



February Bar Lunch Meeting

The next Lane County Bar Association meeting will be held on Thursday, February 14 at noon, at the Oregon Electric Station. The Lane County Bar will present a panel on Child Abuse Reporting, with the Honorable Gregory G. Foote as moderator. Application for one child abuse reporting CLE credit will be made. The cost is \$12.00. Please bring cash or a check made payable to OES and pay on site. No credit cards please. RSVP by February 13 to Elise Balesteri at 686-8833 or via e-mail at elise@gleaveslaw.com.

News From Judge Karsten H. Rasmussen About the Civil Motions Docket

Effective immediately the following changes will be made regarding the Civil Motions docket.

1. **Appearing by telephone for oral argument.** See UTCR 5.050. If one attorney appears by phone pursuant to UTCR 5.050, all the attorneys will be expected to appear by phone. Naturally, on some occasions attorneys may mistakenly appear in court for oral argument, in which case argument will proceed with attorneys both by phone and in court. However, the Court prefers that all attorneys either be present in court for argument or that all attorneys appear by phone.
2. **Setting telephonic argument.** The attorney who requests telephonic argument is responsible for arranging and placing the conference call which includes the Court and all the attorneys. The Court's antiquated phone system is unable to place multiple-party phone conferences. The date of the argument will be set by the Court for a time between 10:00 am and 11:00 am and counsel will be notified. The Motions docket will continue to be heard on Monday mornings.
3. **Motions to postpone.** If the parties stipulate to postponement of a hearing on a motion (or, in the case of a non-oral consideration, to move the date of consideration) the parties must file a stipulation to that effect in the Motions Judge's chambers no later than noon on the Thursday prior to the Monday set for hearing.
4. **Conceding or Withdrawing motions from the Motions docket.** If a party wishes to either concede a motion or withdraw a motion on the Motions docket, that party must file a pleading to that effect in the Motions Judge's chambers no later than noon on the Thursday prior to the Monday set for hearing. The motion will then either be granted as conceded or denied as moot. Please also send a fax of the pleading to the Motions Judge's chambers. This prevents unnecessary research and review of the motion.
5. **If a case settles before the Motion is decided.** If a case settles, please notify the Motion Judge's chambers before the motion is decided. The Motion will then be denied as moot.
6. **Judge Charles Carlson is now the back-up and conflict civil motions judge.** His chambers are on the fourth floor of the Courthouse.
7. **UTCrs and SLRs.** Attorneys are strongly urged to refer to and comply with all SLRs and UTCRs. Attorneys are required to know these rules! As one example of not understanding the rules, there is a disturbing trend of attorneys who are submitting Motions to "dismiss motions." This is improper practice. Attorneys should file a "response in opposition."
8. **Late motions.** If an attorney files an untimely (i.e. late) responsive pleading (i.e. response or reply), it should be filed directly with the Motion Judge's chambers.
9. **Expedited requests.** Please make requests for expedited consideration rarely. Be sure that you comply with SLR 5.005 regarding these requests. As a general rule, if the request to expedite is granted, the Court will enter an order to that effect and the order will include a briefing and hearing schedule.
10. **Thank you for your attention to this news.**

Oregon Supreme Court Lunch

The March LCBA meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 5 at noon, at the Oregon Electric Station. The March lunch will include a visit by the Oregon Supreme Court. The cost is \$15.00. Please bring cash or a check made payable to OES and pay on site. No credit cards please. PLEASE NOTE THE ONE-TIME CHANGE IN COST AND CHANGE IN DAY OF THE WEEK. RSVP by March 4, 2008, to Elise Balesteri at 686-8833 or via e-mail at elise@gleaveslaw.com.

Legal Professionals/Parents Section Meeting

The Lane County Lawyer-Parent section is moving its monthly meetings to the third Wednesday of each month. Our next meeting is Wednesday, February 20, noon to 1 p.m. with the location to be announced by e-mail. This month's meeting will be a general meeting to discuss committee business, including events planning, and/or to serve as a "vent" session to discuss whatever is on your mind about parenting. For more information, please contact Natalie C. Scott at Muhlheim Boyd, 88 East Broadway, Eugene, OR 97401, nscott@mb-lawoffice.com, or 868-8005.

Employment Law Committee

The next LCBA Employment Law Committee meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 12, from noon-1 p.m. Dan Grinfas, currently of Stoel Rives and formerly of BOLI's technical assistance unit, will present a refresher on FMLA, OFLA, and military leave rights. CLE credit will be applied for. Please bring your lunch and join us at Watkinson Laird Rubenstein Baldwin and Burgess, P.C., 101 E Broadway, Suite 200, in Eugene. RSVP not required. If you have any questions, or would like to be added to the LCBA Employment Law list serve, contact Jaclyn Semple, Committee Chair, at 984-0208 or jsemple@wrlaw.com.

Family Law Lawyers!

New guidelines getting you down? Cash Medical Support means what?! Enforcement Issues? Shawn Brenizer from DOJ, Child Support Division, will present information on the new guideline rules at our section meeting on February 21 at noon in the cafeteria conference room of the Public Service Building. Come with questions. Suggestions for upcoming meetings to: Karrie McIntyre, 485-6162, or kkmcintyre@qwestoffice.net.

Law Day

The Lane County Bar Association is once again seeking attorneys to volunteer as speakers, to assist with mock trials, and to assist with courthouse tours for middle and high schools for activities to be associated with Law Day, near the date of May 1. The activities themselves (mock trials, speakers, courthouse tours, etc.) will be scheduled to meet with the various schools' needs. Please complete the enclosed questionnaire and return it as soon as possible to Bill Bromley at Bromley Newton LLP, 627 Country Club Road, Suite 200, Eugene, Oregon 97401 (fax: 343-4713; email: wb@bromleynewton.com).

Important CLE Notice

Did you attend the New Lawyers Committee presentation, "Legal Research on the Internet: Advantages and Pitfalls" on Tuesday, December 11, 2007? Sign-in sheets for this 2-hour training have been misplaced. If you attended, you will need to report your hours to Oregon State Bar manually. Questions? Call Kay Hyde-Patton at 485-3331 or email khydepatt@comcast.net.

NALS of Oregon

Thomas A. Huntsberger will speak on bankruptcy issues on February 13, at Lane County Public Service Building, 125 East 8th Avenue, Conference Room behind the Cafe' Today from 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m. For program registration please contact Darla Sanders at 338-9111 or email: darla@arnoldlawfirm.com or Patty Rusow at prusow@dgnmw.com by February 8.

Oregon Criminal Defense Lawyers Association

The Oregon Criminal Defense Lawyers Association will be holding the following seminars in Eugene March 14 and 15: "Identifying and Proving Post-Conviction Claims" Friday, March 14, 9 a.m. to noon, Valley River Inn, Eugene. "Search & Seizure, Evidence & Sentencing" Friday & Saturday, March 14-15, beginning at 1 p.m. on March 14. Valley River Inn, Eugene. These programs are open to anyone involved in the defense function. For programs or further information, please visit our website at www.ocdla.org.

Eugene-Springfield Tax Association

The Eugene-Springfield Tax Association will present John Draneas at the February 26 meeting. Mr. Draneas will be speaking on the Oregon Inheritance Tax. The meeting, which

will be held at the DAC, will begin at 5:30 p.m. with a no host bar and dinner served at 6:00 p.m. The presentation will begin at 6:45. Please contact Mary Savage at 687-1170 or msavage@ksbc.com for more information about our organization.

Announcements

Hutchinson, Cox, Coons, DuPriest, Orr & Sherlock, P.C. welcomes **Patrick L. Stevens'** as a shareholder in the Eugene firm. Stevens' practice focuses on business, banking, construction and bankruptcy matters. He represents many of Oregon's community banks and credit unions relating to their litigation, bankruptcy and complex loan transactions. Stevens also has extensive experience in both commercial and residential construction matters. Stevens can be reached at 686-9160 or www.eugene-law.com.

Andrew (Andy) SkinnerLopata, Cassandra (Cass) SkinnerLopata and Jet Harris are pleased to announce the opening of **SkinnerLopata Harris LLC**. Their firm will handle family law (dissolutions, adoptions, domestic partnership planning, abuse prevention orders and guardianships and conservatorships), business and commercial litigation, intellectual property litigation and transactions, internet law, estate planning and probate, medical malpractice, personal injury, real estate litigation and appellate practice. SkinnerLopata Harris LLC is located at 245 East 4th Avenue, Eugene, OR 97401, 434-2411, www.skinnerlopataharris.com.

Arnold Gallagher Saydack Percell Roberts & Potter, P.C. is pleased to announce that **Andrew P. Parks** has become a shareholder with the firm. Since joining the firm in 2003, A.P.'s practice has focused on commercial litigation, employment, and real estate disputes. He attended the University of Oregon School of Law and received his J.D. in 2002. A.P. is a member of the Oregon Association of Defense Counsel and a member of several non-profit organizations including The First Tee of Willamette Valley and the Crescent Meadows Homeowners Association.

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Place Bldg. at 101 E. Broadway. Includes use of conference rooms, reception area, and other common areas. DSL line provided. For more information, please call Fern Puls at 484-2277 or e-mail fpuls@WLRLLAW.com.

Welcome

Matt Cox and Joe Leahy are pleased to announce that effective January 1, 2008, **Bill Van Vactor** and **Mary Bridget Smith** have joined the firm. The firm name will be **Leahy, Van Vactor & Cox, LLP**.

Bill Van Vactor has been a member of the Oregon State Bar since 1975 serving as Lane County Counsel from 1980-1993, and Lane County Administrator from 1994-2007. He will serve as a Springfield City Attorney and represent private clients focusing on municipal law, urban renewal, land use, personnel and labor law.

Attorney Smith was admitted to the Washington State Bar in 2002 and the Oregon State Bar in 2007. Before joining the firm she worked as a Deputy Prosecuting Attorney and an Assistant City Attorney in Yakima, Washington from 2002-2006. At the City of Yakima she focused on municipal law, code enforcement and prosecution. She will serve as an Assistant City Attorney and also represent private clients. She will work in the areas of municipal law, land use, real estate and code enforcement.

It is a pleasure to have Bill and Mary Bridget join our firm.

Coming Events

2/12/08	Employment Law Committee meets
2/13/08	NALS Meets
2/14/08	LCBA Lunch Meeting
2/20/08	Lawyer-Parent Section Meets
2/21/08	Family Law Section meets
2/25/08	Bar News deadline
2/26/08	Eugene-Springfield Tax Assoc meets
3/5/08	LCBA Supreme Court Lunch
3/14- 3/15/08	OCDLA Seminars
5/1/08	Law Day (date approximate)

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