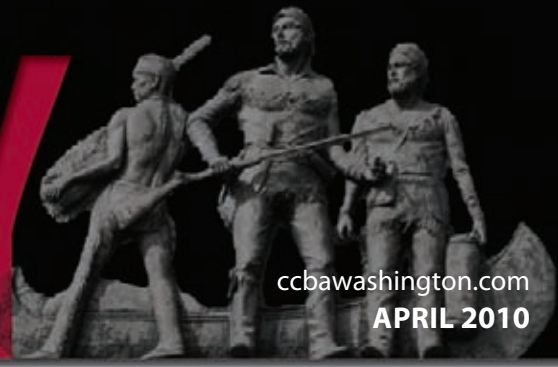


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# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

# The Grass is Always Greener...



**DAVID W. RIDENOUR**  
CCBA President

Change is inevitable in life, but sometimes we seek it out without very much thought about the consequences, especially when that grass is looking greener on the other side. I suppose we all fall victim to that thinking at some point, believing that somebody else has it all figured out. Whether it's a life issue, a relationship, or a career decision, we want what somebody else appears to have, because it looks better than what we have, (at least from the outside).

One's law practice is a perfect candidate for change, especially as many of us find our businesses challenged in these difficult economic times. Surely focusing on a new and different area of law will mean a lot less work, less strain on the old brain cells, and a lot more cash for the bank account! I've lived on this planet long enough to know that things rarely work out that way. In fact, such career changes can be a huge life-altering mistake. (Ask me about the 1990's sometime...) But nobody can escape the allure of that greener grass, and I'm no exception.

Maybe construction law isn't so glamorous after all, as my contractor clients continue to go out of business left and right. Maybe real estate law isn't so lucrative and secure, when it turns out real estate isn't worth anything to anybody anymore. There must be a better way, right? So a week ago, I found myself considering a switch to a completely new area of law.

Eavesdropping on a conversation in the courthouse, I heard a judge comment to a couple attorneys that our courthouses exist primarily to deal with criminal law cases. The fact that they have a civil calendar at all is almost an afterthought. That's it! Criminal law! Criminal law isn't affected by the economy! Heck, it doesn't seem to be affected by anything! This is a true growth-industry, and always has been! There has to be room for one more eager young attorney who wants to make the big bucks and a big name for himself.

Hoo Boy! I couldn't wait to get back to my office to start learning about criminal law! I started by trying to figure out what the clients are like, and the kinds of cases that criminal lawyers frequently see. Remember, I might understand a purchase and sale agreement for a commercial building, but I don't know the difference between Murder 1 and Theft 111!

Off to Google I went, searching for police blotters with a keen new interest in the facts of each case. Here are a few I found that seemed like likely candidates for my new law practice:

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1:33 p.m., Sonora — A man came to the Sheriff's Department to "find out how to legally kill" a person who was harassing him.

2:26 p.m., Jamestown area — A...

2:58 p.m. — The Learning Center on Hanson Street reports a man across the way stands at his window for hours watching the center, making parents nervous. Police ID the subject as a cardboard cutout of Arnold Schwarzenegger.

3:18 p.m. — A kitten on Shaw Drive apparently has "rectum

driving. The vehicle was gone when the deputy arrived.

A deputy responded to a report of a vehicle stopping at mail boxes. It was the mailman.

A deputy responded to take a report of pro-

- A Meadow valley woman alleged that her son had threatened to burn the house down.
- An Edgewood man reported recently that his wife had gone missing some 18 months ago.
- A year after the dirt bike of a...

**MOUNTAIN VIEW**  
**FRIDAY**

Wal-Mart: Police receive a report of a newborn infant found in a trash can. Upon investigation, officers discover it was only a burrito.

**JAMESTOWN**

door-to-door salesman on Boyd Street

3:42 p.m. — Dispatch, complaint that 8th and Dale has not been plowed

3:56 p.m. — Dispatch, report of Swanson chicken pot-pie running east on Clay Street

4:59 p.m. — Dispatch, complaint of 8th and Dale not being plowed

7:36 p.m. — Police, drive off,

\* A caller reported at 7:14 p.m. that someone was on a porch yelling "help" from a residence on Bank Street. Officers responded and learned the person was calling a cat that is named "Help."

**Miscellaneous**

- Dog attack — Lower Duck Pond, Lithia Park, Ashland. Police responded to a report of two dogs running loose and attacking ducks at about 11:20 a.m. Sunday.
- The officer cited a resident for the loose dogs. The duck refused medical treatment and left the area, according to police records.
- Jail releases — Jackson

**Teens use snowball in theft, police say**

Akron police say two teens robbed a convenience store Wednesday using a snowball as a weapon.

One teen grabbed candy while a second teen threw a snowball, striking the clerk at the Convenient Mart on Shaw Avenue in the chest.

Police say the pair then ran from the store with about \$10 worth of candy.

Anyone with information can call police at 330-375-2181.

Monday  
12:35 a.m. — Warren J. Mackham, 32, arrested on a local warrant in the Chardon area.

1:14 a.m. — Caller reports hitting an intruder in the head with an axe. Notes that intruder "was in the house."

**100 block of West University Drive — Employees of Eckerd's reported about 12:25 a.m. Tuesday that two men came into the store, loaded birthday bags with "Have a nice day" yellow faces on them with 52 tubes of anti-fungal cream, and left without paying. The cream was valued at \$894.98.**



# Kelli Osler Named New District Court Judge



**JEAN McCOY  
& DAVID GREGERSON**  
*Hearsay Special Correspondents*

In a historical first, the Clark County Board of County Commissioners last month appointed District Court Commissioner Kelli Osler to the District Court Judge position vacated by Judge Rich Melnick's move to Superior Court. Judge Osler was interviewed by a panel on March 17, 2010, and then after a second interview with the Board, received the appointment. She becomes the first female judge in the history of Clark County District Court.

She earned overwhelming support from local attorneys in her new position, as indicated by the Clark County Bar Association Judicial Preference Poll. She received 85% of the vote as the preferred choice for Judge, and was rated Exceptionally Well Qualified by over 61% of the attorneys voting in the categories of Integrity and Relevant Legal Experience, and by over 50% of the attorneys voting in the category of Legal Ability and Judicial Temperament. Her showing in the bar poll was one of the most lopsided in recent history.

Judge Osler is eager to join her fellow judges in District Court to tackle the immediate and future challenges confronting the high-volume court. Because of budget and overall economic conditions, the Court is under enormous pressure to "do more with less." The pressures affect the court staffing, attorneys offices, and the specialty courts, such as substance abuse court, for which she is particularly enthusiastic.

"It's a real eye-opener, seeing the struggles that people have with substance abuse. Seeing them every week, going through their struggles with them. They have a lot on their plate, and trying to deal with this addiction, too. I'm proud to be a part of that. Get them to graduate and be more productive, that's awesome."

On the opposite side of the coin, she echoes much of the frustration in dealing with the seemingly intractable load of driving while suspended cases. The individual stories of classes, repeat offenders, mounting fines, the need to drive to maintain gainful employment, and an often downward spiral take up a huge chunk of the caseload and Court resources.

A transplant to Clark County, Judge Osler grew up in the Seattle area and was hired by Clark County Prosecutor Art Curtis out of law school in 1991. Perhaps feeling like a proverbial fish out of water, she remembers driving back to Seattle on most of her weekends in the first years. Eventually, she came to enjoy the

smaller size and relaxed pace of Southwest Washington. "I love it. It's pretty sprawled out, but it has a small town-community feeling. I enjoy seeing people I know at grocery stores and restaurants."

Along the way, she tried several high-profile local major crimes—at least two of which carry a distinctly groundbreaking flair. Randall Louis Ferguson was convicted in 1996 of Assault in the Second Degree for knowingly exposing a woman to HIV. Three women known to have relationships with Ferguson died, and Ferguson himself passed away from the disease in 2004. The case prompted a new state law eliminating the statute of limitations for such a crime, and upgrading the offense to Assault in the First Degree.

In the second case, Robert Hampton was charged with killing his child's mother by shooting her through the windshield of her car, apparently angry at her relationship with a new man. The defendant had an alibi that he was in SE Portland at the time of the crime, but cell phone company tower tracking records left a veritable electronic trail of connect-the-dot footprints through Vancouver, and conclusively establishing his presence near the crime scene. Armed with such strong scientific and visually arresting evidence, she became an instant believer in PowerPoint.

She joined the District Court bench as commissioner in 2005, after being nudged by a colleague from the criminal defense bar who saw her judicial potential. When the opportunity presented itself, she was in the right place at the right time.

She approaches the job with some basic guiding principles. "I try to be a good listener. For many, it's their first time in court. Some people are intimidated by the court process. I try to apply the law to the facts, make a decision that's fair—hopefully—to both sides, but someone may walk away unhappy. If you explain the way you're ruling, that helps. Being courteous to people. Being prepared."

When the black robe is off, she spends most of her time as a typical Salmon Creek suburban mom. She relaxes with her husband Kelly (not a misprint—they share the same name), a computer systems analyst, and their two children, carting them around town to swimming, soccer, track, and basketball.



# Craigslist Humor:

A sign of our economic times?  
From an actual Craigslist ad  
"Items for Sale: Miscellaneous"

## My Law Degree (Seriously) - \$59,250 (lower Pacific Heights)

Date: 2010-02-24, 8:56PM PST

Reply to: [sale-ju475-1616836329@craigslist.org](mailto:sale-ju475-1616836329@craigslist.org) [Errors when replying to ads?]

After several years of practicing law with a bunch of nerds in Silicon Valley I have come to the conclusion that my law degree is useless and I don't want to be a lawyer anymore. Though I spent over \$100,000 on it I am willing to sell it for the bargain basement price of \$59,250, which is the current value of my remaining student loan balance.

This priceless collectible will permit you to be surrounded by hobby-less a\*\*holes whose entire life is dictated by billing by the hour and being anal d\*\*heads. Additionally, this piece of paper has the amazing ability to keep you from doing what you really want to do in life, all in the name of purported prestige and financial success. Finally, girls in the Marina will swoon with retarded thoughts of sugar daddy when they hear you went to XXX prestigious law school and are a lawyer.

Act now as supplies are limited and this crap takes three years to make. **DISCLAIMER:** this piece of s\*\*t isn't even written in English. It's in Latin or something, but I have the translation. It says "Haha. We took your tuition money, now suck it. Sincerely, President of the University"

Added Bonus: It's from one of those elitist BS institutions that accept people like George W. Bush cause their daddy donated \$20 million. Instead of donating \$20 million you can have it for the low low price of \$59,250 or best offer. This is actually a serious post. I will really sell this piece of s\*\*t.

UPDATE: also see item number 160408577796 on eBay.

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# DOUBLE HEARSAY

## What CCBA Members Are Doing About Town

### RAISA JUDICATA

Guest Gossip Columnist



Superior Court Presiding Judge Barbara Johnson is developing significant street cred with her combat skills. In the Nichols vs. Johnson Game Night Battle on February 23rd, hosted by the Young Lawyers and financially underwritten by the Scott Horenstein Law Firm, Judge Johnson and her team of loyal subjects, including Dru Horenstein, pummeled the Judge John Nichols team (beating them by one point). Judge Nichols' Table 3, led by Jessica Dimitrov and Chris Babich, mortified the otherwise stoic Judge with their Judicial Mad Libs reference to boogers. It was a night to remember! Next time you see a Young Lawyers event – go to it, regardless of whether you feel “young”. Getting to know the “new” Bar and building relationships keeps our legal community strong (plus they know how to party!).



Judge Johnson is the swarree at the Nichols v. Johnson event.

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JD Nellor rocks the sax at the Fruit Valley Foundation's recent charity event and auction.

Artistic attorneys abound! Not only is J.D. Nellor the Master and driving force behind the CCBA website, he is also a saxophone player! J.D. and his Band JEM were seen playing at a fundraising auction on February 26, 2010 for The Fruit Valley Foundation, a charitable organization assisting children and residents of the Fruit Valley neighborhood. J.D. took a 20-year hiatus from the instrument before joining his current band. Very impressive!



What do rocks, M&Ms and frogs have in common? Actually, nothing ... but your Hearsay photographer at a charity function was contemplating the menu and his favorite things (which of course includes “Double Hearsay”!).



Don Jacobs' "Money Pit" (we hope not!).

Carolyn Drew, David Gregerson, Dean Langsdorf, and Don Jacobs are experiencing some growing pains, but of different types. Carrie's renovated offices on McLoughlin are right along what was one of the future downtown Light Rail line alignments, which if built would have eliminated on-street parking

for her clients, driveway access and turn lanes. David Gregerson and Dean Langsdorf faced the same issue if the city adopted the 17th Street Light Rail alignment instead of McLoughlin. The City council adopted the 17th Street version, so Carolyn owes them at least a beer into which they can cry. Don, on the other hand, has begun renovation on his newly purchased offices at West Ninth. It is nice to see some growth during another questionable economic year!



Judge Melnick, his family and friends, celebrate his swearing in.

We are remiss in not previously mentioning Judge Rich Melnick's swearing-in ceremony held in February. If you didn't get there early (like yours truly) you probably didn't even have wall-space to stand by.

The support for our newest Superior Court Judge was overwhelming. County Prosecutor Art Curtis introduced Judge Melnick and recited his background and qualifications for the job. Curtis disclosed that he has been Judge Melnick's friend for over 30 years, and Melnick was the first prosecutor he personally hired. Curtis pointed out that with the appointment of Judge Melnick, fifty percent of the sitting Superior Court Judges have had prosecutorial experience. Later, in his own comments, Judge John Nichols noted that the former prosecutors-turned-judges have each worked hard to overcome that particular handicap. The party continued at the reception held at Chronis'. We hear Judge Melnick has already presiding over a big multi-day trial – nothing like hitting the job running!

Your esteemed colleague Raisa Judicata can't be everywhere. If you have a tidbit of news you would like the world to know, send a note to CCBA at [diane-ccba@qwestoffice.net](mailto:diane-ccba@qwestoffice.net). Raisa usually checks in the first Monday of every month. Remember, it is your ethical duty to support your member organization with juicy gossip and goings on.

# DISTRICT COURT BENCH/BAR COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

March 10, 2010

Present: Judge Darvin Zimmerman, Judge James Swanger, Commissioner Kelli Osler, Commissioner Sonya Langsdorf, Mark Muenster, Megan Peyton, Christie Emrich, Amanda Nelsen, Bernita Brumbaugh, Shannon Walker, Doug Wall, Tim Stearns, Janet Luhn, Beth Robinson, Michelle Chamberlain, Scott Bryan, Shauna McCloskey, Wendy Humphres, Kirk Wait-Molyneux, Tom Ripley, Linda Shaw

Guests: Evans Calas, Reid Hadley and by phone, Dr. Toivola

## ORAL FLUID DRUG TESTING PRESENTATION:

- Evans Calas, Sterling Labs
- Reid Hadley, a representative from OraSure, whose technology STERLING uses for Oral Fluid Testing.
- A PhD Scientist from Sterling Labs will be on the speakerphone from STERLING for any testing questions.

## Presented the benefits and limitations of oral fluid drug testing:

- Fast and simple collection procedure (5 minutes required for fluid collection)
- Recent drug use detected (effective for window of approximately 2 days for most drugs)
- Substitution difficult in oral fluid
- Shy bladder or medical renal issues not a factor
- Gender neutral collection

- Adulteration difficult in oral fluid
- No minimum quantity of collection devices
- Saliva drug levels correlate with blood drug levels

## Alcohol not detected in oral samples but oral fluid testing allows customization from 4-11 drugs:

- Amphetamine
- Cocaine
- Oxycodone
- Methamphetamine
- Cannabinoids
- Propoxyphene
- Benzodiazepine
- Methadone
- Phencyclidine
- Barbiturate
- Opiates

Next meeting: May 12, 2010 12:00 p.m.

DUI Detention Center Class

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Location: Judge Zimmerman's Courtroom

Note taker: Linda Shaw (397-6119 ext. 4143)

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# Family Law Section Meeting



**ELIZABETH CHRISTY**  
*Family Law Section President*

The Family Law Section drew 50 people for their March meeting at the new location, Hula Boy!

We had an appearance by Tony Golik who spoke about his campaign for Clark County Prosecutor. An invitation has been extended to the two other candidates for prosecutor, Brent Boger and Curt Wyrick, to speak to the group about their campaigns at our April meeting.

We also had Commissioner Carin Schienberg; Commissioner Daniel Stahnke; Commissioner Sonya Langsdorf; and Sergeant K.C. Kasberg speak to us on the topic "Domestic Violence Order of Protection: When the Victim Strikes Back." There were quite a few tough questions from the group (and one member in particular).

Next month we are excited to have Jolene Sell, Senior Deputy Prosecuting Attorney, and Marjorie Millner, a Claims

Officer from the administrative office of child support as guest speakers.

Ms. Sell will give us practice tips for drafting child support orders including common mistakes we all make and Ms. Millner will talk about the administrative procedures in child support establishment and collection, the administrative role, and the expectation she has of attorneys regarding administrative hearings.

Our next meeting will be held on April 8, 2010 from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at Hula Boy, located at 1109 Washington Street in downtown Vancouver.

The Family Law Section now has a blog; keep checking for updates and reminders!


<http://ccbafamilylawsection.blogspot.com/>

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## GETTING TO KNOW:

# JOHN FAIRGRIEVE

*"Getting to Know" is a monthly feature designed to better acquaint the membership with our local attorneys, judges and other people of interest to the Clark County bench and bar. This month's subject is John Fairgrieve, Deputy Prosecuting Attorney for Clark County.*



### ***What or who inspired you to practice law?***

I was interested in law school as an undergraduate but I had a Navy ROTC scholarship at UC Berkeley and served for seven years as an infantry officer in the Marine Corps directly after graduation. One of the main reasons I resigned my commission and went to law school was that I felt that I was somewhat on the margin of society while serving on active duty with the Marines. I wanted to be part of a profession that would involve me in the central functioning of our society. In a nation that holds the rule of law in high esteem lawyers play a critical role in the effective functioning of many aspects of society.

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

I would probably be a teacher at some level. My parents were both teachers and they enjoyed their careers.

### ***Who inspired your practice style or courtroom demeanor?***

Probably Judge James Ladley was the greatest influence on me. When I think about the term gentleman I always think of Judge Ladley. His calm, professional, courteous performance as a judge always impressed me. I learned from him that even very contentious matters can be effectively litigated without acrimony between the attorneys or between the attorneys and the bench. Tom Duffy, a former deputy prosecuting attorney of long duration, also taught me many valuable lessons about the importance of professionalism and ethical behavior.

### ***What advice would you give an attorney beginning a practice?***

An attorney has many roles in relation to his or her client, but it is important to maintain some degree of detachment from the client and the issue being litigated.

Attorneys who become emotionally engaged in a case run the risk of losing their objectivity, and thus their ability to give their clients effective advice about the case. A related issue is the importance acting in a professional manner towards opposing counsel and engaging in behavior that engenders

mutual trust and respect. A strong reputation goes a long way in our profession, even as we move from being a small legal community to a much larger one.

### ***What has been the biggest lesson of your legal career?***

Pay attention to detail. Don't allow the major issues of a particular case to overshadow the need for proper attention to the minor ones.

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

As I mentioned a bit above, to keep some emotional distance from your cases to the degree that it is possible given the nature of the work you are doing. Lawyers almost by definition deal with many of the conflicts within our society. As a result our work is often very stressful. Maintaining some emotional distance from cases allows attorneys to deal with difficult, stressful issues in a logical, rational manner and to avoid internalizing the conflict between the parties.

### ***How do you balance work with the demands of having a family?***

I try to remember what my priorities are. My wife Jenny and I got married a bit later than many couples and waited for a while before having our son Ian. We are outdoor enthusiasts and engaged in a number of sports prior to Ian's birth. With Ian's birth I have had to change my priorities to focus on spending most of my free time with him and Jenny. Being a bit older hopefully makes me somewhat more mature and better able to establish my priorities.

### ***What activities do you enjoy in your spare time?***

I used to do a fair amount of climbing, backpacking, hiking, mountain biking and kayaking but have cut back since Ian's birth. As he has gotten older Jenny and I have started to introduce him to a number of the sports we enjoy. He has shown some interest in climbing and hiking so we're optimistic about getting back to many of the sports we enjoy in the future.



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Statistics for January include 54 clients seen in advice clinics, 30 in Family Law, 12 in Family Law paperwork review clinic, 8 in the DV clinic, and 10 in General Law. We placed 7 cases with an attorney for direct representation.

Congratulations to Sidney Dolquist of the Scott Horenstein Law Firm who was awarded the Clark County Volunteer Lawyers Program Volunteer of the Year award at the Barrister's Ball. Sidney has been a volunteer for a number of years, but in 2009 she went above and beyond in doing clinics and taking cases for representation. We really appreciate all Sidney does.

Also awarded at the Barrister's Ball was a Special Recognition award to Randy Stewart for his many years of volunteer service to our program. Randy has volunteered since the 1970's before there was a real program and has volunteered every year since the Volunteer Lawyers Program started in 1990. Randy does bankruptcy and staffs our bankruptcy clinic as well as taking clients for Chapter 7 Bankruptcy. We truly appreciate the dedication of Randy.

Thanks, Susan

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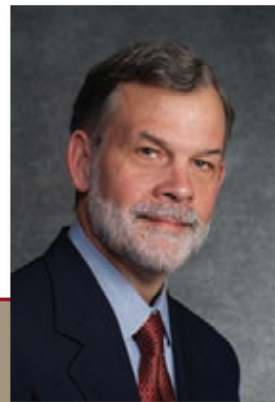


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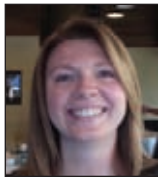
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- Keep the validation code (e.g., with QuickBooks CD [recomended, but not required])

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Directory correction: Jerry Hall's Suite number is 203

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Eventually I came to my senses. I'll just leave this criminal law thing to the lawyers who know what they're doing. It's not such a bad alternative to simply be happy, sitting in my office with my feet up on my desk, sipping tea, doing crossword puzzles, and making meal plans with the Lunch Bunch. Things will turn around, and somebody someday is going to need a deed again. See you next month! David

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MEETING

**April 13, 2010**

Superior Court Bench/Bar meeting; Judge Nichols Jury Deliberation Room – noon

MEETING

**April 15, 2010**

CCBA Web Site committee meeting; Nellor|Retsinas|Crawford at 1201 Main Street at noon

MEETING

**April 20, 2010**

CLE committee meeting Clark County Bar Association 500 West 8th St., Ste 65. Meeting will begin at 12:15

MEETING

**April 21, 2010**

Inns of Court meeting; 605 Barnes Street, from 5:00 to 6:30

MEETING CLE

**May 3, 2010**

CCBA General Meeting, Red Lion at the Quay, 100 Columbia Street. Sign in 11:45 am.

MEETING

**May 12, 2010**

District Court Bench Bar meeting, Judge Zimmerman’s Court Room

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**May 21, 2010**

Pre-licensing Seminar – Clark County Public Service Center – 10:00 to 3:00 with 1 hour break for lunch from 12:00 to 1:00.

MEETING

**May 21, 2010**

New admittee Swearing In Ceremony - Clark County Court House – 4:00 pm

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Business & Corporate .....	6
Consumer .....	20
Criminal .....	18
Debtor/Creditor .....	10
Family .....	52
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Labor and Employment .....	21
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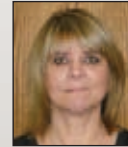
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