



The Clark County Bar Association Presents a CLE on April 30, 2015

**The Highs (and Lows) of the Marijuana Business:
A Civil Lawyer's Guide to the Legalization of Marijuana**

Presented by:

***Hon. Bernard Veljacic, Peter Fels, Andrew Wheeler, Jeff Ott,
Eli Marchbanks, Collin McHugh & Amber Rush***

April 30, 2015 – 9:00 am to 3:30pm at the Red Lion at the Quay

4.5 General CLE Credits and 1 Ethics Credit

CCBA members: \$192.50 Non-members: \$247.50 Non-attorneys: \$96.25

• Continental Breakfast & Lunch Provided •

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Since Washington legalized marijuana, family, business, and transactional attorneys are faced with new and complex issues that impact the advice and guidance that they offer to clients. In the recent past, any marijuana issues incurred mainly criminal repercussions. Now, with the changed legal landscape, many civil attorneys are faced with questions regarding the *civil* consequences of marijuana manufacturing, production, sale, and use. *Can my client prevent his employees from smoking pot? Can I ethically advise a licensed marijuana manufacturer regarding a lease for warehouse space? Does a parent's marijuana use affect their rights under a parenting plan?*

This full-day CLE hosted by the CCBA will focus on the civil implications of Washington's legalization of marijuana including family law, landlord/tenant law, employment law, and the ethical consequences of representing marijuana businesses. There will also be a short primer on marijuana DUIs for civil lawyers. Continental Breakfast, Lunch (and brownies) will be provided!

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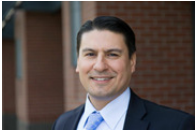
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Judge Bernard Veljacic received his law degree from Seattle University in 1998 and was admitted to the bar that same year. He practiced for 16 years in both the private sector and as a prosecutor until his appointment to the bench in April 2014.

Judge Veljacic is a member of the George and Donald Simpson American Inns of Court and is on the Board of Directors for the Foundation for Vancouver Public Schools. He is a member of the American Judges Association and the Washington State Superior Court Judges Association.



After getting his JD from Oregon Law in 1978, **Peter Fels** practiced at Oregon Legal Services (rural Oregon legal aid) in Ontario and Pendleton from 1979-1992 and 1993-1995. He was a District Court Judge for Umatilla and Morrow counties in 1992. Peter became a member of the Washington Bar in 1994. He moved to Vancouver

in 1995, where he practiced in the firm of STICHMAN HOKE FELS, P.C., emphasizing employment law, civil rights, estate planning and probate until 2001. In 2001 he opened a solo practice as Peter L. Fels, P.C. He still covers the areas of employment law (representing employees only), civil rights, estate planning, probate, and residential real estate issues including boundary disputes and landlord & tenant matters.

Peter is married and has two successful adult children. He enjoys being with his family, working in the family flower and vegetable gardens, cooking and doing volunteer work in the community. Peter currently serves as President of the Board of Directors for SHARE. Peter was named Volunteer of the Year for Volunteer Lawyers Program in 2012 and received a Champion of Justice award from the Campaign for Equal Justice in 2008. For more information about Peter including photos and resume, see www.fels-law.com.



Andrew Wheeler is a founding partner of Wheeler, Montgomery, Sleight & Boyd, and focuses his practice on DUI defense. He has lectured on topics including the role of criminal defense attorneys and effective DUI defense, and has handled hundreds of DUI cases in Clark County. A lifetime resident of Clark County, Andrew is a graduate of the University of Idaho College of Law. His interest in DUI defense began in law school as an intern for the Clark County Prosecuting Attorney's Office. Later, as an associate for Anderson & Associates, he narrowed his criminal law practice to focus almost exclusively on DUI defense. He actively participates with the Clark County Bar Association and recently served as a member of its executive board.

Andrew is a graduate of the University of Idaho College of Law. His interest in DUI defense began in law school as an intern for the Clark County Prosecuting Attorney's Office. Later, as an associate for Anderson & Associates, he narrowed his criminal law practice to focus almost exclusively on DUI defense. He actively participates with the Clark County Bar Association and recently served as a member of its executive board.



Jeff Ott is a sole practitioner in Vancouver, WA. He focuses on family law and criminal defense and is experienced with complicated business arbitration and development.

Having focused his undergraduate work on anthropology and chemistry and having travelled extensively, he has excellent skills in working with and understanding the often complicated dynamics that

occur within families and business partnerships. He is a graduate of the University of Oregon School of Law and taught courses in medical law and ethics and business law and ethics as an adjunct professor at Pioneer Pacific College.



Eli Marchbanks is a northwest native who grew up in a small farming community in Oregon before earning his Bachelor of Science in Political Science from Oregon State University and graduating *Cum Laude* from Gonzaga University School of Law. During law school Eli clerked for the Federal Defenders of Eastern Washington and Idaho defending federal criminal charges, and for the Law Office of Nick Vieth where he worked on civil forfeiture issues. In practice, Eli has focused on business, intellectual property, and consumer law. Eli is a founding member of MRM Law Group. His unique experience of these practice areas has pushed him towards a practice in cannabis regulations compliance. In his free time Eli is active in the American Bar Association where he has been recognized as an Emerging Leader, and plays rock, blues, and soul with his business partner Colin McHugh.



After spending time in many different parts of the world, **Colin McHugh** has landed in Vancouver, Washington as a founding member of the MRM Law Group. Colin has a special place in his heart for Latin America, and this love for the region and its people led him to earn his LL.M. in Latin American and International Law at the University of Texas, after earning his Juris Doctor at Gonzaga University. Colin's travels have introduced him to people all over the world, and this experience has shaped his advocacy to be persuasive, compassionate, and effective. His practice focuses on civil litigation including employment law, business litigation, consumer protection actions, contracts disputes and landlord tenant law.



Amber Rush feels right at home in Vancouver, Washington, as she grew up across the river in Portland, Oregon. Amber focuses her practice on business, family law, and cannabis regulations. She is admitted to practice law in the state of Washington, and has recently taken the Oregon bar (with results pending in April 2015). 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. Prior to co-founding MRM Law Group, PLLC in Vancouver, Amber has been a trail blazer in unbundled flat-fee family law services. She founded an organization called FLASH, in which law students partnered with attorneys at the Volunteer Lawyer Program to provide legal services for lower income people and was honored as Law Student of the Year by the Spokane County Bar Association. Amber takes an active role in the national legal community through her positions with the American Bar Association, as well as staying active in the local bar associations and events. Amber also enjoys running, crossfit, and hiking around in the great Northwest.