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Law Day at 50, The Rule of Law and a Plug for CourtCare

By Thom Brown, MBA President.

On May 1, Law Day turns 50. In 1958, President Eisenhower proclaimed the first Law Day a "day of national dedication to the principle of government under law." In this column, I look at the rule of law, a principle that, in my view, defines our

constitutional democracy and a principle that, again in my view, we lawyers must constantly nurture and protect.

First, a little background. The rule of law, in its most basic form, is the principle that no one is above the law. That's a simple enough concept, but it's truly a grand idea. Governmental authority is legitimately exercised only in accordance with written, publicly disclosed laws adopted and enforced in accordance with due process. And that means we are a democracy governed by laws enforced by a fair and impartial judicial system.

Second, a little history. In England, Magna Carta was a prime example of the "rule of law." The Great Charter - as it is often called - forced King John to submit to the law and succeeded in putting limits on feudal fees and duties. Samuel Rutherford was one of the first modern authors to give the principle theoretical foundations in *Lex, Rex* (1644), and he was followed later by Montesquieu in *The Spirit of the Laws* (1748). Their thinking - and those of others, I'm sure -- greatly influenced the framers of our Constitution, a document that reflects in so many ways the concepts, values and principles that support and are supported by the "rule of law" including, but certainly not limited to, separation of powers, judicial independence and public access to the legal process.

Third, a little about the rule of law in modern times. Obviously, countless examples exist of both the expression of the importance of the rule of law and, sadly enough, its denigration. As to expressions of importance, in 1967, for example, President Lyndon Johnson said that "all who cherish freedom should also cherish law [for liberty] and law abide together [and in] that bond is the foundation of our liberties." In 1984, President Ronald Reagan observed that "[o]ur unique experience demonstrates that law and freedom must be indivisible partners [for] without law, there can be no freedom, only chaos and disorder; and without freedom, law is but a cynical veneer for injustice and oppression." And, in 1994, President Bill Clinton said:

Let us find the strength to insist that law prevails over disorder, equality over discrimination, and justice over crime and prejudice. Let reverence for the laws, in the words of President Abraham Lincoln, "be taught in schools, in seminaries, and in colleges; let it be written in primers, spelling books, and in almanacs; let it be preached from the pulpit, proclaimed in legislative halls, and enforced in the courts of justice" But, sadly, the rule of law has also been denigrated and diminished, mostly by politicians, I think, by targeting judges who, as we lawyers know, are the key guardians of the principle. The rule of law thus now seems more of a political slogan, rather than an enduring principle of great importance. And the principle is often, in my view, used (or, more accurately, misused) for political gain by linking it to the vastly popular (but, again, misused) notion of "judicial activism" when, depending on your political affiliation or point of view, judges are chided for substituting their own political opinions for the applicable law, or for acting like a legislature (making laws) rather than like a traditional court (applying or interpreting laws).

I recently heard Multnomah County Circuit Court Judge Stephen Bushong address this popular phenomenon by, in part, quoting Justice John Paul Stevens' dissent in *Bush v. Gore.* The quote impressed me, and so I'm going to repeat it, not for the purpose of expressing a personal view of whether Justice Stevens was correct in that particular case, but for the purpose of giving voice to the harm he recognized to the value of the rule of law and, particularly, the harm to judges who protect it every day. Justice Stevens said:

It is confidence in the men and women who administer the judicial system that is the true backbone of the rule of law. Time will one day heal the wound to that confidence that will be inflicted by today's decision. One thing, however, is certain. Although we may never know with complete certainty the identity of the winner of this year's presidential election, the identity of the loser is perfectly clear. It is the nation's confidence in the judge as an impartial guardian of the rule of law.

Fourth, and finally, Law Day 2008. I'm sure many groups are planning important and meaningful activities. I know the MBA is, particularly through the Young Lawyers Section's week-long events. Oregon Supreme Court Justice Paul De Muniz is also hosting a program on May 2 at the new OSB Center addressing the rule of law. The Portland Chapter of the League of Women Voters, the MBA, the OSB and the ABA are among the sponsors. Program planning is in its early stages, but the planning

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Thursday, May 1 Settlement Conference and Mediation Advocacy Judge Kristena LaMar Sam Imperati

Thursday, May 15 Annual Multnomah County Judges Trial Practices Judge Janice Wilson

Tuesday, May 20 Civil Rights Litigation Michelle Burrows Elden Rosenthal

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CourtCare's Fifth Annual Fundraising Campaign Kicks Off April 21 "A Jungle Gym in the Jungle"

By Marshal Spector, MBA CourtCare Committee Co-Chair.

Before CourtCare opened, small children whose parents were involved in court proceedings were left to either roam the courthouse halls unattended, or, worse, brought in to witness often disturbing proceedings. But in the safety of CourtCare, a drop-in childcare facility for parents who have to conduct court business, these children are spared such emotionally charged scenes.

The parents of children utilizing CourtCare are involved in domestic violence hearings, testifying as witnesses, attending eviction proceedings, going through custody disputes, participating in drug/alcohol treatment programs, etc.

Since CourtCare first opened in December 2001, over 6,000 children have benefited from its service. CourtCare receives some public funding, but depends upon the financial support of individual lawyers, legal assistants, law firms, judges and other members of the legal community. More than 1,000 people contributed over \$125,000 to CourtCare last year.

The 5th Annual CourtCare Campaign will run from April 21–May 9, with a goal of raising more than \$100,000. Every dollar helps, but the campaign will especially recognize donations at the \$150 and \$500 levels.

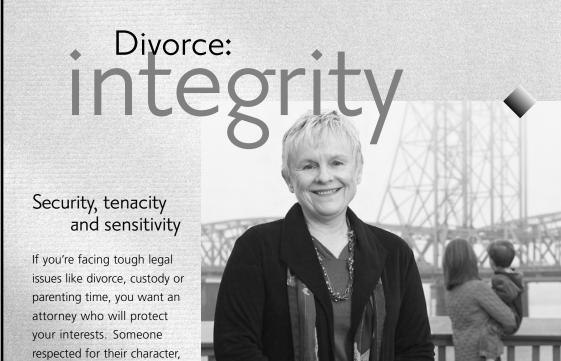
For those who wish to participate, the CourtCare Campaign stages a competition among law firms and other organizations, including the DA's Office, Metro Public Defenders, Multnomah County judges and courthouse staff. With the highest dollars raised last year, Bullivant Houser Bailey took the "Proudest Pride" trophy from the Davis Wright Tremaine firm, which had held it for three years prior. Williams Love O'Leary & Powers earned the highest per capita contribution to CourtCare for the last four years.

CourtCare, a project of the MBA, is operated by Volunteers of America Oregon, and is located in a converted jury room in the



Multnomah County Courthouse. The children receive individual attention from state-certified childcare providers.

To learn more, please contact campaign co-chairs, Laura Taylor, laura.taylor@bullivant.com and Marshal Spector, mpspector@ yatesmatthews.com. Also, please see this month's insert if you wish to make a donation, or visit www.mbabar.org, where you may make a donation and view a fourminute video about the program.



CALENDAR

For a complete MBA calendar, please visit www.mbabar.org.

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Saturday, YLS Community Service Day at Oregon Humane Society See p. 10 for details.

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Tuesday, YLS Board meeting

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Thursday, May *Multnomah Lawyer* deadline

Thursday, MBA CLE – Insurance Coverage in Civil Disputes See insert or register at www.mbabar.org.

Thursday, FBA Annual Judges Appreciation Dinner at The Governor Hotel See p. 4 for details.

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Tuesday, Pro Bono Fair at The Governor Hotel See p. 11 for details.

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Friday, YLS Community Service Day with SMART

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Friday-Saturday, OCDLA Juvenile Law Seminar Visit www.ocdla.org for details.

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Saturday, YLS Community Service Day with SOLV See p. 10 for details.

21 through May 9 Monday-Friday, CourtCare

Fundraising Campaign See this page and insert for details.

23 Wednesday, MBF Board meeting

Wednesday, MBA CLE Wage and Hour See insert or register at www.mbabar.org.

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

Thursday, YLS Drop-in Social with Judges See p. 10 for details.

26 Saturday, YLS Community

29 Tuesday, YOUthFILM Project

Screening at Hollywood Theatre See p. 10 for details.

Tuesday, Classroom Law Project's Legal Citizen Dinner Visit www.classroomlaw.org for details.

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Wednesday, MBA Board Election ballots due to MBA office

May

1 Thursday, MBA CLE Negotiating Settlement Conferences See insert or register at www.mbabar.org.

Thursday, YLS PDE Seminar See insert for details.

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Friday, OCDLA Seminar Technology and the Law See Announcements for details.

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Tuesday, MBA Board meeting

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Wednesday, Oregon Community Foundation Annual Meeting Visit www.ocf1.org for details.

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Friday, June *Multnomah Lawyer* deadline

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Saturday, YLS Community Service Day at Oregon Humane Society See p. 10 for details.

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Tuesday, YLS Board meeting 15

Thursday, MBA CLE Multnomah County Judges Trial Practices See insert or register at www.mbabar.org.

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Service Day at Oregon Humane Society See p. 10 for details.

April 28-May 3 Monday-Saturday, Community Law Week See p. 10 for details.

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Wednesday, MBA Annual Meeting See p. 1 for details.

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Thursday, MBA CLE Criminal Law for the Civil Practitioner See insert or register at www.mbabar.org.

Ethics Focus

By Mark J. Fucile, Fucile & Reising.

Client Perjury: That Sinking Feeling

I magine this scenario: You are in trial. Your case is going well. Your client just finished cross-examination and you are preparing him for re-direct over the lunch hour. The client admits to you that he lied during his cross-examination on a material issue. You have a sinking feeling that takes away your appetite for the sandwich you have in front of you. What do you do when the trial reconvenes that afternoon?

Fortunately, the OSB has issued some clear-cut guidance in the form of Formal Ethics Opinion 2005-34. The opinion, in turn, draws directly on an Oregon Supreme Court decision, In re A, 276 Or 225, 554 P2d 479 (1976) (decided under the corresponding provisions of the former Disciplinary Rules). The guidance won't make the personal dynamics of the situation any easier, but at least it provides a quick road map through what is always a bumpy road.

Formal Ethics Opinion 2005-34, citing *In re A*, concludes in addressing hypothetical facts not too different from those just posed:

"[W]hen a lawyer knows through confidential information that a client has committed perjury, the lawyer must call on the client to rectify the perjury. If, however, the client does not do so, the lawyer's only option is to withdraw, or seek leave to withdraw, from the matter without disclosing the client's wrongdoing." Id. at 2.

As noted, in seeking withdrawal, the lawyer cannot reveal the perjury. Rather, the lawyer must simply tell the court, to the effect, that a matter has arisen that, under the Rules of Professional Conduct (RPC), do not allow the lawyer to continue. Although somewhat artificial, both 2005-34 and *In re A* are clear that the lawyer cannot reveal the perjury.



Under RPC 3.3(c), a lawyer's general obligation to reveal perjury is tempered by RPC 1.6's duty of confidentiality: "The dut[y] stated in paragraph... (a) ... continue[s] to the conclusion of the proceeding, unless compliance requires disclosure of information otherwise protected by Rule 1.6." (Emphasis added.) Therefore, both the Supreme Court and the bar resolved this tension by requiring withdrawal if the client will not correct the testimony involved.

2005-34, relying on In re Lathen, 294 Or 157, 166-67, 654 P2d 1110 (1982), also concludes that if the court will not permit withdrawal that the lawyer may continue on the case. In that circumstance, however, "the lawyer could not endeavor '[k]nowingly [to] use perjured testimony or false evidence' in arguing the client's case [under RPC 3.3(a)]." Id. at 2 n.2.

In our opening example, therefore, the lawyer must urge the client to correct the perjury. If the client does not, the lawyer must then seek leave to withdraw without revealing the perjury. If the court will not grant the motion, then the lawyer may continue but cannot use the perjured testimony.

The guidance concludes with two caveats.

First, for Oregon lawyers handling cases in other jurisdictions, 2005-34 notes that the conclusion here is not necessarily the same elsewhere if the other jurisdiction has adopted without modification the may not represent a potential ABA Model Rule on this point: "ABA Model Rule 3.3(c) . . . states that the duty to disclose the fraud to the tribunal applies 'even if' compliance requires disclosure of information protected by Model Rule 1.6, whereas Oregon requires disclosure 'unless' Oregon RPC 1.6 is offended." Id. at 2 n.2. As we discussed in last month's column, under the choice-of-law rule, RPC 8.5(b), the law of the state in which the court involved sits will control.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MBA Annual Dinner Table Sponsorships Available There are a limited number of table sponsorships available to purchase for \$900 at the May 21 MBA Annual Dinner. Table sponsors receive preferred seating and special recognition. Contact Kathy at the MBA at 503.222.3275 or kathy@mbabar.org for more information.

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MBA members may now select as many areas of practice as they would like to include in their online directory listing. If you have not already selected your practice areas, please update your listing now by visiting www.mbabar.org. The old practice areas will be removed soon.

MBA Bike Rides

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MBA Receives Partner in

Access to Justice Award The Campaign for Equal Justice presented the MBA with a Partner in Access to Justice Award at its 17th Annual Luncheon in March. The MBA frequently reaffirms its commitment to access to justice by assisting with funding for the VLP at LASO and educating lawyers about the importance of providing civil legal services for the poor. In 2007, the MBA launched its Pro Bono Pledge drive, which encourages lawyers to perform pro bono services for lowincome clients and to make contributions to organizations that support legal services for low-income clients. In

client who informs the lawyer in advance that the client intends to use the lawyer's services to defraud a court.

recognition of the need to support staffing for volunteer lawyer programs, the MBA contributed an additional \$25,000 in 2007. In presenting the award to the MBA, Ed Harnden, Board Chair of the Campaign for Equal Justice stated, "Legal Aid is fortunate to have the MBA as a strong and consistent partner in striving for equal access to justice for all."

Campaign for Equal Justice Awards

The law firms of Dunn Carney et al, K & L Gates, and Markowitz, Herbold, Glade & Mehlhaf, were recognized for their increased support of legal aid. The campaign also presented Partners in Access to Justice Awards to OWLS, OTLA and the OSB.

Oregon Rules of Civil Procedure

(ORCP) Amendments Available The new changes to the ORCP went into effect on January 1. The 2006 Promulgated Amendments containing these changes to the ORCP can be found on the Council on Court Procedures' Web site: www.counciloncourt procedures.org.

St. Andrew Legal Clinic Race Scheduled

St. Andrew Legal Clinic 8th annual Race for Justice has been set for Saturday, June 21. This 5k run/walk and kids' fun run will start and finish at the Madeleine Parish in Northeast Portland.

Over 350 participants from the legal community are expected to compete in a variety of competitions. Largest Team and Best Fundraising Team prizes will be awarded. Festivities begin at 9 a.m. For early registration and event information visit www.salcgroup.org.

Upcoming Oregon Criminal Defense Lawyers Association Seminar

Technology and the Law Seminar on Friday-Saturday, May 2-3,

will be at the Hallmark Resort in Newport. For further information, visit www.ocdla.org.

Queens Bench Luncheon

Tuesday, April 8, 11:45 a.m.-1 p.m., the luncheon at Jax Restaurant in Portland will feature guest speaker Saba Ahmed. Lunch is \$14 at the door, cash or check only. No reservations are required. For more information, contact Marja Selmann at 503.233.0820 or marja_ selmann@comcast.net.

Ahmed, a Lewis & Clark law student, will be speaking about her recent fact-finding trip to Pakistan with the National Lawyers Guild.

Federal Bar Association (FBA) 2008 Judges

Appreciation Dinner - April 10 The FBA annual dinner will honor Mary M. Schroeder, former Chief Judge of the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals, and welcome Hon. John Acosta, US Magistrate Judge. The reception begins at 5 p.m. at The Governor Hotel. For more information, visit www.vangelisti.com/ fbaoregon.htm

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Samaritan Counseling Centers offers classes, in addition to therapy, to assist couples in creating and sustaining healthy relationships and healthy families. Premarital preparation, parenting classes and relationship enhancement classes are offered around the Portland Metro area. You may contact the nonprofit organization at 503.281.3318 or go to www.sccpdx.org.

Like the Supreme Court in *In re A*, the bar reached its conclusions by balancing the conflicting duties involved. On one hand, RPC 1.6 and ORS 9.460(3) prohibit lawyers from revealing clients' past wrongs communicated to the lawyer confidentially. On the other, RPC 3.3(a)(3) prohibits lawyers from offering false evidence and RPC 8.4(a)(4) prohibits lawyers from engaging in conduct prejudicial to the administration of justice.

Second, 2005-34 also stresses that it is focused on perjury that has already occurred. It notes that OSB Formal Ethics Opinion 2005-53 counsels that a lawyer

Formal Ethics Opinion 2005-34 is available at www.osbar.org.

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Robert Stoll received the Campaign for Equal Justices' (CEJ) top honor, the Henry H. Hewitt Access to Justice Award.

The award recognizes an individual who, through strong leadership, consistent effort and commitment to the ideal of equal justice under the law, has made a substantial contribution to legal aid for low-income Oregonians.

Stoll, a 1968 graduate of Harvard Law School, frequently tops the list of distinguished trial lawyers, both nationally and in Oregon. A founding member of the Portland law a true leader in advocating for legal services for people living in poverty. He has been a member of the CEJ Advisory Committee since 1994, and his firm was one of the first to achieve 100% participation in the campaign. Stoll's commitment goes beyond financial support. In the mid-1990s he teamed up with legal aid lawyers to improve the legal system for individuals with disabilities. Since then, he has generously given his time and expert knowledge to help legal aid resolve other complex systemic cases.

firm Stoll Berne, Stoll has been

In accepting the award, Stoll thanked the 100 legal aid attorneys practicing in Oregon who serve over 20,000 low-income clients each year. He stated, "As lawyers, we have the privilege of being in the profession which provides the framework within which our society operates to resolve disagreements: without a legal system, there would be chaos and brute strength would rule alone... .If the legal system is to really work for our society, it must be accessible to all of our society, not just corporations and other wealthy organizations and individuals...."

Stoll noted that the poverty population in Oregon has grown to nearly 19% of Oregon's overall population, and that there are now nearly 700,000 people who qualify for the services of legal aid. He pointed out that due to lack of resources, "there are high priority cases in every county in the state where a fully eligible Oregonian has to go to court without a lawyer."

Stoll urged Oregon lawyers to continue and increase their work towards improving access to justice by providing pro bono services and contributing to the CEJ. To this end he stated, "I am

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"If the legal system is to really work for our society, it must be accessible to all of our society...."

humbled by what the legal aid lawyers do for all of us, and for our society: they are holding things together. I hope you are humbled by their example also, and that you will give generously. If you do so, we can increase the number of legal aid lawyers in this state and help make our legal system open to all." RICHARD G. SPIER ARBITRATOR & MEDIATOR



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As a shareholder in the firm, Long focuses his practice on merger, acquisition, divestiture and other business transactions, corporate finance, and corporate counseling.

Adam Rose and Kyle Anderson joined the firm. Both attorneys previously practiced at Rose Law Firm, a Portland boutique business and real estate transactional law firm founded by Rose in 2004.

Rose joined Schwabe as a shareholder, where he will focus his practice in the areas of business and real estate transactions.

Anderson joined Schwabe as an associate and will continue to focus his practice in the areas of corporate and real estate law.

BARRAN LIEBMAN YLS President-Elect **Andrew Schpak** will serve on the Northwest Equal Employment Opportunity/Affirmative Action Association Board, dedicated to providing education and DAVIS WRIGHT TREMAINE **Garry Schnell** joined the firm as an associate in its business transactions practice group.



Helen Tompkins

BUCKLEY LECHEVALLIER Helen Tompkins joined the firm's litigation practice group, where she focuses on civil appeals and complex civil litigation cases.

GRENLEY ROTENBERG ET AL Gary Grenley was elected to the Board of Directors of Oregon Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA), a nonprofit organization devoted to assisting abused or neglected children in Multnomah and Washington counties. He has been a CASA volunteer for nearly four years.

Grenley's practice focuses on business litigation, primarily in the areas of real estate, construction and financial investments. He is co-founder of the firm.



Tim McMahan

McMahan, whose practice focuses on land use and environmental law, with an emphasis on energy facility siting, has been a CREDC board member since 2005.

Joan Snyder was named leader of the firm's resources, development and environment practice group. Snyder joined the firm in 1986 and has been a partner since 1992.

STOLL BERNE

The firm formerly called Stoll Stoll Berne Lokting & Shlachter shortened its name to Stoll Berne in recognition of senior partners **Robert Stoll** and **Gary Berne**.

Founded 30 years ago, the firm specializes in complex business litigation, and commercial real estate and business transactions.

BOWERMAN & DAVID

Donald B. Bowerman and Kristen S. David, formerly of Bowerman & Boutin, announce their new firm name. They will continue to practice at their Oregon City office, with the same phone and fax numbers. Their new emails are don@bowermananddavid.com and kristen@bowermanand david.com. The firm's practice is general litigation, with emphasis in malpractice defense, and real property and land use issues.

MATTHEW KAPLAN **Matthew Kaplan** relocated his practice to One SW Columbia St. Ste. 1850, Portland OR 97258. Telephone is 503.226.3844, fax is 503.229.1856, and email is matthew@mdkaplanlaw.com. His Web sites are www.mdkaplanlaw.com and www.oregon-dui.com.

Kaplan's practice remains focused on representing individuals in civil litigation matters, including serious personal injury claims, wrongful death actions, injuries to children, motor vehicle crash victims and premise liability. His criminal practice focuses on representing those charged with driving under the influence of intoxicants.





David Simon



Jason Ayres

FARLEIGH WADA WITT Mark Wada rejoined the firm and the firm name has changed back to Farleigh Wada Witt. More than 25 years ago, Wada was one of the founding shareholders of the firm. He has served as its president and a member of the firm's executive committee. He has a specialized practice representing banks, commercial lenders, equipment lessors and other financial institutions. He has extensive experience in representing commercial lenders and equipment lessors in commercial loan and lease documentation, real estate financings, workout negotiations, portfolio acquisitions, and collections and bankruptcy matters. Wada also has broad experience in handling corporate and commercial law matters, with an emphasis on mergers and acquisitions. His return enhances the firm's growing corporate and banking practices.

David Simon joined the firm in an of counsel capacity as a member of the corporate and securities and financial services practice groups. He brings 25 years experience as a business advisor and counselor, with extensive experience in regulatory consumer finance, and will maintain a comprehensive business practice assisting clients with regulatory, transactional, real estate and succession planning needs.



Jeffrey Cronn

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Jeffrey Cronn was appointed chair of the business department, which includes practice groups focused in the areas of corporate finance, mergers and acquisitions, taxation and corporate governance, among others.

Cronn joined the firm in 1994. He counsels public, private and nonprofit entities with regard to acquisitions and divestitures, governance issues, financing transactions and reorganizations. His corporate law practice emphasizes mergers and acquisitions. He is a member of the sustainability practice group and leads its sustainable forestry attorneys.

BILL GIBSON

Clackamas arbitrator and mediator **William Gibson** was awarded a 2007 APEX Award for Publication Excellence in the "Writing: Regular Departments and Columns" category. Visit www.apexawards.com for details about the award. Gibson is the author of two books on personal injury practice and won the APEX Award for his monthly column in the *ABA Law Practice Magazine*.

The Around the Bar column reports on MBA members' moves, transitions, promotions and other honors within the profession. The deadline is the 10th of the month preceding publication or the previous Friday if that date falls on a weekend. All items are edited to fit column format and the information is used on a space-available basis in the order in which it was received. Submissions may be emailed to carol@mbabar.org.

informational resources on equal employment opportunity and affirmative action.

At the firm, Schpak represents management in employment litigation.





Joan Snyder

STOEL RIVES **Tim McMahan**, a principal in the firm, was voted chair of the Columbia River Economic Development Council (CREDC), a Southwest Washington economic development organization, assisting businesses to expand or relocate in Clark County.



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Mark Wada

Jason Ayres was hired as an associate in the commercial bankruptcy and insolvency, consumer bankruptcy and creditors' rights, and litigation practice groups. His practice will continue to emphasize commercial litigation, creditors' rights and bankruptcy.

In addition to these changes, the firm's Web site address has changed back to www.fwwlaw.com.

Garry Schnell

Tips from the Bench

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

Qualifying your expert witness

"If scientific, technical or other specialized knowledge will assist the trier of fact to understand the evidence or to determine a fact in issue, a witness *qualified as an expert* by knowledge, skill, experience, training or education may testify thereto in the form of an opinion or otherwise." OEC 702, ORS 40.410. (Emphasis added.)

Whether a witness is qualified as an expert is a preliminary question of fact for the trial judge to decide under OEC 104(1). ("Preliminary questions concerning the qualification of a person to be a witness ... shall be determined by the court...") But how often is this really in controversy? Rarely. Most of the time, there is no question about the expert witness' qualifications.

In my view, much time is wasted in trial by what seems to be rote preliminary questions from counsel to the expert to establish the expert's qualification, e.g. "Doctor, tell the jury your profession," and "tell the jury about your education," etc. Years ago I learned from Judge Owen Panner that you can establish the witness's expertise much quicker and in a more organized fashion.

Judge Panner taught me that the lawyer calling the witness can, after the witness is sworn and before asking any questions, simply recite to the jury in an organized and concise manner the witness's qualification, following which the lawyer can ask the witness if that is correct. For instance, it might go as follows: "Doctor Jones is a medical doctor specializing in orthopedics. She got her bachelor's degree in pre-med at



PSU in 1973 and graduated from medical school at OHSU in 1977. She completed an orthopedic residency at OHSU in 1982 and since then has been in the private practice of orthopedics in Portland. She is Board Certified in orthopedics, and is a member of (list whatever she belongs to)." You can then ask the doctor "Is that correct, doctor?" The witness can confirm you got it right, and can add or correct anything necessary.

Granted, this is a classic leading question. But the trial judge has broad discretion about whether to allow leading questions. OEC 611(3), ORS 40.370. "Courts are likely to allow leading questions when the testimony relates only to undisputed preliminary or background matters..." Kirkpatrick, Oregon *Evidence*, Fifth Edition, at p. 538. In my view, and as pointed out to me by Judge Panner, the uncontroversial qualifications of most expert witnesses are such "undisputed preliminary or background matters ... "

I suggest that if you agree this is a useful approach to qualifying your expert witness, you alert your trial judge and adverse counsel in advance to avoid any unnecessary objections.



By Heidi Moawad, Multnomah County District Attorney's Office and Court Liaison Committee member.

Presiding Judge's Report by Hon. Jean Kerr Maurer

A memorandum regarding Oregon *e*Court was circulated, and details discussed. During the 2008 Legislative Session \$24 million in debt financing was approved to implement electronic filing. The goal is for implementation by April 2009, with Oregon's Supreme Court being first. Part of the implementation will require training and preparation for attorneys.

- There are 20,000 pieces of paper filed or otherwise provided to the Multnomah County Courts every day.
- Multnomah County requires 36,000 square feet of storage space for all of the paperwork it must keep.

The County Commissioners are discussing possible solutions to the Wapato Jail situation. Although funding through the courts is not at issue, many judges are watching the issue with interest. Over the past several years, budget restraints have resulted in losing the Work Release Center, Forest Work Camp and other "alternative" to jail sentencing options for judges. Possibilities being considered include using Wapato as a treatment center for drug and alcohol issues, a treatment and jail bed facility, and depending on what happens with Wapato, possibly opening one floor of the Justice Center jail and operating it as a Work Release Center.

Judge Maurer has appointed a subcommittee being chaired by the Hon. Janice Wilson to examine reasons for "vanishing" jury trials in civil cases. While other jurisdictions have studied this issue, Judge Maurer feels it is important to determine what is going on specifically in Multnomah County including the reasons for the trend, whether or not assistance by the court is needed to curtail the trend, and so on. It was noted that as civil jury trials become less and less common, civil practitioners with aspirations of joining the bench could be at a disadvantage.

The Hon. Stephen Bushong's investiture was in February and he has begun presiding over matters in the county.

Web site Information

The judicial profiles continue to be added as information is received from judges. If anyone has ideas on how to improve the Web site, send them to Kennedy Smith or Carol Hawkins.

Court-Related Questions by MBA Members

Courthouse Relocation Update

The MBA and consultants are working on a questionnaire for polling. Judge Maurer attended a conference in Clark County, Nevada on courthouse building and brought home a lot of literature - some ideas shared included multiple "circulation systems" for transport of the general public, courthouse staff, and inmates, a reader board at the entry of the courthouse with electronic dockets, appropriate courtroom sizes and whether courtrooms are shared, chambers design and virtual testimony capabilities.

Judicial Brown Bag

The committee sponsors two brown bags per year. Possible spring topic(s) may be the decision to discuss the new case on conferring and the judicial response to that and the changes to the rules regarding discovery in the Civil Rules of Procedure.

CourtCare Report

The annual fundraising campaign is starting in late April and will include firm competitions and individual competitions again. The WinterSmash event raised \$16,000 for CourtCare.

Bar Liaison Reports

- Clackamas County (Kathryn Villa-Smith): procedures are in place to begin sending trial notices via electronic mail.
- Washington County (Dawn LaGrone): the WCBA is

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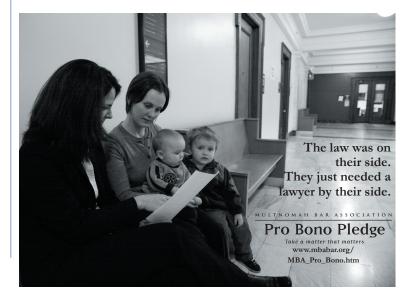
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Profile - Ellen F. Rosenblum Oregon Court of Appeals Judge

By Anne Talcott, Schwabe Williamson & Wyatt and Court Liaison Committee member.

When Governor Ted Kulongoski appointed Judge Ellen F. Rosenblum to the Oregon Court of Appeals in May 2005, Multnomah County lost a trial judge with more than 16 years of judicial experience and a remarkable dedication to involvement in the community. Luckily for the MBA and its membership, Judge Rosenblum has continued her participation in numerous organizations and activities in Portland even though she now sits with the Court of Appeals in Salem. In fact, many consider Judge Rosenblum to be one of the most visible and active judges within the community. For example, she is chairing the 30th Annual Conference of the National Association of Women Judges, to be held in Portland this fall. She is also spearheading a multidisciplinary Rule of Law program (jointly with the MBA) to be held this May as part of Community Law Week.

While Judge Rosenblum has received many more honors

than we can recount here, she is particularly well known both locally and nationally for mentoring young lawyers and promoting women and minorities in the profession. She was a founding board member of OWLS and served on the ABA Commission on Racial and Ethnic Diversity in the Profession, where she was co-chair of the first Minority Judicial Clerkship Program. There is rarely a bar function in Oregon celebrating women or minorities that Judge Rosenblum does not make an attempt to attend. Her actions and her words, both written and spoken, clearly show that making the profession more diverse has long been a priority for her.

Her commitment to diversifying the legal profession may stem in part from her experience attending law school at U of O in the early 70s. Her graduating class of 1975 was almost onethird female, which at that time, was the highest percentage of women the law school had

ever had. According to Judge Rosenblum, the fact that there was a relatively large group of women attending law school with her likely made her feel empowered to succeed and to speak out against inequities right from the start.

After graduating from law school, Judge Rosenblum practiced in Eugene. She tried cases and argued appeals early on in her career, thus honing from the start the skills that she would later need as both a trial and appellate judge. In 1980, she went to work for the US Attorney's office, first in Eugene and then in Portland. In 1989, she was appointed to the Multnomah County District Court and then to the Circuit Court four years later.

In addition to her vibrant legal career, Judge Rosenblum has also raised two children and is married to Richard H. Meeker, publisher of Willamette Week. She admits that balancing family and her career was not always easy,

but credits having been raised in a family of eight by a mother who worked out of the home with giving her the "can do" outlook to succeed on both fronts. As a female lawyer with small children at home, she was also a part-time pioneer. She worked four days a week for the US Attorney's office, decades before many private firms considered reduced schedules, particularly for trial lawyers, a feasible option. According to Judge Rosenblum, flexibility and a supportive spouse were keys making her work life balanced.

She also credits her many mentors, including Sid Lezak, Judge Helen Frye and Judge Edward Leavy, for their guidance and mentorship throughout the years. Certainly these mentors contributed to the commitment Judge Rosenblum has shown to give her time and expertise to younger lawyers. She makes a point of keeping in touch with all of her former clerks, both from the Circuit Court and the Court of Appeals.



Judge Ellen Rosenblum

There are a few things Judge Rosenblum misses about the trial bench - mostly the interaction with the public (jurors, witnesses and litigants ... even the defendants in criminal cases, whose lives she sometimes felt she had positively impacted). While the Court of Appeal's work is more removed from the daily drama of the courtroom, she loves the interaction with her new colleagues, whom she considers to be some of the nicest and smartest people she has ever known. Judge Rosenblum also appreciates the opportunities and time to delve deeper into the law than was possible as a trial judge.

Nominated for MBA Director

Three four-year positions start July 1.

Please look for the self-mailer election ballot inside this issue.



Steve Blackhurst, Ater Wynne LLP, graduated from the U of O School of Law in 1973. He is a partner, and is in the firm's litigation group.



Keith M. Garza, The Law Office of Keith M. Garza, graduated from the University of Chicago Law School in 1994. His practice area is appellate litigation.



Susan Marmaduke, Harrang Long Gary Rudnick PC, graduated from the University of California at Berkeley in 1984. She specializes in litigation and

WinterSmash Raises \$16,000 for CourtCare

By Kennedy Smith, MBA.

What better way to raise money for a good cause than with a night of family fun, bowling competition, raffle prizes and even a best bowling shirt bowl-off?

On Saturday, Feb. 23, about 250 lawyers, judges and their families participated in the MBA's Sixth Annual WinterSmash fundraiser. The event filled every lane at AMF 20th Century Lanes in Portland.

WinterSmash benefits CourtCare, the Multnomah County Courthouse drop-in childcare facility for children of parents who have no other alternative than to take their children to court with them.

In the spirit of fun – with hints of fierce competitiveness - teams gathered to vie for prizes based on their scores and outfits.

three scores combined at 571. MHGM also won the prize for best team shirt, after a bowl-off with Bodyfelt Mount Stroup & Chamberlain.

The prize winner for best individual score went to Troy Moody of The Naegli Reporting Corporation, with a score of 231.

The team with the most players was Harrang Long Gary Rudnick; and the prize winner for low score went to Marcie Carter of the National Association for Legal Professionals of Portland, who totaled 45.

CourtCare is operated and staffed by Volunteers of America Oregon, in partnership with the Multnomah Bar Association, the

Blackhurst was Chair of the MBA Judicial Screening Committee from 2005-06, and a committee member 2003-06; is a past Commissioner of the Oregon Law Commission; past president and past director of the Oregon Association of Defense Counsel; past lawyer representative of the Ninth Circuit Judicial Conference; and is a member of the ABA Litigation Section.

Garza was appointed as a Circuit Judge Pro Tempore in 2005. He was awarded the MBA's Award of Merit in 2007. He chaired the MBA's Equality Committee and is past chair and member of the OSB Appellate Practice Section Executive Committee. He is also on the Opportunities for Law in Oregon (OLIO) Faculty, a member of the Oregon Appellate Courts Oregon Rules of Appellate Procedure (ORAP) Committee, and an attorney coach for the Classroom Law Project. He served on the Oregon Law Commission Ethics Workgroup.

appeals.

Marmaduke was awarded the MBA's Award of Merit in 2007 and is a member of the National Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights Under Law, Oregon Association of Defense Counsel, PSU Middle East Studies Center, the OSB House of Delegates and the US District Court of Oregon Local Rules Advisory Committee. In addition to Oregon, she is also licensed to practice law in California, Pennsylvania and Washington.

Best team score went to Markowitz Herbold Glade & Mehlhaf, with their top

Oregon Judicial Department and Multnomah County.

Thank you to our sponsors and all who participated.



Team with the most players - Harrang Long Gary Rudnick

Nominated for YLS Director

Four three-year positions start July 1. Please look for the self-mailer ballot insert inside this newsletter. Only YLS members may vote for YLS Directors.



Lainie M. Dillon graduated from the U of W School of Law and was admitted to the OSB in 2004. She is an associate in the corporate practice group at Stoel Rives. Dillon was a member of the YLS Service to the Public Committee in 2006-07, a founding member of The YOUthFILM Project, and chairs The YOUthFILM Project Committee this year. She is a volunteer with the MBA YLS Imprint Program.

Jennifer A. Durham graduated from Lewis & Clark Law School and was admitted to the OSB in 2005. She is a civil litigant at Bodyfelt, Mount, Stroup & Chamberlain. Durham has been on the YLS Service to the Public Committee since 2005, currently serving as chair of the committee. She is also an inaugural member of The YOUthFILM Project and chaired the YLS Community Law



the Board of Directors of the Mt. Scott Alternative School and the OSB NLD Law School Outreach Committee.



Christiane R. Fife graduated from U of O School of Law and was admitted to the OSB in 2004. She is an associate with Schwabe Williamson & Wyatt and practices in the areas of product liability, commercial and personal injury litigation. Fife has been a member of the YLS Membership Committee since 2006 and is currently serving as chair of that committee. She is also a member of the Defense Research Institute (DRI) and is the Vice Chair of the DRI Young Lawyers Civility and Professionalism Subcommittee. Fife is also a pro bono volunteer for Morrison Child and Family Services.



Kimberly Griffith graduated from Lewis & Clark Law School and was admitted to the OSB in 2004. She is a judicial clerk for the Hon. Malcolm F. Marsh. Griffith has been a member of the YLS Professional Development & Education Committee since 2005 and is its current chair. She volunteered for the Imprint Program in 2006 and served as chair of the YLS Peer-2-Peer Program Criminal Law Group in 2006. Griffith was a mentor with the Lewis & Clark Law School Alumni Association in 2005 and 2006. She has volunteered with the Constitutional Law Project as a street law teacher and Oregon High School Mock Trial Competition judge.

YOUNG Lawyers Section

YLS Oregon Humane Society Volunteer 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 one of three **Saturdays – April 5, April 26 or May 10 from 1 to 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 volunteer at the Oregon Humane Society or for more information, please email Gina Delahunt at gdelahunt@ueainc.com.

Celebrate Earth Day with SOLV-IT

Please join the MBA YLS Service to the Public Committee on **Saturday, April 19** for SOLV's Earth Day event. From 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. we will team up with Friends of Peninsula Crossing to help with trail maintenance and park beautification at the Peninsula Crossing Trail in North Portland. Volunteers will create a cleaner, safer area for trail users by removing ivy and other invasive plants and trimming overgrown vegetation, as well as cleaning up graffiti and litter. The Peninsula Crossing Trail is a 3.5 mile trail which crosses the North Portland peninsula between the Willamette and Columbia rivers, with pedestrian and bike paths leading to workplaces, schools and regionally significant natural areas. To volunteer at SOLV-IT, or for more information, please email Jodie Ayura at ayura@bmsc-law.com.

Community Law Week: A Preview and Call for Volunteers

By Aaron Bass, Sather, Byerly & Holloway and Community Law Week Co-Chair.

Community Law Week is an annual effort of the MBA YLS Service to the Public Committee designed to provide legal education, access and assistance to the public. Every year, the committee organizes and hosts a week of activities centered around ABA's Law Day, held annually on May 1. The theme for this year's Community Law Week is The Rule of Law: Foundation for Communities of Opportunity and *Equity.* This theme explores the meaning of the rule of law, while fostering public understanding of the rule of law, its role and how it is essential in sustaining a free society.

Community Law Week, April 28– May 3 by volunteering your time to any one of the following projects. You may contact the individuals listed or sign up to volunteer for any of these at the Community Law Week's Web site: www.mbabar.org/ community-law-week. You may also view project details and other volunteer information.

YOUthFILM Project: The MBA's YOUthFILM Project

this event from 5:30-8:30 p.m. to help with set up, clean up and to serve as ushers. Contact Lainie Dillon at lmdillon@stoel.com or 503.294.9496.

Legal Information Booths: Legal information booths will be set up in various locations in Multnomah County April 28–May 3. Volunteers are needed to interact with the public at these legal information booths (don't worry - volunteers won't be giving legal advice, merely listening to citizens and informing them about legal services). Contact Cashauna Hill at chill@ashcroftwiles.com or 503.226.3515.

Annual YLS Judges Social and CourtCare Fundraiser

The YLS will hold its Annual Judges Social and CourtCare fundraiser on April 24. The social is generously sponsored by Schwabe Williamson & Wyatt. Please join fellow young lawyers and federal and state court judges for this casual opportunity to network and socialize.

The YLS will sponsor a raffle drawing at the event to benefit CourtCare at the Multnomah County Courthouse, a free, on-site drop-in childcare center for families who must bring children with them to the courthouse. Raffle tickets will be on sale at the event or may be purchased at the MBA office or from YLS Membership Committee members. You need not be present to win.

What:YLS Judges Social and CourtCare FundraiserWhere:Hotel Monaco, Alder Room, 506 SW Washington, Portland

In promoting foundations for communities of opportunity and equity, Community Law Week includes several public outreach events. These events, made possible by both MBA YLS volunteers and volunteers throughout our legal community, enhance the public's understanding of the legal system and celebrate the important role that lawyers and judges play in creating equity and opportunity for all. I hope you'll join us in celebrating our communities, civic education, and the MBA YLS, this

Committee is sponsoring the program in collaboration with the Classroom Law Project. This student filmmaking contest provides students with an opportunity to express themselves creatively, while learning more about our government and justice system. Students may enter by producing a short film or video about a Rule of Law topic. Top films will be screened for the public at the Hollywood Theatre in Northeast Portland on April 29 at 6:30 p.m. Prizes will be awarded at that time by honorary guests, including Oregon Supreme Court Chief Justice, Paul J. De Muniz. Please visit www.theyouthfilmproject.org for details. Volunteers are needed at

Tell it to the Judge:

Join judges at the Lloyd Center Mall on May 3, from 12-3 p.m. and encourage citizens to speak with the judges about their questions or opinions regarding the courts and legal system. Volunteers are needed to facilitate public interaction with the judges. Contact Derek Green at derekgreen@dwt.com or 503.778.5264.

When: Thursday, April 24 from 5:30 - 7:00 p.m.

Please mark the date and spread the word. See you there!

Dress for Success:

Donate suits and professional clothing or become a firm captain for this effort that benefits lowincome women who seek to develop their careers. Volunteers are also needed to help collect the donated items. Contact Olivia Zirker at ozirker@kpmg.com or 503.820.6841.

Community Law Week would not be possible without our generous sponsors. It's never too late to become a sponsor or to volunteer! If you or your organization is interested in sponsoring this year's Community Law Week, please contact Jeff Hern at jhern@schwabe.com or 503.796.2919.

And be sure to look for the Community Law Week light-post banners in downtown Portland from April 2 to May 8. The banners were provided by Barran Liebman LLP and Cosgrave Vergeer Kester LLP in 2005. MULTNOMAH BAR ASSOCIATION

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President's Column

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committee (of which I'm privileged to be a part) already has some great topics and potential speakers from all walks of life.

I encourage each of you - whether individually or in your firms - to take time to recognize Law Day 2008 and, specifically, to: (1) educate non-lawyers about the rule of law and its central importance to the rights, freedoms and liberties we as Americans all cherish; (2) help non-lawyers understand the great respect the principle deserves; (3) ensure that non-lawyers appreciate the critical roles that independent judges, adequate courthouse facilities, adequate judicial branch funding and access to justice play in fully realizing the rule of law. A personal story illustrates why doing that's so important and, indeed, meaningful.

I'm privileged to know two new American citizens who are young women both born in Mexico. I spent time with them recently. As they spoke about what it meant to them to be American citizens, it was clear they understand what the rule of law means and, more importantly, its critical role in protecting them as new citizens. These women were literally brought to tears discussing how, in their view as new Americans, the rule of law ensures that they now will enjoy and, more importantly be protected by, a government of laws enforced by an independent judiciary ensuring both due process and access to justice for them and their families.

We MBA members need to be leaders in helping our fellow Americans comprehend the rule of law, too, so that all Americans appreciate as my two friends do, and as President Dwight Eisenhower so eloquently noted in his 1959 Law Day Proclamation, that "[a] free people can assure the blessings of liberty for themselves only if they recognize the necessity of the rule of law shall be supreme and that all * * * shall be equal before the law." So, again, please use this year's Law Day to reach out and help non-lawyers in our community come to appreciate and, indeed, venerate, the rule

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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, St. Andrew Legal Clinic, Catholic Charities Immigration Legal Services, Lewis & Clark's Small Business Legal Clinic, Children's Representation 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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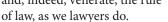
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MBA Equality Committee Hosts Diversity Panel

By Eric Dahlin, Davis Wright Tremaine and MBA Equality Committee.

On March 5, the MBA Equality Committee hosted a panel at PSU, entitled "Breaking Barriers: Diversifying Access and Careers in the Law." This panel was part of the Equality Committee's ongoing work to encourage diversity in the legal profession by giving students interested in legal careers the opportunity to hear how lawyers chose law as a career, what hurdles they faced and how they overcame those hurdles. Although the panelists came prepared to discuss a long list of prearranged topics if the audience was shy, the panelists hardly touched on those topics because they were peppered with so many questions from the enthusiastic students. This year's panelists were the Hon. Adrienne C. Nelson, Nathan

Vasquez, Elisa Dozono and Ken Mitchell-Phillips. Eric Dahlin was the moderator. This is the fourth Equality Committee panel at PSU, and it was co-hosted by the PSU Student Legal and Mediation Services.



Finally, back to the second part of the title of this column: please also don't forget that the annual Multnomah CourtCare Campaign – a major fundraiser for the MBA's commitment to help ensure access to the legal system for those who can't otherwise afford childcare and a protected and supervised environment for their children at the courthouse - runs from April 21-May 9. I hope each one of you will give what you can to the campaign and thereby help ensure its continued important role in our local justice system.



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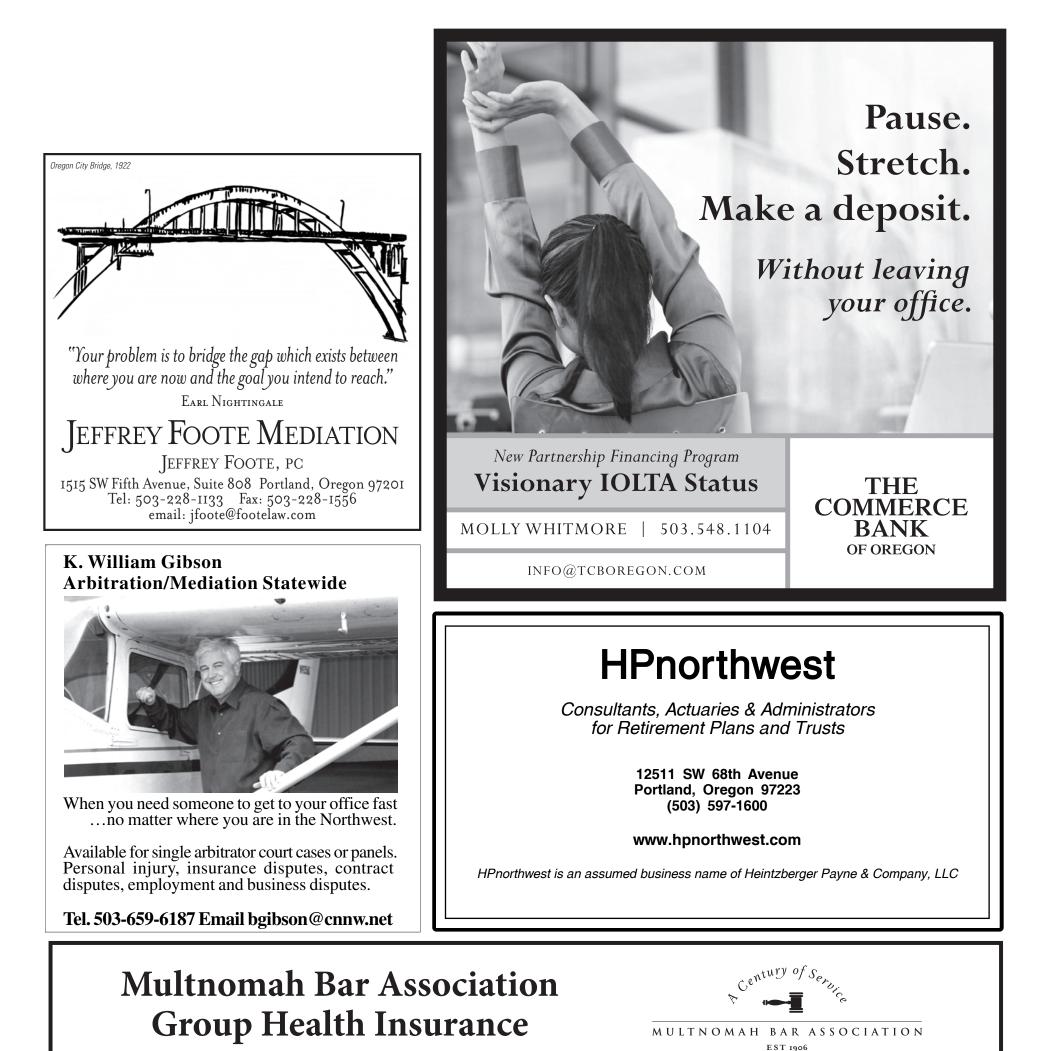
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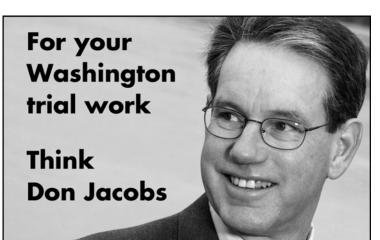
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Multnomah Bar Foundation Update

by Kennedy Smith, MBA.



MULTNOMAH BAR FOUNDATION

he Multnomah Bar Foundation (MBF) has been busy these last few months. In January, the MBF Board elected Ruth Beyer to the position of President. She follows Jeffrey M. Matthews, who is the immediate past president.

Since last November, the MBF Board has been working with ALPS Foundation Services, a service company based in Missoula, Montana, which specializes in forming and strengthening bar foundations. A strategic plan is in place to grow the MBF in many ways, specifically raising the amount of monetary and in-kind contributions to the foundation, which would allow the foundation to increase its grantee pool and the amount of money offered to those grantees.

The foundation is actively recruiting ideas from Portland-area nonprofits. The MBF sent letters to 19 nonprofit groups that fit within its scope of increasing public knowledge of the judicial system through civics education. We asked these organizations: "What is your dream? If the foundation were in a position to offer a large sum of money to your nonprofit, how would you use it to expand your civics education programs or create new ones?" As we await their responses, the foundation looks forward to sharing these ideas with our membership in the future.

The deadline for the MBF's latest grant cycle was March 31. The MBF Grants Committee will meet soon to pore over the applications and decide who best to fund this year. The Grants Committee will then make a recommendation to the board, and the grantee or grantees will be announced in a future issue of the *Multnomah Lawyer*. The MBF has decided on one grant cycle per year, with grant checks being issued in early summer.

The MBF feels confident that it is in a position to strengthen over the next few years, as it grows within our law community and becomes



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