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President's Message

Dear Members:

I hope your new year is off to a great start! For me, a new year symbolizes new opportunities to grow and change. I have a lot of things I'm looking forward to this year, including our upcoming Mock Trial tournaments. I have had the privilege to volunteer for this program for many years, and it is truly one of my favorite things that I do each year. Judge Fairgrieve has worked very hard to convene the tournament this year (with assistance from Judge Veljacic). Thank you also to their fantastic judicial assistants, Donelle Wade and LeeAnn Kunze, for their help, and to Jennifer Nugent and Kristine Foerster for serving on the Mock Trial committee with me this year. Thank you so much to Val McOmie, Jim Senescu, Colin McHugh, Kevin McClure, Curtis Welch, Bruce Colven, Emily Sheldrick, Rachael Rogers Probstfeld, Sue Phillips, Kasey Vu, and Laura Mancuso for serving as team coaches this year.

And last (but certainly not least), Judge Lewis has written the case that will be used by the entire state YMCA Mock Trial program. The case can be found here, if you would like to read it: <https://www.seattlymca.org/sites/default/files/2018-11/2018-2019-Case-with-Cover.pdf>.

It involves the issues that can occur between neighbors as rural land is developed. As Judge Lewis noted in his introduction to the case: All of the parties just want to enjoy the lifestyle each planned when they built a home out in rural Pine County. They are not trying, as Grandma used to say, to make a blamed nuisance of themselves. Should the court uphold each person's right to do as they please on their own parcel and tell them to leave the neighbors alone? Or is everyone freer if we have some restraints and boundaries, enforced through a system of law? And will nature observe those boundaries and restraints?

The Middle School tournament will feature Camas Community Education vs. 10th Street Middle School (Marysville, Washington). The middle schoolers are truly amazing. They have worked very hard, and I hope that you can be a part of the tournament, which will be held Wednesday, January 30th, and Thursday, January 31st, at the Clark County Courthouse. We are also featuring a championship round on Thursday afternoon this year, which is new and should be really fun.

The High School tournament will be held Wednesday, February 27th, and Thursday, February 28th, also at the Clark County Courthouse. The teams in this year's tournament will be Camas, Cascadia Tech, Columbia (White Salmon), Columbia River, Hockinson, Morton, Seton Catholic, and Cedar Tree. We have both new and returning teams, so the competition should be very good. Every year I hear comments regarding how the high school students are often as good as practicing attorneys—they are truly amazing. We'd love your involvement—just email me if you are interested in volunteering, rating, judging, coaching or helping in some other way. There are lots of ways to get involved, even if you are not available on the tournament dates.

In addition, our annual Barrister's Ball will be held on Saturday, March 2nd, at 5:30pm at WareHouse '23. The theme this year is "A Night in Hollywood."

We hope this year's event will be a lot of fun and another sell-out, so get your tickets now! After our very fun awards program, we will again feature casino-style gambling tables. Last year, the attorneys of the prosecutor's office did an amazing job with their flapper-style

dresses and costumes. I can't wait to see what they do this year. Thanks so much to our fantastic committee: Christina Phelan, Jesse Jacobs, and Le Ann Larson, lead by Wonder Woman Christie Emrich.

Finally, we will be emailing out a survey in the near future to help us formalize the mentoring program that the CCBA has been working on. Please respond—we need your feedback to make sure that the program will meet the needs of our community.

It's an honor for me to serve as your CCBA President this year. We have a great organization. Thanks for being a part of it, and please don't hesitate to contact me or Lisa Darco (our amazing Executive Director) with any questions or comments.

Thanks,
—Jill Sasser



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Upcoming Events

FEB 6

CCBA Board Meeting
CCBA Office | Noon

FEB 8

Hearsay Committee Meeting
CCBA Office | Noon

FEB 11

Guardianship, Elder Law & Probate Section CLE
Public Service Center | 11:45am

FEB 12

Superior Court Bench/Bar
Clark County Courthouse | Noon

FEB 13

Nuts & Bolts CLE:
Client Management & Trial Strategy
Warehouse '23 | 3-5pm

FEB 14

Family Law Section
Lunch & CLE
Fort Vancouver Red Cross Building | 11:30am

FEB 20

Inns of Court
Heathen Brewing | 5:30pm

FEB 13 | Nuts & Bolts: Client Management and Trial Strategy

3:00pm – 5:00pm | WareHouse '23 Event Space
Cort Heroy

MAR 13 | Nuts & Bolts: Court Mandated Arbitration, UM Arbitration & Mediation

3:00pm – 5:00pm | WareHouse '23 Event Space
Lisa Miller

MAY 8 | Nuts & Bolts: Estate Planning

3:00pm – 5:00pm | WareHouse '23 Event Space
Jill Sasser

JUN 12 | Nuts & Bolts: The Perfect Question

3:00pm – 5:00pm | WareHouse '23 Event Space
David Markowitz

Register now for any of our upcoming CLEs.

Nuts & Bolts:

\$60.00 for Members
\$80.00 for Non-Members
\$30.00 for Non-Attorneys

CHRISTMAS SHIPS & *Holiday Cheer!*

—Hon. Kristen Parcher

On December 18th, the CCBA hosted a Holly Jolly Holiday Party at WareHouse '23 that included not only the magic of Santa but also the magic of a mac and cheese bar!

After the kiddos decorated cookies and made holiday crafts everyone's new favorite emcee, a sassy miniature of your CCBA President, encouraged the children to form a line to sit on Santa's lap. Or, in the alternative, join her and her brother under the table if Santa "wasn't really your thing." After Santa listened intently and made his list, gift bags were handed out and everyone made their way onto the balcony to watch the parade of Christmas ships float by. As a long time Clark County resident, I found myself wondering why I hadn't ever been down to see the ships before – it was beautiful and so fun. I may have been influenced by the grand finale of the ships – a WSU Cougar-themed boat. Maybe a certain other judge's holiday wish for a Duck-themed boat may be granted for next year's parade but I suppose it depends on whether he makes the naughty or nice list.

Photography by Travis Marsden Photography.



Thank you to all who came and especially those in festive attire (ugly Christmas sweaters) and with beautiful children dressed to party. Thank you also to the sponsors, Priest and Ellis, PLLC, The Petersen Law Firm, Henderson Taylor Law Firm, PLLC and Elizabeth Christy Law Firm, PLLC for supporting the CCBA's efforts to provide fun activities and events for our bar association to mingle and jingle. As always, thank you to Lisa Darco and Tracey Rand. I don't know that anyone embodies the spirit of holiday cheer like these two! Please be sure to join your CCBA in future events. It is a great way to introduce your friends and family to the folks you work with on a day to day basis, and a great way to build friendships and foster relationships within our legal community. Happy New Year!



Sequels Aren't Always Worse Than The Originals:

A Look at CCBA Parents and the Attorney Younglings Who Have Followed in Their Footsteps

— Heather Norton

This article is part 4 of a six-part series that we began in September. Not many of us have the chance to have a child follow in our professional footsteps . . . or to do what our parents have done before us. But there are some CCBA members who have experienced just that. We wanted to know what it's like—for both the Old'ens and the Young'ens. This month, we're pleased to get a peek into the professional and personal journey of Tom and Christina Phelan. Thank you both for sharing this with us). And stay tuned for another amazing duo next month.

TOM PHELAN

What was your first gig out of law school?

I worked for a small firm in Vancouver for John Nichols, Casey Marshall and Terry Wilson. I was paid the staggering sum of \$1,000 per month and included the side benefit of lots of laughs and learning a ton about the practice of law.

How do you think your first 5 years in practice differed from your kid?

No doubt technology is one of the main differences. We used IBM typewriters and carbon paper, 13" pleading paper, and the computer did not even show up for several years after I started. I think the first one we used was like an Atari pong game. Cell phones were non-existent. We actually had to walk and file pleadings in the court house.

Another major difference is that I had to work for someone else who was not my family. My kid has a pretty darn good gig and an excellent boss.

What was your reaction/response when your kid said she wanted to be an attorney?

Well, at first I'd make her say it when she was a small child and I'd ask: What do you want to be when you grow up? After she said pizza maker, I bribed her with candy and made her say lawyer. Actually, I was proud as could be that she wanted to follow in my footsteps. I knew she had all the

makings of a good lawyer, but to actually have her say she wanted to be one made my heart swell and put a huge smile on my face.

What advice did you give your kid during law school? Did she take it?

I told her that she could do anything she wanted and really just gave her pep talks when the rigors of law school would get to her. I did tell her to not be so hard on herself and to enjoy the time she had in law school, because there would always be time to work.

Do you work with your kid? How is it working together?

Having Christina here is a dream come true for me. She is a very smart and talented lawyer and could have truly had her pick of jobs. When she said she wanted to work with me, I was flattered, proud, and lucky. I love that I have been able to mentor her and watch her grow into a wonderful advocate for her clients. I have watched her grow from a baby lawyer into an outstanding attorney, and from a baby into a wonderful person. I know that she will be able to always be there when I can't be and I will not have to worry. I am proud to be her boss. I am even more proud to call her my daughter.

What do you wish your kid knew about what it is like practicing now verses when you were just starting out?

As mentioned, the technology has grown leaps and bounds and I have to say that for all of the blessings of technology, it has made the practice of law more impersonal and more stressful in so many ways. Everyone just wants to email, to text, and no one takes the time to sit down and just get to know the other attorneys in town. This is truly sad if you ask me. It's easy to be more disconnected and less civil when you don't really know the other party and just have to email them. Everyone, including clients, expect answers immediately, which make the practice far more stressful and less enjoyable at times. I hope my daughter and her contemporaries realize that this career is about people, and we need to focus on what our actions do to those people in a real and personal way. Lastly, the technology has made the practice of law, unfortunately more about marketing than about being a profession.

What do you admire most about your young attorney?

Christina is smart, has a very keen wit and sense of humor, and above all is a very caring and compassionate person.

Anything that is uniquely her gift?

She is a person that really, truly cares for her clients, and her smarts and talents are so helpful in making her clients' lives better.

What would be your "plan B" if you weren't an attorney?

I'd be president, a pro baseball player, a rock-and-roll star, an author, or a history professor. If not one of these, I might be doing hard time....



What is the biggest lesson you've learned from seasoned years in practice that you hope to pass on to your young attorney?

It's always about helping someone, who, for whatever reason, needs you and your unique combination of brains, skill, and caring. Always keep in mind that others may not have the upbringing or chances that we have had in life and they need someone to speak for them when times are not good for them. Never, ever stop learning, no matter how old you are. Last, never forget who you are and where you came from. Be true to that person, no matter what faces you or tempts you.

CHRISTINA PHELAN

What was your first gig out of law school?

First gig out of law school was working with my dad. I applied other places back east, but decided I wanted to come home and I had a great job waiting for me.



How do you think your first 5 years in practice differed from your parent?

I think our experiences were similar in some ways. Tom was working under the mentorship of some great attorneys when he started, and I have had the same fortune to do so with him. The practice of law has changed quite a bit, especially with digitization of case law and all internet-related things. Tom still dictates most of his memos, and can cite cases by name and number from when he had to find them in actual books.

What did you hope would be your parent's reaction when you told him you were going to law school? What do you remember his reaction being?

I knew I wanted to be a lawyer for a long time, so Tom was not surprised by my decision to go to law school. He was surprised (and slightly worried) about my decision to take two years off between college and law school, but I got some great experience working in those two years and I think he came to agree with my decision in the end.

What (if anything) did your parent do to help you during law school?

Tom moved me out to Boston, got me all set up there, and then helped me through my first few days of case briefing. He was always there when I had questions or needed someone to calm me down before a final. He also helped me a lot during my summer internships, when I was working government/non-profit jobs in big cities for free.

Do you work with your parent? How is it working together?

Working together is GREAT! I have all the benefits of working a stable job with a salary, but get much more flexibility than I would at another company. Also, I get to hang out with my dad most days, so that is pretty cool.

Do you have any memories of your parent practicing law (any memories that do not require therapy) that you can share?

I used to go follow my dad around court with a legal pad on take-your-daughter-to-work days when I was younger, taking notes and trying to learn as much as possible for when I became a lawyer. As I got older, I was fortunate enough to see him during trial in some of his biggest cases, and he rocks!

What do you admire most about your attorney-parent?

He is an amazing attorney and an even better mentor. He has taught me so much, and really helped me integrate into the Clark County legal community. I don't know where I would be without him (Dad, please don't retire...).

What would be your "plan B" if you weren't an attorney?

One of my favorite parts of my job is working the juvenile criminal defense contract. I enjoy helping and teaching youth, so I think I would enjoy a career like teaching, where I was able to continue to work with teenagers.

What is the biggest lesson you've learned from your seasoned parent? What do you hope to emulate?

Build relationships, work hard, and fight for your clients.



CCBA Board Meeting—

Minutes for the CCBA Board of Trustees Meeting | December 5, 2018

Called to order 12:05 | (Larson, Ellis, Gasperino, Emrich, Sasser) *Lisa Darco present*

November 7, 2018 board meeting minutes: motion to approve (Gasperino/Emrich) Approved

Treasurer's Report regarding November 2018: (Ellis) Discussion of prepared reports. At this point income lower and expenses higher, but skewed by people paying early. Lawyer Referral Service dues down. CCBA expenses are in line with the past. Revenue is down in total 5k this quarter. Discussed thoughts on updating the Lawyer Referral Service. Will do a Hearsay article about the service. Will inform the sections about it.

OLD BUSINESS

A.) Membership Update (Darco)

- 1) 2018/2019 as of Dec 5 - 403 (328 last year as of Oct 1)
- 2) Non renewed 119
- 3) Final for 2017/2018: 477 members

NEW BUSINESS

A.) Updated Personnel Policy (Sasser)

Getting attorney bids for cost of personnel book.

B.) Attorney Security Pass (Sasser)

Discussion. Board does not see a need for passes at this time.

C.) Presidents Report (Sasser)

Discussed Hearsay updates. Board asked to review updates.

D.) Upcoming events

- *Van Vista--Deadline December 14; 20 gifts left--givers needed*
- *12/6/18 Ethics CLE*
- *12/12/18 Nuts and Bolts CLE*
- *12/18/18 Holiday Party*
- *3/02/19 Barrister's Ball*

E.) Court Commissioner position open in Cowlitz County (Sasser)

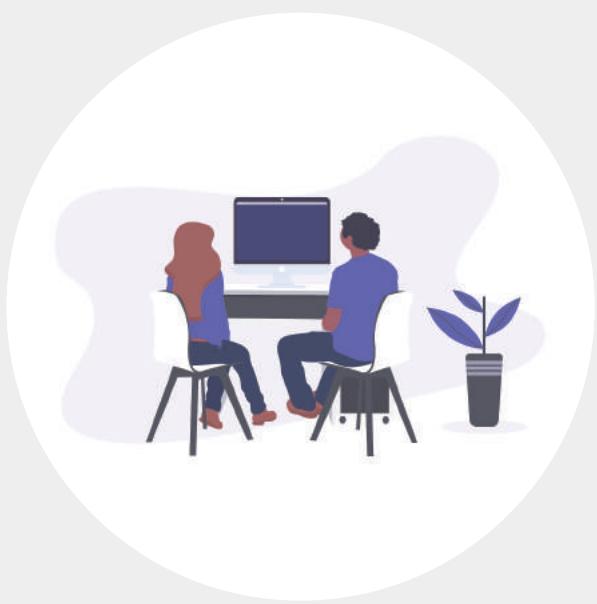
Judge Anne Cruser, Cowlitz County, contacted the CCBA to give the information that Judge Jill Johansen is resigning from the Court of Appeals mid-term and there will be an appointment. Judge Cruser is seeking appointment. Decision to wait and see who the final candidates are to make a decision about whether to hold a forum and conduct a bar poll.

F.) Holiday Bonus for employees

Motion to approve employee bonuses (Emrich/ Ellis) Approved.

Adjourned 12:55.

Bookkeeping TIPS



—Emanuela Sandri

✓ **WSBA & MBA Dues, Employee Holiday Parties, Mileage Reimbursement Rates, & QuickBooks Desktop Mileage Tracker**

For 2019 license fees/dues, the non-deductible portion for the WSBA (Washington State Bar Association) and MBA (Multnomah Bar Association) are as follows.

Tip: To easily identify for tax preparation, setup the non-deductible portion as a separate category.

- WSBA ~~~ \$3.81
- MBA ~~~ \$5.00

Meals usually are limited to 50% deductibility. Holiday company parties for employees are deductible at 100%.

The IRS optional standard mileage reimbursement rates for business miles driven in 2017, 2018 and 2019 are as follows. For a chart of mileage rates since 1991, go to https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Business_mileage_reimbursement_rate.

- 53.5¢ per mile for 2017
- 54.5¢ per mile for 2018
- 58¢ per mile for 2019

QuickBooks Desktop can track mileage rates and mileage. To enter the mileage rate in QuickBooks Desktop:

- Go to the Company menu and click Enter Vehicle Mileage
- Click Mileage Rates
- Insert a line (click on the first line in the list and press Ctrl Insert)
- Enter the effective date of January 1, 2019, and press Tab
- Enter the rate of .58 and click Close

2019 CLARK COUNTY MOCK TRIAL



The Mock Trial committee is seeking volunteer attorney raters for the 2019 Mock Trial tournaments.

The Middle School tournament will be held on Wednesday, January 30, and Thursday, January 31.

Wednesday, January 30:
Round 1 - 1:00-3:00pm
Round 2 - 3:15-5:15pm
Round 3 - 5:30-7:30pm

Thursday, January 31:
Round 4 - 1:30-3:30pm
Championship Round - 4:00-6:00pm

The High School tournament will be held on Wednesday, February 27, and Thursday, February 28.

Wednesday, February 27:
Round 1 - 12:30-3:00pm
Round 2 - 3:00-5:30pm
Round 3 - 5:30-8:00pm

Thursday, February 28:
Round 4 - 12:30-3:00pm
Round 5 - 3:00-5:30pm
Round 6 - 5:30-8:00pm

The tournament is held at the Clark County Courthouse. Attorney raters need to meet in the first floor jury assembly room for trial assignments. Please arrive about 15 minutes early to get courtroom assignments and score sheets. Each round lasts about 2 hours. You will need to watch the trial, fill out a scoresheet and offer brief and positive feedback to the participants. You do not need any experience to participate.

In exchange for your time we can offer our gratitude, some food and drink, and the enjoyable experience of watching students participate in this program.

Please email Jill Sasser (jill.sasser@landerholm.com) if you are able to volunteer this year. Thank you!

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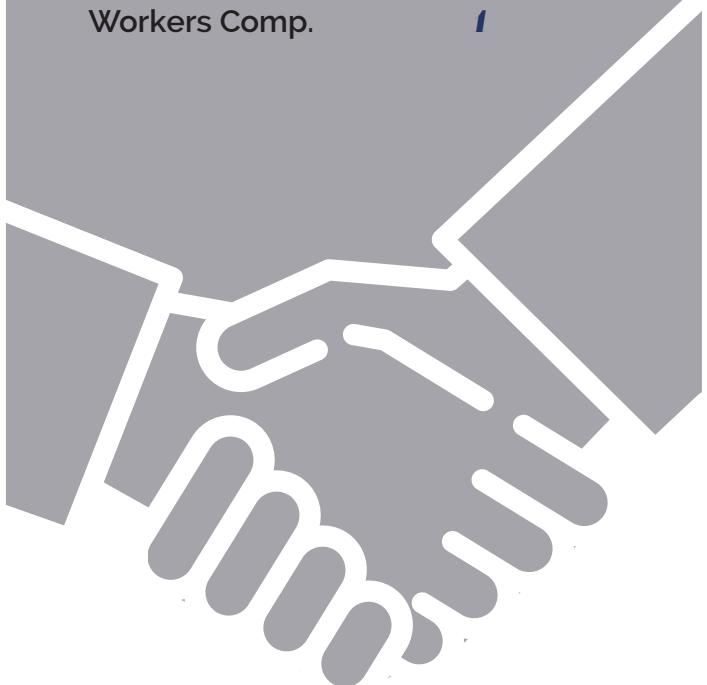
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Debtor/Creditor	5
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General Litigation	51
Labor & Employ.	8
Real Property	35
Taxation	0
Wills and Trusts	13
Workers Comp.	1



Superior Court Bench/Bar Meeting Minutes—

Clark County Superior Court | Bench Bar Committee | Meeting Summary

January 8th, 2019 | The meeting began at noon.

Persons in attendance were:

Nicholas Alexander, Sean Downs, James Smith, Emily Sheldrick, Heather Carroll, Judge Vanderwood, Judge Veljacic & Judge Fairgrieve.

OLD BUSINESS

1) Credit for time served

- A. Sean Downs: Jail understands calculating for time-served – Clarification: In general, want something saying they run concurrent and not consecutive.*
- B. James Smith: Could still have issue but some clarity.*
- C. Judge Veljacic: Memo from 1993 regarding this I recently reviewed, couldn't say the substance of memo.*
- D. Heather Carroll: Perhaps someone from Jail Records should explain to defense bar.*
- E. Judge Fairgrieve: There has been challenges for the bench, too. Defendants have written him saying their credit for time-served is incorrect. Judges then have obligation to ensure credit for time-served is correct.*
- F. Judge Veljacic: Agreed to be the contact person for Criminal Policy changes for the time being.*
- G. James Smith: Other considerations with Department of Corrections etc, may need to discuss further, potentially consider workgroup*

NEW BUSINESS

1) Emily Sheldrick: New Superior Court Admin, Jessica Gurley, from Snohomish County.

Jeff Amram set to retire.

- A. James Smith: Nothing this month.*
- B. Judge Veljacic: Mock trial to begin soon, Middle school January 30 & 31, High School the 27th and 28th her considerations with Department of Corrections etc, may need to discuss further, potentially consider workgroup*

- 1. If you want to be a judge contact Judge Fairgrieve, a rater contact Jill Sasser.*
- 2. The sooner the better to sign up, but never too late to be a volunteer.*

- C. Sean Down: Issue of efficiency of docket – Prosecutor's office brought up video appearances, defense bar was opposed.*
- 1. Still more workgroup meetings in the future.*

- D. Heather Carroll: Indigent Defense got moved to Department of Community Services – organizational change, still in same physical location.*

- 1. Indigent Defense will do a better job communicating with criminal appeals attorneys who are on the list; will add to Judges Report showing amount of cases for each specific attorney to Judge so they can maintain reasonable workload for those attorneys.*

- a. Schedule Hearing: Appeals attorney should be notified to be present and make appropriate recommendations of future dates of client.*

- b. Judge Vanderwood: Advance notice to attorney can be a JA task.*

- 2. Heather: Logistical – in new Odyssey system, changing attorney name on list that shows the appointed counsel should be looked into. Confusing and difficult to change in current state.*

E. Still have not had any progress with the “shackling” of defendant issue. Case law has said client is not to be shackled without order of the court.

1. Judge Veljacic: likely a policy and procedure issue to address how to provide logistics for first appearance: “We are aware it needs to comply with case law”. Criminal Policy and Procedure group is spearheading.

2. Judge Veljacic: Idea out there to redesign the “pit” to avoid seeing shackles or have shackles taken off before making an appearance in front of the court.

3. James Smith: Prosecutor’s Office has a stake and would like to have input heard.

F. Judge Vanderwood: Nothing this month.

Respectfully Submitted,

Nicholas Alexander



Rounds Turns 62!

—Jesse Jacobs

Local attorney Chris Rounds was recently spotted at Tap Union Freehouse indulging in his birthday beer. Chris had turned a very young 62 and was out celebrating with a comradery of former insurance defense attorneys plus a token plaintiff's attorney with a ponytail (Don Jacobs), which make up the Vancouver Association of Defense Counsel (VADC).

When asked for comment, Chris was too busy explaining to Art Miller how to use foldable reading glasses. For the decency of the birthday boy, beer foam moustache photos have been excluded. Thanks to Jack Welch (call him on your mediations/arbitrations) for snapping the photo. Also at the table were Mike Mitchell (also call him on your mediations/arbitrations) and Pat Reece. The former Farmers boys wisely dashed behind newspapers when asked for comment.



Family Law Section —

An Introduction to Interest-Based Mediation in Family Law

— *M. Erica Aquadro*

The Family Law Section met for its monthly meeting on November 8th where members enjoyed a CLE presentation by Nancy Retsinas regarding interest-based mediation in family law.

After spending over two decades in litigation, Nancy has devoted her practice to mediation and collaborative law, where she is making waves. Nancy first began conducting workshops and trainings on consensual dispute resolution methods for legal professionals back in 2008. In 2014, she co-founded the Two Rivers Institute for Dispute Resolution where she serves as its Executive Director. Just this year, she contributed a chapter to *Building a Successful Collaborative Family Law Practice* by Forrest Mosten and Adam Cordover. Last October, she took her talents to the 2017 Family Law Annual Conference in Sunriver, Oregon, and she continues to be in high demand for other speaking engagements both in and out of Washington state.

At our November meeting, Nancy engaged us in discussion about the advantages and disadvantages of mediation as well as the specific attributes of interest-based mediation. She took us through the process of interest-based decision-making and why it matters. She also shared views and philosophies for conflict resolution and outcome-focus versus problem-focus. Nancy's presentation was insightful, informative, and we are so grateful she took the time to speak to us in Vancouver!

LEG ONE: THE PROBLEM LEG

The substance of the conflict: In conflict, each side wants something of value from the other and feels hindered in their ability to get their desired outcome. Can be simple or complex. To constructively resolve it, each side must receive what they deserve.



Law Library

— Maria Sosnowski, Law Librarian

FOR SALE | Through Feb 2019

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

1. *Civil Procedure Wa Pr v. 14-15 with 2016 pocket parts*
2. *Courtroom Handbook on Evidence 2016-17 Wa Pr v. 5D*
3. *Washington Handbook on Civil Procedure 2016-17 Wa Pr v. 15A*
4. *Win your Personal Injury Claim Nolo 9e*
5. *Deposition Handbook Nolo 6e*
6. *Federal Appellate Practice in 9th Circuit 2017-18*
7. *Automobile Fraud NCLC 5e*
8. *Motion in Limine 2016-17 Wa Pr v. 30*
9. *Washington DUI Practice Manual 2016-17 Wa Pr v.32*

Give your bid to the law librarian through the end of February.

Bids must indicate your name, phone number, amount, and item(s) on which you are bidding. Winners will be notified in early March. We reserve the right to withdraw an item from bidding.

Washington Women Lawyers —

The Clark County/St Helens Chapter of Washington Women Lawyers is excited about the series of events it is planning for 2019! This year's theme is Motivation to Make Things Better For You and Those Around You. Mark your calendar with these upcoming events:

- March 4 – Jill Schmid from Sound Jury Consulting will be joining us to discuss the way in which gender does or does not affect credibility, persuasiveness, and litigation styles. The presentation will touch on biological and cultural differences, credibility traits, nonverbal cues, and verbal cues.
- May 6 – We will have a panel discussing Alternatives to a Traditional Law Practice.

Stay tuned for more details on these events and others!

Our monthly meetings are the first Monday of every month from 12pm to 1pm. If we do not have a scheduled presentation, we will have a regular planning meeting held at the offices of Miller Nash Graham & Dunn LLP, 500 Broadway.

If you have any questions, please e-mail Meghan Williams, partner at Miller Nash Graham & Dunn LLP and President of the Clark County/St Helens Chapter of Washington Women Lawyers at meghan.williams@millernash.com.

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Bleu Door Bakery and Mieko's Marketplace: 10% off

Naegeli Deposition and Trial: 10% off Court Reporting, Interpreting, Legal
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— The Clark County Bar Association —

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The 2019 APEX AWARDS

Nominations Now Open | Deadline: 3.15.19

The Washington State Bar Association is seeking nominations for the 2019 WSBA Annual APEX Awards. The APEX (Acknowledging Professional Excellence) Awards honor exemplary members of the legal community, including legal professionals, judges, and members of the public.

The awards will be presented at the Annual APEX Awards Dinner in Seattle on September 26, 2019, to those who have made noteworthy contributions and achievements in public service, government service, professionalism, pro bono work, diversity and other areas.

Nominations are welcome from the legal community and the public. To nominate a person or group, please complete a 2019 APEX Nomination Form (https://www.wsba.org/docs/default-source/news-events/awards/apex-nomination-form.pdf?sfvrsn=9c83af1_2) and email it, along with supporting materials, to barleaders@wsba.org by March 15, 2019.

CLERK'S ALERT

Office hour change beginning January 22, 2019

Due to changes with Odyssey (new state computer system) the Clerk's Office will be closed during the lunch hour (12:00 pm – 1:00 pm), beginning January 22nd, 2019.

Sorry for any inconvenience.

Scott G Weber, County Clerk

Baine Wilson, Chief Deputy Clerk

DOUBLE HEARSAY

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 ccbamanager@ccbawashington.org. Raisa usually checks in on the first Monday of every month. Remember, it is your ethical duty to support your member organization with juicy gossip and goings on.

Spreading Holiday Cheer

Why do we do this to ourselves?" many people can be heard muttering during the holiday season. December is a stressful month for most people. What sometimes gets lost in the shuffle as we scurry from here to there, are the folks where time is not rushing by at the same speed; who maybe aren't invited to parties; who don't have anyone to cook for or who just can't manage to cook anymore--those who are living in facilities where Christmas may be a special meal in the dining room, but otherwise doesn't have the same meaning to those still in their working years, relatively healthy, with families or spouses to care for.

This year, for the fourth consecutive year, the Clark County Bar Association Board provided its members an opportunity to choose a low-income individual from the Van Vista Assisted Living "Giving Tree". The CCBA committed to purchasing gifts for all 60 residents of Van Vista. For most of the residents, after they pay for their rent and care costs, they are left with around \$60.00 per month for clothing, snacks, entertainment, gifts, special care products, ID cards, stationary, or basically anything other than the "3 hot's and a cot" that come with their residency. Many of the Seniors living at Van Vista were career employees with jobs as police detectives, firemen, railroad workers, courthouse employees, and soldiers. Some were homeless prior to coming to Van Vista and living under bridges or in their cars. For some, the staff at Van Vista and the other residents are their only family.

Shanna Armstrong, Activities Director at Van Vista, provided the CCBA with wish lists for all of their residents. These wishes were not big things--they were salt water taffy or dress shoes or colored pencils or t-shirts. What better way to remind ourselves how fortunate we are than to help someone else. The CCBA is very proud of the attorneys and firms who stepped up and purchased gifts and we're happy to report that all 60 residents received something special for Christmas.

If you did not have an opportunity to donate, but want to provide some cheer, look around you. Opportunities to serve are not limited to the holiday season. We would love to hear about your favorite ways to give back and we thank you for your generous spirit!

Penny for Your Fees?

—Jesse Jacobs

In the world of personal injury, fees awarded by the court are generally paid by an insurance company. In family law, it appears that parties pay court-awarded fees creatively. This past fall, my lobby was adorned by the four buckets of pennies pictured above. Though, upon inspection, there were the few odd pieces of Canadian currency and lint.

The mighty bounty of currency was to be in payment to one Tonya Rulli. Tonya was representing a party in a custody dispute and Commissioner Snyder's Friday afternoon deadline for Tonya's receipt of such fees was fast approaching. Per eyewitness account, two fellows with their apparent young daughters in tow quietly walked in to the lobby and deposited the orange buckets. They left just as quietly.

Now I'm no He-Man, but those darn things were immovable objects. Even Tonya's husband, Daryl (certified He-Man and unstoppable force since 1985), required the use of a hand truck to move them off to the side. I helped by supervising.

Faced with contempt, the buckets eventually were removed from the lobby. Still no word on how they were carried by hand in the first place.



News You Can Use

The Hearsay editorial board is looking for someone willing to write a book review column for the magazine. If you love to read and love to share your opinion, we would like to hear from you! You don't have to attend monthly meetings, just submit reviews of books you think your colleagues would find interesting. Contact LIsa at ccbamanager@ccbawashington.org

The Hearsay editorial board is open to all CCBA members and meets on the second Friday of each month at noon in the CCBA office. Please join us on February 8, 2019!



Congratulations!

Miller Nash Graham & Dunn is pleased to announce the promotion of
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