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Do You Remember Willie Mays?

by Steve Blackhurst
MBA President

I AM THRILLED TO BE the new president of the Multnomah Bar Association. I feel like I am walking in the footsteps of some

of Portland's legal legends ... John Schwabe, Randall Kester, George Fraser, Frank Nash, Mike King, and many more, including, most recently, Sarah Crooks. More about her later.

The MBA is a dynamic, voluntary bar association with more than 4,600 members. Our members join because they want to, not because they have to. We do not require you to report your CLE hours, nor do we mandate education about any particular subject. Instead, we provide legal education on subjects that our members want that are both affordable and timely.

We also host events where members get to know each other better in social settings, away from the pressures at the office. I particularly appreciate how many judges attend these events, including the

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WinterSmash bowling tournament, the annual dinner in May and the socials at the University Club. What better way to break down barriers between lawyers and judges than to be able to talk over a beer about politics, fly fishing, or our beautiful

Oregon weather. We know that Oregon is a special place to practice law and most of us, including our judges, want to keep it special.

As importantly, the MBA works hard to foster a legal system that provides justice to our citizens. We do this in many different ways. We have worked and will continue to work toward obtaining a safe courthouse in Multnomah County. We encourage greater diversity both in our committees and in the law firms and other organizations that provide legal services. We look for new and different ways to promote professionalism among our members. We also continue to look for ways to promote pro bono legal services both for individuals and organizations that need but cannot afford the cost of those services. I expect that a safe courthouse, diversity, professionalism and creating more pro bono opportunities will be the primary focus of the MBA Board in the coming year. If you have ideas about how the MBA can better serve your needs or accomplish our objectives, I encourage you to email me at skb@aterwynne.com.

The MBA is able to engage in these activities and to provide these services because of the time spent by our board members, committee volunteers and dedicated staff. This year three lawyers are leaving the MBA board: past president Leslie Kay, Michelle Druce and Lisa Umscheid. I want to thank them for the time each spent making the MBA a better organization and making Portland a better place for both our citizens and the lawyers who serve them. I undoubtedly

would not have known any of these fine lawyers but for our service together on the board. I now consider each of them a friend.

Welcome to the New Board

I also want to welcome our new board members Helen Hierschbiel, Cedric Brown, Dana Sullivan, Chris Kayser, and YLS president Nick Kampars. I look forward to getting to know each of you much better in the coming year.

I also want to thank executive director Judy Edwards and her team for their hard work in accomplishing the goals the board sets for the organization each year. Without their help in organizing and prodding both the board and committees to keep focused on our tasks, little of the good work that we attempt would actually be accomplished.

Finally, let me say a little about Sarah Crooks. The MBA is more than 100 years old. I am not quite that old, but I expect to get my Medicare card in a few months. If you attended our annual dinner you know that Sarah turned 40 the day after our dinner. During the singing of “Happy Birthday” at the dinner, I realized that I was completing my first year of law school when Sarah was born.

That should not have surprised me. I remember talking to Sarah once about that great over-the-shoulder catch Willie Mays made in the Polo Grounds in the 1954 World Series. She looked at me quizzically ... Willie Mays ... Polo Grounds? Finally she asked if I had gone to college with Abner Doubleday.

I try not to hold Sarah's youth against her. She has boundless energy, is a natural leader, and has a big heart. While she has accomplished more in her relatively short legal career than most of us will in a lifetime, I still like her. With a little bit of luck, I will be able to persuade her to continue to lead the MBA's efforts to obtain a safe courthouse. Sarah, Chief Justice De Muniz, Presiding Judge Maurer, County Chair Jeff Cogen and our county commissioners, have been working diligently on this project, and it is now closer to becoming a reality.

Sarah, you are a hard act to follow, but I will do my best.

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9.28 Wednesday

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Chris Garrett
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OCTOBER

10.4 Tuesday

How to Manage a Small Law Firm

RJon Robins

10.5 Wednesday

Preservation of Errors for Appeal

Michael Garone
Keith Garza
Cody Hoesly
Sara Kobak

10.25 Tuesday

Financial Statement Review and Accounting Issues

Speakers TBA

10.27 Thursday

Enforcing Oregon's Trust Deed Act: Nonjudicial Foreclosure from the Lender's Perspective

Pilar French
Cody Hoesly

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To add your organization or firm's annual events to the MBA online calendar, contact Carol Hawkins, carol@mbabar.org.

JULY

7.14 Thursday
MBA Family & Friends Golf Event at McMenamins Edgefield
See insert or register at www.mbabar.org.

7.16 Saturday
Queen's Bench Summer Picnic
Visit www.owlsqueensbench.org/summer-picnic.html for details.

7.21 Thursday
OMLA Annual Social & Fundraising Auction at WTC
Visit www.oregonminoritylawyer.org for details.

7.27 Wednesday
MBF Board meeting

AUGUST

8.3 Wednesday
MBA Board meeting

8.9 Tuesday
Queen's Bench Luncheon at Tree's Restaurant
Visit www.owlsqueensbench.org/monthly-luncheons.html for details.

8.10 Wednesday
September *Multnomah Lawyer* deadline

8.11 Thursday
Golf Clinic & Networking event at RedTail Golf Course
See insert or register at www.mbabar.org.

8.24 Wednesday
MBF Board meeting

SEPTEMBER

9.5 Monday
Labor Day Holiday

9.7 Wednesday
MBA Board meeting

9.9 Friday
October *Multnomah Lawyer* deadline

9.17 Saturday
YLS Pro Bono Bike Pedal Fundraiser
See insert to register.

9.19 Monday
MBA Golf Championship for VLP at Columbia Edgewater
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9.28 Wednesday
MBF Board meeting



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Ethics Focus

Law Firm Web Sites: Windows on the World

by Mark J. Fucile
Fucile & Reising

FROM SOLOS TO MEGAFIRMS, most lawyers today have Web sites. They vary greatly in sophistication, style and content. But many share two common characteristics with a window. First, they project their firm's image outward to potential clients. Second, many also channel inbound communications from prospective clients to firm lawyers. In this column, we'll look at both sides of these electronic windows on the world.

Looking Out

The "outbound" side of law firm web sites is regulated primarily by the lawyer marketing rules. Although Oregon moved to professional rules based on the ABA Model Rules in 2005, our marketing regulations differ from their ABA counterparts in two important respects.

First, for a variety of "Oregon-centric" anomalies, the general numbering and subject of our marketing rules are similar to the ABA Model Rules, but the text remains closer to the former Oregon "DRs" than the current ABA Model Rules now used in most other states. Because the text of Oregon's advertising rule, RPC 7.2, largely comes from a 1993 revision to former DR 2-103, it doesn't use the word "electronic" - let alone "Web." However, because the word "electronic" was added in 1998 to a companion provision governing marketing communications - former DR 2-101(A) and present RPC 7.1(a) - it is safe to assume that Web sites are included. Lawyers and firms who market across state lines, however, should carefully review the regulations in the states concerned, however, because this is an area where Oregon's rules differ from the national norm.

Second, again for a variety of "Oregon-centric" anomalies, Oregon's rules don't incorporate the ABA comments as most other states now do. Nonetheless, ABA resources in this area, particularly its comprehensive ethics opinion issued last year on lawyer web sites, Formal Ethics Opinion 10-457, and the comments to the ABA Model Rules, remain excellent guidelines in this evolving facet of "electronic ethics." They are available at www.americanbar.org/groups/professional_responsibility.



Although Oregon's rules remain decidedly "low tech" when applied to "high tech" media, the touchstone for all lawyer marketing remains the same today as when yellow pages ads were cutting edge: information on Web sites must be truthful. Accuracy applies to both what is stated,

"... information on Web sites must be truthful."

and, if material, what is not included. For example, RPC 7.1(a)(4) allows Oregon lawyers to describe themselves as "specialists" without any particular certification as long as that is true. With some marketing material, disclaimers are important to ensure that even truthful information is put in its proper context. For example, RPC 7.1(a)(6) permits Oregon lawyers to use testimonials as long they are accompanied by a disclaimer that "clearly and conspicuously states that any result that the endorsed lawyer or law firm may achieve on behalf of one client in one matter does not necessarily indicate that similar results can be obtained for other clients[.]"

Looking In

Some law firm Web sites allow direct inbound communication with firm lawyers concerning prospective clients' legal needs. Before including this feature, firms need to carefully think through the risks and construct appropriate disclaimers to avoid creating unintended attorney-client relationships or disqualifying conflicts that may arise even if prospective clients do not become firm clients but have communicated confidential information to firm lawyers.

On the former, the Supreme Court in *In re Weidner*, 310 Or 757, 770, 801 P2d 828 (1990), outlined the controlling test for whether an attorney-client relationship exists: (1) does the client subjectively believe that the lawyer is representing the client? and (2) is that subjective belief objectively reasonable under the circumstances? Neither a written agreement nor payment of a fee is necessarily a prerequisite. A prudent disclaimer, therefore, should include a warning that no attorney-client relationship will be formed unless and until

the firm runs conflict checks, appropriate financial terms are discussed and both sides have formally agreed to the relationship.

On the latter, RPC 1.18, which became effective in 2005, creates limited duties of loyalty and confidentiality to prospective clients who may not actually become firm clients. Therefore, unless effectively disclaimed or otherwise screened as permitted under the rule, a prospective client who communicates confidential information to a firm may create a disqualifying conflict if the firm ends up on the other side of the same matter later. A prudent disclaimer, therefore, includes a warning to prospective clients not to communicate information that the prospective client regards as confidential until the firm can run a conflict check and determines that further talks about the possibility of representation are warranted.

On a final note, unilateral communications forwarded by a prospective client to a lawyer who simply listed contact information on a Web site should not ordinarily trigger either an attorney-client relationship under the *Weidner* test or the duties to prospective clients under RPC 1.18.

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mba | ANNOUNCEMENTS

MBA Mentor Program Begins in September

The MBA plans to integrate the new OSB mentoring requirements with the MBA Mentor Program. Therefore, the MBA program will begin in September.

If you are interested in serving as a mentor or would like to be a mentee this year, please check out the information and sign up using the form available at www.mbabar.org.

Take a Matter that Matters

Sign the MBA 2011 Pro Bono Pledge at www.mbabar.org/probono.htm and commit to taking at least one pro bono case this year.

MBA Collecting for Schoolhouse Supplies

During July and August, the MBA will collect new classroom basics for Schoolhouse Supplies. Please bring your donations of pencils, erasers, markers, crayons, scissors, rulers, glue sticks, bottled glue, pocket folders, spiral notebooks, loose-leaf paper, colored pencils and pencil sharpeners to the MBA office, 620 SW 5th Ave. Ste. 1220, Portland.

MBA Noon Time Rides

Gather at SW Yamhill and Broadway between noon and 12:10 p.m. on Mondays and Thursdays. Contact Ray Thomas at 503.228.5222 with questions, or meet at the start.

Multnomah County Legal Aid Receives Grant from the Roscoe C. Nelson, Jr. Fund

The Multnomah County Office of Legal Aid Services of Oregon has received a \$34,211 grant from the Roscoe C. Nelson, Jr. Fund for Pro Bono Law Services to the Poor, administered by the Oregon Community Foundation. Nelson practiced law in Portland for 52 years and helped the poor by providing free legal services throughout his career. His family members and friends established the fund to honor this tradition. The purpose of the endowment is to connect volunteer lawyers with low-income people in need of legal services in Multnomah County.

OMLA's 12th Annual Summer Social and Fundraising Auction is July 21

Join OMLA on July 21 at 5:30 p.m. at the World Trade Center for the 12th annual social and auction. Please see the ad on page 15 for details.

Queen's Bench Events Monthly Luncheon

Please join Queen's Bench at Tree's Restaurant, 1211 SW 5th Ave., on Tuesday, August 9, 11:45 a.m.-1 p.m. Cost is \$14. Patricia Anderson of Dining for Women will talk about her organization, which helps impoverished women.

For more information on Queens Bench activities, contact Vice President Christine Coers-Mitchell at coers@comcast.net.

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Convocation on Equality

From Diversity to Inclusion Successes and Next Steps - November 4

by Akira Heshiki
Standard Insurance Company

10 YEARS AGO, THE MBA partnered with OSB and OWLS to do something extraordinary - they decided to break the rules. Lawyers don't often break rules - which is why this was such a noteworthy event. And on November 15, 2001 hundreds of legal professionals gathered in the ballroom of the Hilton in Portland Oregon to participate.

What rule was broken? Until about 1999, the rule for lawyers focusing on diversity efforts had always been on helping to increase and maintain the pipeline. The working theory was that the solution for the lack of diversity in the legal profession was as simple as a supply and demand equation. If we want more diverse lawyers, we need more diverse law students.

Then in 1999, former chief of the Oregon Court of Appeals, Judge George Joseph, along with Judge Van Dyk, Mark Wada, and Lisa LeSage began asking "so then what happens?" Judge Joseph and his group changed the focus, and indeed, broke the rule. They

looked at trying to identify barriers and pathways that impacted the retention of diverse lawyers in Oregon, or the "demand" side of the equation. The result of this simple inquiry was the enormous success of the 2001 Convocation on Equality.

Bill Crow chaired a committee on large firm recruitment and retention. Steven Crew and Dave Simon (members of the MBA Equality Committee) chaired the small and mid-sized firm recruitment committee. Libby Schwartz chaired a networking committee, and former Oregon Supreme Court Justice Betty Roberts chaired the mentoring committee. As a result of the convocation, a new section of the OSB was created - the Diversity Section - a section that continues to pursue the important work set forth by these committees.

Ten years later, it is time to take a look at the work that has been done and celebrate the accomplishments we have made. The convocation once

again focuses on energizing lawyers, while providing them with knowledge and tools to continue to work on diversity and inclusion efforts in Oregon. Plans are underway to provide three concurrently running tracks of CLEs and programs to meet the needs of the individuals attending. Starbucks General Counsel Paula Boggs will be providing a keynote as well as our own home-grown expert on diversity and inclusion in the legal profession, Judge Ellen Rosenblum.



Convocation on Equality

The MBA once again is playing a key role in the planning of the convocation. In addition to being a major "Chinook" level sponsor, and a co-sponsoring bar organization, members of the YLD and Equality Committee spearhead the award and recognition committee. Josh Ross, chair of the Convocation Awards Committee stated:

"[w]orking on the convocation was a natural fit for the MBA Equality Committee and the focus of our work, and we were honored by the invitation to help plan the recognition portion of the

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program. Our committee works each year to advance the cause of diversity within the bar, and we look forward to attending and participating in the convocation."

At the convocation the bar will honor past work and encourage others to carry those efforts forward by recognizing Oregon

lawyers who have contributed to advancing the cause of diversity in our community over the last 10 years. The bar encourages nominations from the community. Nominees will have demonstrated a commitment to

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Enjoy the opportunity to play beautiful Columbia Edgewater and support the MBA's annual fundraiser for the Volunteer Lawyers Project (VLP) at LASO. Help us meet the 2011 goal to raise \$15,000 for VLP! This event will include hole-in-one and auxiliary tee prizes, raffle and door prizes, dinner and awards. Tournament co-chairs are Dylan Cernitz and Kelly Evans of Gevurtz Menashe et al. Details to be announced. Sponsor opportunities available. See insert or register at www.mbabar.org.

**Golf Clinic & Networking Event
RedTail Golf Center**

Thursday, August 11

The MBA, Oregon Society of CPAs and Oregon Bankers Association have joined forces to offer a golf clinic and networking event at RedTail Golf Center in Beaverton. Golfers of any level will get pointers from a pro, sharpen their swing with a Trackman golf aid device and hit range balls to their heart's content. End the evening socializing over hosted hors d'oeuvres. A cash bar will be available. Complimentary club rental and unlimited range balls included. \$20 pre-registration is required. Sponsorship opportunities available. See insert or register at www.mbabar.org.

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Around the Bar



Susan Hammer

Susan Hammer received the first Award for Transformational Leadership from Planned Parenthood Columbia-Willamette (PPCW). Susan chaired the PPCW Capital Campaign "Let's Build," raising \$12.5 million for a new Regional Service Center on Martin Luther King Boulevard. She also served as chair of the PPCW Board during a time when the organization grew from five to nine health care centers. PPCW provides health care services to 60,000 women, men and teens each year. 95% of the services are the "planned part" - contraception, annual exams, STD testing and cancer screening. 92% of the patients are low income and for many, PPCW is their only health care provider. PPCW provides comprehensive, medically accurate sex education to over 10,000 young people in Oregon and Southwest Washington each year.



Brendan McDonnell



Laura Salerno Owens

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Corporate partner **Brendan McDonnell** was appointed the administrative partner for the Portland office and member of the firm-wide management committee.

Laura Salerno Owens was selected by the federal judges of Oregon to serve a three-year term as a lawyer representative for the Ninth Circuit. In this position, Laura will attend the annual Ninth Circuit Judicial Conferences as well as be responsible for coordinating with federal judges locally and putting on events within Oregon. Laura was selected to be a lawyer representative because of her role as the co-chair of the Young Lawyers Section of the Oregon Chapter of the Federal Bar Association.



David Bartz Jr.



Jeremy T. Vermilyea

Schwabe Williamson & Wyatt

David Bartz Jr., president and shareholder of the firm, received the Liberty and Hope Award from the Oregon League of Minority Voters (OLMV).

The Liberty and Hope Award is the OLMV's highest honor and recognizes those who have taken extraordinary steps in elevating the economic, social, educational and political aspirations of minorities in Oregon. The award was presented at OLMV's fourth annual Liberty and Hope Awards Dinner, which convenes minority leaders, other key public and private sector leaders, and community members to meet and celebrate Oregon's minority communities.

Bartz focuses his practice on the litigation of environmental and construction issues.

The firm recently bolstered its construction litigation practice with the addition of **Jeremy T. Vermilyea** as a shareholder. Vermilyea will continue to focus his practice in the area of construction.



David D. VanSpeybroeck

Sussman Shank

David D. VanSpeybroeck joined the firm as a partner in its litigation practice group. He will continue to focus his practice on complex litigation, commercial disputes and insurance coverage.

Bullard Law

The labor and employment law firm **Bullard Law** has moved its offices to the 200 SW Market Building in downtown Portland, a building with the highest possible sustainability rating, LEED Platinum, obtained in 2010. The building provides full recycling and composting, uses outside air for cooling and has automatic dimming lights to reduce electricity use. In addition to being near mass transit, the building offers on-site bike storage, locker rooms and showers to make the transition between home and work easier for bikers, walkers and runners.

The firm's new address is 200 SW Market St. Ste. 1900, Portland OR 97201. All other contact information remains the same.



David A. Ernst

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Julene M. Quinn joined the firm. Her appellate practice emphasizes workers' compensation cases as well as a full range of civil and administrative matters. Quinn also handles the following matters: administrative level workers' compensation, Social Security disability cases and personal injury.

Annual Meeting



Sarah Crooks congratulates Michael Schrunck on receiving the Professionalism Award



Sarah Crooks with MBA Merit Award recipients Mark Hackett, Jeff Cogen, Deborah Kafoury, Diane McKeel and the Hon. Paul J. De Muniz (Judy Shiprack not pictured)



Kim Griffith with YLS Award of Merit recipients Sean Ray and Ben Cox



Sarah Crooks with Pro Bono Award winners Thomas Chow, Diane Gould, William Miner and Amy Joseph Pedersen

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Tips From the Bench

Winning a Business Case

Three of the Keys to Success

by Judge Jerome LaBarre
Multnomah County Circuit Court

SOME OF THE MOST challenging cases to present involve business disputes. This is true whether you are plaintiffing or defending a case in court, in arbitration or in mediation. While there are no “one size fits all” answers for all cases, in my experience there are certain keys to success which really work. I learned things the hard way in the long years that I tried business cases. Now as a judge, these lessons ring true.

Business cases usually require making a presentation to people unfamiliar with the complexities of the industry, companies or transactions involved. Your task is formidable. You must simultaneously educate and persuade the jurors (and keep them awake in the process). There are typically thousands of documents and electronic transmissions involved, and there can be complicated layers of detail to unravel. For a plaintiff there is a real danger you will get a “ho-hum” response leading to defeat. For a defendant there is a risk that they might not “get it” and you lose your case because they missed the point.

Here are my top three keys to success:

- **Organize Your Case to Tell a Story.** Sound organization of your case is imperative in handling business litigation. Recent brain research indicates that when decision makers hear facts, they seek to develop a story line. As an attorney it is your job to get command of the facts and present them in a way which will convey a compelling story. I have found that organizing the story chronologically is usually best. At its core the story must be simple and show the righteousness of your position. Do not forget to



focus the effort in equal parts on liability and damages.

- **Establish a Theme - and Stick With it.** At the heart of your case's story is your theme. It can also be a great organizing principle in the preparation and presentation of your case. A good way to discover a theme is to start with your verdict form or its equivalent. Make sure that the theme shows up in every part of your case. It can also help give you a direction in deciding on pretrial discovery and other decisions in your case. Your theme is basically a short “elevator speech” or bumper sticker statement about why you should win.

- **Seek Simplicity.** Less is more when it comes to presenting a business case. Once you start trial preparation your goal is to make the complex simple. You must cut to the essence. While discovery may turn up thousands of documents, they do not all merit becoming trial exhibits. 50 exhibits are usually better than 500. Your theme and good organization promote simplicity and simplicity in turn promotes your theme.

In conclusion, the best way I know to win a tough business case is to organize and simplify it so that you can tell a story with a compelling theme.

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

Steve has been on the board since 2008 and was the treasurer last year. He previously chaired the MBA Judicial Screening Committee; was a commissioner of the Oregon Law Commission, past president and past director of the OADC, past lawyer representative of the Ninth Circuit Judicial Conference and is a member of the ABA Litigation Section.

Bonnie Richardson, Folawn Alterman Richardson, is secretary.

Bonnie is a co-founder and managing partner of her law firm. She is a trial lawyer, representing clients in legal malpractice cases, trust litigation, insurance coverage disputes and complex business litigation. She has been an MBA board member since 2009. Bonnie has served on the MBA Equality committee and has chaired the MBA CLE committee. Bonnie received the MBA Pro Bono Award of Merit for her work with the Oregon Law Center. She currently co-chairs



Steve Blackhurst



Bonnie Richardson

an international workgroup for foreign exchange students.

Julia M. Hagan, Gevurtz Menashe, is treasurer. She practices in the areas of family and juvenile law and guardianship of minors. She is a 1984 graduate of Lewis & Clark Law School and a 1979 graduate of Santa Clara University.

Julia has been on the board since 2009 and previously chaired the MBA Judicial Screening and Court Liaison committees. She is the MBA liaison to the Multnomah County Criminal Justice Advisory Committee.



Julia Hagan

Sarah J. Crooks, Perkins Coie, continues on the MBA Board as past president.

MBA Seeks Public Member for Judicial Screening

NON-ATTORNEY MEMBERS OF THE public are invited to apply for a three-year term on the MBA Judicial Screening Committee. This MBA committee confidentially screens judicial and pro tem candidates for appointment to the Multnomah County Circuit Court bench. Public member criteria are listed below.

- Public members must work or reside in Multnomah County and be at least 21 years of age. No person may serve as a public member who is (1) a lawyer or former lawyer in any jurisdiction, (2) employed by a lawyer, (3) married to or a domestic partner of a lawyer, or (4) the parent, child or sibling of a lawyer. Desirable qualities of public members include integrity, honesty, discretion, familiarity with the legal system and the ability to communicate effectively.
- Applicants should be prepared to submit the following additional information: reason for interest in serving as a public member; employment and educational background; prior public or community service; and the names and contact information for at least three references.

For an application and information on the committee's process, visit www.mbabar.org/documents.htm. For a Word version of the application or for more information, call 503.222.3275 or email Carol Hawkins, carol@mbabar.org.

Judicial Brown Bag

THE MBA COURT LIAISON Committee hosted its spring judicial brown bag on May 20, in presiding court. Presiding Judge Jean Maurer, Judges Henry Kantor, Christopher Marshall and Leslie Roberts were the panelists and the topic was discovery disputes. The

discussion was quite interesting as both the judges and the members of the bar had plenty of questions for each other. All involved found the meeting to be fun and informative.

The MBA presents judicial brown bags twice a year - once in the fall and once in the spring -

and these are great opportunities for informal discussions with the judges. If there are topics you would like to have covered in future judicial brown bag events, please contact the MBA at mba@mbabar.org, or Eric Dahlin, Court Liaison Committee Chair.

Family & Friends Golf at McMenamins Edgefield

Thursday, July 14

Back by popular demand, the **MBA Family & Friends** golf outing is at McMenamins Edgefield in Troutdale. Invite your clients, bring your family, tell your friends! Join us for an afternoon of pitch and putt golf, putting contest, games and face painting for the kids, prizes and fun! Play nine holes; tee times begin at 2 p.m. \$20 for adults; \$15 for children (17 and under). This event is co-sponsored by the OWLS Foundation. See insert or register at www.mbabar.org.

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Want to be a mentor or mentee with the MBA Mentor Program? See information and sign up form at www.mbabar.org.

Mike Schrunk

2011 MBA Professionalism Award Recipient

MIKE HAS SERVED AS THE Multnomah County District Attorney for 30 years. Nominators complimented him for his thoughtful consideration to the rights of both victims and accused, for his collaborative and inclusive style, his enormous amount of energy, his work to make the public safety system better and for modeling the high expectations he has for those who work for him.

We asked Mike to talk about professionalism at the MBA annual meeting. Excerpts from that talk follow.

"I am honored and humbled to receive this award. I am awed by the list of past recipients – lawyers who I have served with on committees, tried cases with, sought advice from and admired from afar. Like most of you, I am a product of the legal culture in this community. I'm the work of professors, mentors, role models known and unknown. You are a role model to people without even knowing it.

"We have a recognized culture of professionalism in our community that we can be proud of. We have a reputation for innovation and professionalism.

"What is professionalism? It's frequently said that it is difficult to define and has been subjected to much study and discussion by bar associations, commissions and

law schools. We can look to the MBA and OSB professionalism statements, rules of the ABA and the county DA policies to help us answer the question that has been the subject of much discussion. U.S. Supreme Court Justice Sandra Day O'Connor said that 'Professionalism requires adherence to the highest ethical standards of conduct and a willingness to subordinate narrow self-interest in pursuit of the more fundamental goal of public service.' Still, others wonder and the debate continues.

"Professionalism is not the minimum standard of ethics, but a higher standard. One can be ethical without being professional, but one cannot be professional without being ethical. It is an aspirational standard above and beyond ethics. It includes excellent service to clients and civility, which are not inconsistent with zealous advocacy, plus respect for the law, courts and public service.

"How is the culture of professionalism created and passed on? How do we get there? Through mentors and role models and senior lawyers in your firm who take you under their wing, answer endless questions, problem solve, brainstorm, give you advice, debrief with you and give feedback.

"The true role models are often people we view from afar.

We observe our colleagues during trial, a deal closing, office project, bar function and out in the community and think he or she has it all together or has some quality we want to emulate.

"We've had a constant stream of outstanding presiding judges, and men and women willing to work to make access to justice and the practice of law better for all. It doesn't mean that we always agree. The bench/bar collaboration fulfills a need by exploring new ways of doing business, problem solving and service to clients and the public.

"We must celebrate professionalism because we have a lot to be proud of here in Multnomah County and the State of Oregon. We have a deserved

reputation because of the high level of work done by members of the bar, the bench, everyone working together to be innovative. We've created model programs to handle docketing and case resolution.

"How do we celebrate professionalism? By taking advantage of opportunities within our professional organizations, continuing

to adhere to the hallmarks of professionalism. The list is endless but includes good service, civility, respect, negotiation, public service and giving back to the community.

"I've had the privilege to be on MBA, OSB and ABA committees and no matter what the subject matter of the committee, professionalism is raised as a discussion point and I have found that discussion stimulating. So watch for opportunities to stay involved and get involved. Recruit others to be involved.

"Growth and change in our profession demands

innovation, and also provides opportunity. There are more lawyers, different ways of doing business and the global economy to consider. The use and effect of instant communication with social media, Facebook and

Twitter influences us daily. Plus now we have E-court, E-discovery, new opportunities, new ways of advising clients and resolving disputes and we have specialty courts.

"Will professionalism survive? I believe it will because you continue to pass it on. The challenge to all of us is to sustain and grow the culture of professionalism.

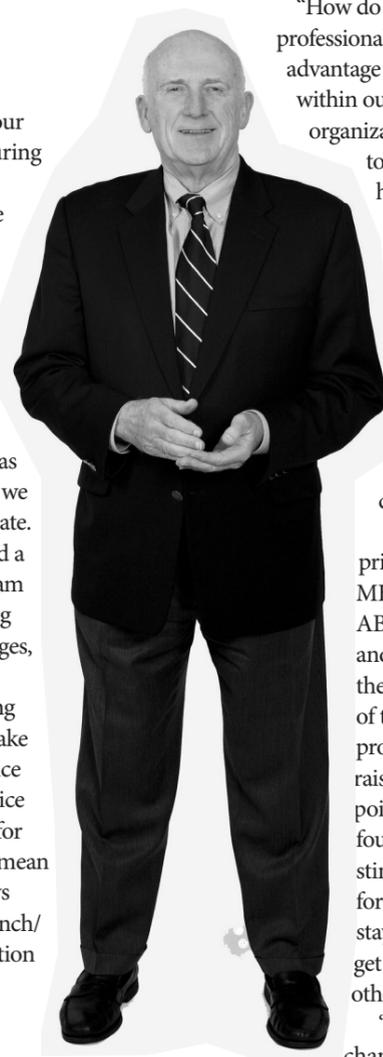
"A mentor long ago shared the following poem with me to help guide me in my career.

Bag of Tools

Isn't it strange that princes and kings,
And clowns that caper in sawdust rings,
And common people like you and me
Are builders for eternity?
Each is given his bag of tools,
His day to work and his book of rules
And each must build 'ere life,
has flown
A stumbling block or a stepping stone.

R. L. Sharpe, 1936.

"That stepping stone is professionalism. My charge to all of you is to sustain and grow the culture of professionalism."



IF YOU HAVE FELT A new energy force in the legal community, it just might be coming from a quickly growing group of lawyers dedicated to networking, career development and encouraging diversity in judicial and senior appointed government positions. In just a couple of years, they have sponsored seminars, setup a strong organizational structure and hosted the National Asian Pacific American Bar Association's first Western Regional Conference.

The founders of the newly established Oregon Asian Pacific American Bar Association (OAPABA) started meeting in late 2008 after attending a national convention in Seattle. They "came back all excited about being at the convention and seeing what other groups were doing." The experience made them hope to become a chapter affiliated with the national organization, and also to establish their own nonprofit. They wanted the local Asian Pacific American (APA) attorneys to have a connection with the national organization. Many of the organization's members have been active in Oregon Minority Lawyers Association (OMLA) but they desired a national connection and perspective. They plan to be "as

inclusive as possible" and include attorneys of Indian, Pakistani and Pacific Islander descent.

OAPABA's mission is to "promote the professional development and advancement of APA attorneys through education, research and programs; to act as a vehicle and forum for expressing opinions on matters of concern to APA attorneys and our communities; and to encourage and foster communication among APA attorneys on issues affecting our work, communities and government."

Founders were Connie Kong, Law Clerk for U.S. District Court; Jessica Asai, OHSU; Julia Markley, Perkins Coie; Joelle Tavan, Miller Nash; Mami Fujii, Attorney at Law; Elisa Dozono,

Miller Nash; David Wang, Vestas; and Angela Sagalewicz, Schwabe Williamson & Wyatt.

One of the biggest challenges to OAPABA is "getting the word out that we exist and why we exist, what we're trying to do. One of the best things about the regional conference is the opportunity to reach out to APA attorneys and tell them about the conference, our board elections and what we're doing," said Elisa Dozono, incoming OAPABA president. "We can get new ideas from other affiliates and also share with the national organization what Oregon is doing, like the OLIO program," she continued.

Their judicial advocacy has helped establish OAPABA as a known entity. They encouraged

Lynn Nakamoto to apply for the Oregon Court of Appeals opening, to which she was recently appointed.

After starting with just 40 members, they've grown to over 100 through outreach and waiving student fees, both to encourage mentorship and future diversity in Oregon's legal community. There are about 400 self-identified APAs



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statewide. Part of their growth success has been their ability to bring in speakers with national

prominence, such as Holly Fujie, former president of the State Bar of California, John Chiang, California State Controller and Carol Lam, Deputy General Counsel for Qualcomm.

Growing their membership continues to be a strong focus, especially to encourage APA members outside the Portland area to join, although most self-identified APAs are in Portland.

"We want to collaborate with other bars to increase diversity in the legal profession. We've co-sponsored events like 'Road to the Bench' with OWLS and the MBA diversity social and we partner with OWLS on their mentoring circle," explained Connie Kong, OAPABA board director at large.

Dues are \$50 for lawyers, judges and other professionals. Lawyers with lower income levels pay \$25 and student membership is free.

For more information about OAPABA and its activities, go to www.oapaba.org.

Oregon Asian Pacific American Bar Association

One of Oregon's Fast-Growing Diversity Bars

Mark Your Calendars for the 2011 Convocation on Equality on November 4

by Judy A.C. Edwards
MBA Executive Director

YLS Officers Elected

Nicholas A. Kampars, YLS President for 2011-12, graduated from Willamette University College of Law and was admitted to the OSB in 2006. He practices in the areas of employment and commercial litigation at Davis Wright Tremaine. Kampars previously was a member of the YLS Pro Bono Committee, was on the CEJ Board of Directors and has served on the YLS Board as director and as treasurer and president-elect.



Nicholas A. Kampars



Sarah M. Petersen

Duke Tufty, President-Elect, is an alcohol regulatory attorney at Davis Wright Tremaine. He graduated cum laude from Lewis & Clark Law School and was admitted to the OSB in 2007. Duke has been a member of the YLS Professional Development and Education Committee and its chair. He serves on the OLCC's Enforcement and Licensing Workgroup, is a member of many alcohol regulatory and hospitality industry associations and completed the Portland Business Alliance "Leadership Portland" program in 2010.



Duke Tufty



Bernadette Nunley

Sarah M. Petersen, Treasurer, graduated from Lewis & Clark Law School and was admitted to the OSB in 2008. She has first-hand experience with labor and employment law, both as a former manager and as an employment attorney. Previously, Sarah clerked for the Oregon

DOJ's Family Law Section and the Multnomah County Attorney's Office. Sarah has been on the YLS Futures Committee and served as its co-chair. She joined the YLS Board in 2010.

Bernadette Nunley, Secretary, is an assistant county attorney for Multnomah County and advises the county's Health Department, Purchasing Department, Office of Sustainability, Public Library

and Animal Services. She also trains employees about public official ethics law, public records and meetings law and using social networking for government purposes. She is a member of the Multnomah County Equity Council and serves as a mentor for the county's Leadership Academy.

Kimberly Griffith, Attorney at Law, continues on the YLS Board as past president.

YLS Recognition Event

THE FIRST YLS recognition event to celebrate the hard work of volunteers was held June 15 at McMenamins Kennedy School. A taco bar and refreshments gave volunteers an opportunity to relax, have fun and remember the achievements of their committees' year. Thank you to everyone who attended!

Thank you to Barran Liebman and Davis Wright Tremaine for supporting this event.



Outgoing YLS President Kim Griffith receives a plaque from incoming YLS President Nick Kampars

The YLS Wants You to Get Smart About Intellectual Property

by Iris Tilley
Barran Liebman

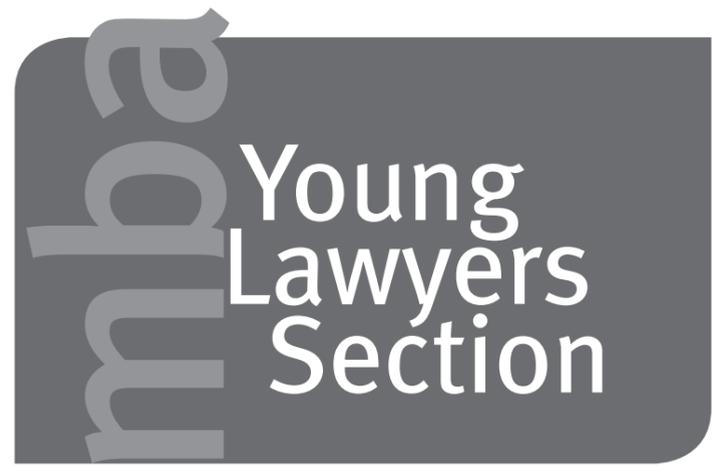
ON SEPTEMBER 15, the MBA YLS Professional Development & Education Committee will kick off its final CLE series of the year, Basic Intellectual Property Law Every Young Lawyer Should Know. With a wide range of relevant topics, this new series is sure to offer something for attorneys regularly working in the field of intellectual property and

those who encounter intellectual property concepts in passing.

In addition to covering the basics of copyright, trademark and patent law, the nine-week series will give attendees an introduction to online contracts and litigating intellectual property cases; address common legal issues associated with social networking; and cover the basics of entertainment law and ethical issues unique to the

"information age." Speakers will include attorneys from Elliott, Ostrander & Preston, Mohr IP Law Solutions, Barran Liebman and Stoel Rives.

Those who attend the entire series will receive eight hours of practical skills credit and one hour of ethics MCLE credit. To register or to learn more about any of the CLEs organized by the YLS PDE Committee, please contact Ryan Mosier at ryan@mbabar.org.



Ali D. Seals Pro Bono Spotlight

by Craig Foster
Tonkon Torp

NEW LAWYERS MAY THINK they need extensive experience before tackling a pro bono matter. Maybe not. Ali D. Seals, a transactional real estate attorney at Schwabe, Williamson & Wyatt, took on his first pro bono matter early in his legal career. Through the YLS Nonprofit Project, Ali found an opportunity to negotiate a ground lease for a nonprofit corporation that sought to build a library in Jefferson, Oregon. After a year and well over 100 hours of time, the project has continued and Ali's role has expanded to help the client with other aspects of the project.

While Ali certainly hit the ground running, his life before the law provided valuable insights into the commercial real estate industry. After completing his B.A. at the University of California at Berkeley, Ali worked as a commercial real estate broker in California's East Bay area assisting clients like Children's Hospital Oakland, Metrovation and The American Lung Association. As a broker, he became more and more interested in the structure of the deals he encountered, and he noticed that many of the developers he worked with were lawyers. Ali then knew he wanted to help clients on a deeper level by assisting in the negotiation and structuring of those deals. And he knew had to be a lawyer to do that.

So, he headed to law school at the University of Oregon and became a transactional real estate



attorney. Since early 2010, Ali has been practicing in Schwabe's real estate department, representing major clients in their real estate decisions including investment, development and leasing.

In addition to his pro bono work with the YLS Nonprofit Project, Ali has taken on the role of President of the Oregon Chapter of the National Bar Association, an association of legal professionals dedicated to assisting and uplifting the African-American community in Oregon.

When he's not practicing law, you can find Ali enjoying all the spoils of the Pacific Northwest, including our outstanding breweries, snow sports and numerous live music venues.

For more information about how to find a business transactional pro bono case through the YLS Nonprofit Project, contact Jovita Wang, Miller Nash, at 503.205.2456.

Imprint Program

The Imprint Program wrapped up another great year with two parties in early May. Over 90 volunteers participated in the program, writing a series of letters to their pen pals at Parkrose High School as they read *Things Fall Apart*, *The Other Wes Moore*, and *Lord of the Flies* with the students. At the year-end parties the volunteers finally got to meet their students in person and a great time was had by all. The YLS Service to the Public Committee would like to thank all of our committed volunteers who once again made the Imprint Program a fantastic experience for the students.

Community Law Week 2011

by Jeanne Sinnott
Miller Nash and YLS Service to
the Public Committee Chair

THE ABA THEME for Community Law Week 2011 was "The Legacy of John Adams, From Boston to Guantanamo." The goal was to honor John Adams' legacy of adhering to the rule of law and defending the accused, even when advocating



for unpopular or controversial clients or matters. To honor this theme, the YLS Service to the Public Committee screened the documentary *Disturbing the Universe*. The documentary follows the career of William Kunstler, a self-proclaimed "radical lawyer" and civil rights activist. Kunstler was best known for his defense of the Chicago Seven, as well as his defense of members of the Black Panther party and the Attica Prison rioters. The screening was at the

Hollywood Theater on May 5 and was free to the public with a suggested donation to the Oregon Food Bank.

In addition to the free screening, the committee hosted "Tell it to the Judge" at the Lloyd Center on May 7. There, members of the public were invited to ask judges questions ranging from how the legal system works to what the judges are paid. The brave volunteer judges this year were Judges Maureen McKnight, Michael McShane, Kathryn Villa-Smith and Diana Stuart. The event was a success, thanks to the gracious judges who participated.

Finally, the committee hosted legal information booths at various locations in Multnomah County throughout the week. Volunteer lawyers staffed the booths and provided information to members of the public regarding available legal services.



The YLS Service to the Public Committee thanks all of the young lawyers and judges who volunteered for Community Law Week!

A Jungle Gym in the Jungle 2011 Multnomah CourtCare Campaign Nears Its \$100,000 Goal

Over \$97,000 was raised during the campaign to fund the free childcare program at the Multnomah County Courthouse. The CourtCare Campaign raised about \$60,000 from large firms and organizations, \$12,000 from small firms and \$20,000 from February's WinterSmash benefit bowling event. The MBA contributed \$5,000 and the YLS raised \$845 at their annual CourtCare raffle.

The MBA wishes especially to thank **Hwa Go**, Harrang Long Gary Rudnick, for chairing the campaign.

The **CourtCare Proudest Pride Award** for the largest donation from a firm went to **Davis Wright Tremaine**. The **CourtCare Loftiest Leap Award** for the largest donation per capita went to **Buchanan Angeli et al**.

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Multnomah CourtCare Space Transformed

by Judy A.C. Edwards
MBA Executive Director

GENEROSITY AND SELFLESSNESS best describe the transformation of the childcare space at the downtown Multnomah County Courthouse. It all started with the idea to paint and freshen up the old jury room that has served as the space where 9,000 children have played since late 2001 while their parents had to be in court.



Before

The "paint and freshen up" idea started at the Markowitz, Herbold, Glade & Mehlhaf law firm as a way to give back to the community in celebration of their 25th anniversary in 2008. But when Mary Rower, paralegal at the firm,

visited the space, she thought, "Oh, we can do a lot more than paint and freshen up!" Her vision and leadership, and the firm's financial and in-kind support, as well as that of the architects and many contractors, has led to a whole new design concept for the room and the completion of a fabulously remodeled space where children love to spend time.

After years of planning, "It is amazing to see it come together so beautifully, due to the dedication and hard work of companies such as Yost Grube Hall and Howard S. Wright," said Mary.

Other generous contractor donors include Uncommon Cabinetry, Cochran Broadway Electric, Contract Flooring Consultants, Don Herbst Painting, Fred Shearer & Sons, Power Plumbing, Rose City Cabinets and Kari Dunham, mural artist.

While most of the nearly \$100,000 project has been donated or paid for with financial donations, approximately \$10,000 still needs to be raised. For information on how to help close the gap in paying for the project, please contact Mary Rower at 503.295.3085 or maryrower@mhgm.com.

Thank you to the following individuals and companies for their

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Multnomah CourtCare is a project of the Multnomah Bar Association, which contracts with Volunteers of America Oregon to operate the free childcare program. For more information about the program, please contact me at 503.222.3275 or judy@mbabar.org.

Convocation on Equality
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advancing diversity and making our community an even better place to live and practice law. Legal and non-law organizations, such as law firms, nonprofits, community organizations, groups and individuals are invited to submit nominations. Nomination forms and further information can be found at <http://osbdiversity.homestead.com/>.

The 2011 Convocation on Equality will be held at the Oregon Convention Center on Friday, November 4.

For more information on how you can participate, contact one of the diversity section organizers, Akira Heshiki (akira.heshiki@standard.com) or Emilie Edling (emilie.edling@bullivant.com).

You can also “friend” the Convocation on Equality on Facebook for the latest news on what is happening.

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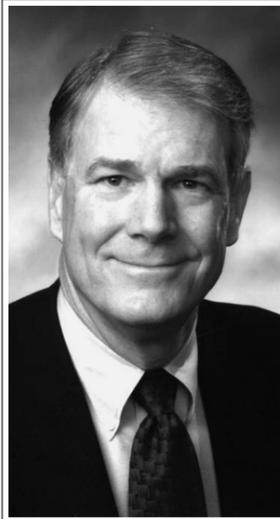
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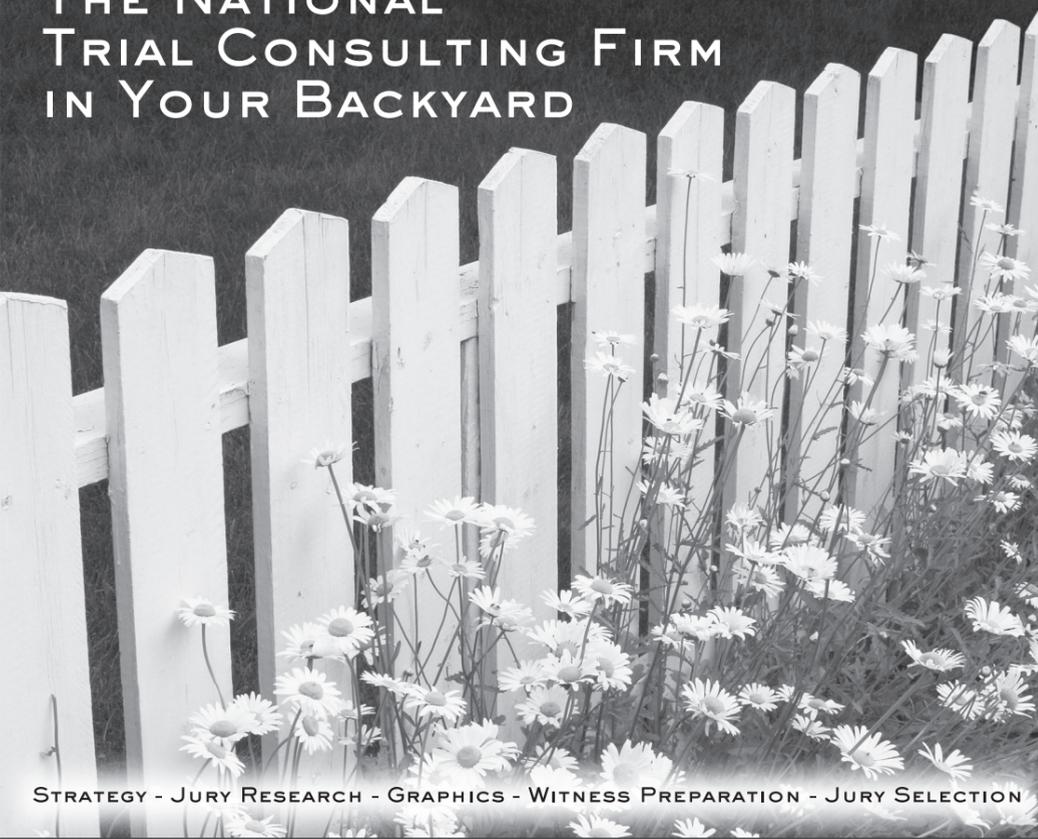
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Spotlight on Grants: SOAR Helping New Americans Participate in Our Democracy

by Pamela B. Hubbs
Office and Foundation
Administrator

THE MBF GAVE **Sponsors Organized to Assist Refugees (SOAR)** a grant of \$5,000 for their Voter Education Project, which teaches newly naturalized

citizens in the tri-county area about the US voting system and helps them register to vote. Immigrants and refugees make up approximately 13 percent of Portland's population and those who apply for citizenship do so for a variety of reasons. SOAR learned that voting has rarely been

the primary reason for naturalization and that out of all registered voters in Oregon, only 5.8 percent are naturalized Americans.

The Voter Education Project will use monthly classes to register these newest

Americans to vote, teach them what it means to vote, how to read a voter pamphlet and where and when to vote. The MBF grant allows SOAR to offer classes, conduct outreach, recruit volunteer teachers and develop a curriculum. The goals of the Voter Education Project are full immigrant integration, civic participation and voter engagement.

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