clinics, Nonprofit Project and Attorneys for Youth.) A "young lawyer" is defined as a lawyer who is 36 years old or less OR who has been an attorney for six years or less.

Pro Bono Award of Merit. This award goes to a lawyer (or lawyers) who has set an example for our legal community in his/her dedication to providing pro bono services to those clients who are unable to afford them.

Awards may be presented to attorneys, law firms or attorney organizations that do pro bono work. If you know an attorney, firm or attorney organization that has done exemplary pro bono work, please complete a nomination form found as an insert in this issue or on the MBA's Web site at www.mbabar.org

All nominations must be received by April 10. Nominations should be sent to Cathy Keenan at cathy.keenan@lasoregon.org or Legal Aid Services of Oregon, 921 SW Washington Ste 500, Portland OR 97205, fax: 503.295.9496.

PRO BONO VOLUNTEERS

Thanks to the following lawyers, who recently donated their pro bono services via the Volunteer Lawyers Project, the Senior Law Project, Community Development Law Center, law firm clinics, the Oregon Law Center, the Nonprofit Project and Attorneys for Youth. To learn more about pro bono opportunities in Multnomah County, check out the Pro Bono Opportunities in Oregon handbook, available at www.mbabar.org/docs/ProBonoGuide.pdf.

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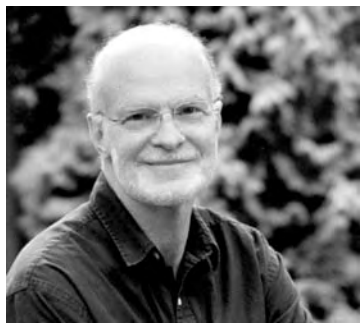
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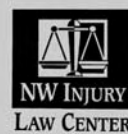
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MBF Expansion School Wins “We The People” Best Unit Awards

Parkrose High School is one of the four schools to expand their “We the People” civic education program this year. This was made possible by a Multnomah Bar Foundation 100th Anniversary Community Gift Fund grant to the Classroom Law Project, which administers the program. Parkrose took home two Best Unit Awards at the district level *We the People: The Citizen and the Constitution* competition on January 11 at Westview High School. Parkrose Social Studies Teacher Richard English had six teams competing, each one focusing on a different unit of the “We The People” program. Two of these teams won

Best Unit Awards for the entire district. MBA Attorney Coach Keith Garza volunteered with the winning team that focused on Unit V, The Bill of Rights. Attorney Coach Steve Power’s team won first place for Unit II, The Framing of the Constitution. This is the first year that Parkrose had a competitive team and the first time English had volunteer coaches working with his students. English believes the volunteers were a key reason for this tremendous success.

The members of Keith Garza’s team are Aaron Brown, Matthew Harrison, Nick Smillie, Philip Paul Wilson and Adam Robinson. Molly

Banks, Priyanka Chand and Chinh Vu make up Steve Power’s team. Jim Westwood, Susan O’Toole and Tim Snider are also attorney coaches for English’s class.

Each competing school has “We the People” teams focusing on each of the six program units with three to five competitors on each team. Each unit team receives a score. The district champion is determined by the total score for each school. Each team is asked a series of questions about the constitution by lawyers, judges and teachers in community. “A tremendous amount of time went into preparing for the competition

but just watching the kids up there answering those questions made all the work worthwhile. The award

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