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LCBA Election Results

The Lane County Bar Association elections were held on June 14. Please join us in welcoming the following officers and board members for the 2007-08 year: **President:** Murray Petitt; **President-Elect:** Brian Thompson; **Secretary/Treasurer:** Matthew D. Longtin; **Board of Directors:** Jacy F. Arnold, Meg E. Kieren, Martha L. Roberts, Kristie Gibson, Hon. Eveleen Henry, and Jane Steckbeck.

LCBA's monthly lunch meetings are suspended until September. Happy Summer!

Judge Velure's Retirement Party

The members of the Lane County Circuit Court along with his many friends invite you to a retirement party to honor the service of The Honorable Lyle C. Velure on Friday, July 27, Pittman Room, Autzen Stadium 5:30 pm to 8:00 pm (hors d'oeuvres and no-host bar).

2nd Annual Pool Party and BBQ

There's still time to sign up for LCBA's BBQ and Pool Party, happening on Saturday, July 7 at Amazon Pool! Reservation forms are available online at <http://lanecountybar.org/>. Contact Brian Thompson at 505-9293 for more info.

Sign Up Now for the August 17 Em's Game

Remember to sign up for the annual LCBA at the Em's game, which will be held Friday, August 17 at 5:45 pm. This year, chicken and salmon burgers are added to the usual entree choices. The sign up form is included inside this Bar News and is available on the LCBA website at <http://lanecountybar.org/>. Reservations are due by July 31, so send yours in today. We look forward to seeing you at the game.

Save the Date!

For the First Annual ABC Golf Tournament (Attorneys, Bankers and CPAs) on Tuesday, August 14, 2007. Shotgun Start at 1:00 pm (BBQ to follow). Invited guests and other professionals welcome. Location: Springfield

Country Club. Registration forms are available in this issue of the Bar News and on the LCBA website. If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact Pat Lynd at 431-1435 or plynd@hershnerhunter.com; or Chris Hays at 687-2320 or chays@jrcca.com.

LCBA Ad-Hoc Committee

As most of you know, there are two vacancies on the Lane County Circuit Court bench created by the retirement of Judges Larson and Velure. Eighteen individuals have applied for appointment by the Governor to these positions. The legal counsel to the Governor contacted the Lane County Bar Association and indicated that the Governor is not interested in having the Bar Association conduct a bar poll. Instead, the Governor is seeking input from the LCBA with regard to the candidates in the form of a committee created by the LCBA. There is no recent precedent for such a committee, so the Bar Board held a series of meetings to discuss how to respond to the Governor's request. The Board sent out inquiries to the presidents of other bar associations throughout Oregon seeking input on how other county bar associations have dealt with this type of situation. The Board learned that a number of other counties have a process in place for reviewing applicants for open judicial positions; the most elaborate process being in Multnomah County and the most informal being in Tillamook County. After an extensive discussion of the pros and cons of creating such a committee, and after taking into consideration the fairly limited time within which to form the committee and the lack of recent precedent for such a committee, the Board decided to create an ad-hoc committee to meet with the Governor's counsel. The current members of the committee are: M. Janise Augur, Don Corson, Hugh Duvall, John Gartland, Louis L. Kurtz, Arlene Platt, D. Michael Pugh, Hon. Jack Mattison and Mindy Wittkop. Questions concerning the committee or its functions, or comments about a candidate, should be directed to Mindy Wittkop.

New A/V Equipment Available

The Lane County Law Library, with generous assistance from the Lane County Bar Association has purchased a new 32" LCD flat screen television, plus a combination VCR and DVD player. This equipment will be delivered to the Library in the last week in June and available for rental after July 1st. It replaces the older Sony television and VCR player, originally purchased in 1989 (again with the assistance of the LCBA). As before, the new, wider TV will be kept on a wheeled metal cart, and can be moved easily to other locations within the Courthouse.

The Law Library is very grateful to the LCBA for its generous support of the Law Library, without which we would not have been able to purchase this new equipment. Due to this LCBA grant, we were able to purchase newer equipment, with more technical flexibility. I am certain that this will provide attorneys and litigants access to more effective visual displays for courtroom use.

The new equipment will cost \$10.00 per day to rent for use in courtrooms or other locations within the Courthouse/PSB; in some instances with new users, a refundable security deposit may also be required. To obtain a copy of the rules for using this equipment or to reserve a date for its use, please contact a member of the Law Library staff at 682-4337.

Announcements**Office Space Available**

Professional Office space available for rent/lease in Roseburg. Office space includes a shared conference room, minimal reception services and parking. Additional services such as postage, copier, fax, etc. can also be arranged. For more information please contact Itzik Shlesinger at 541-485-8411 or e-mail him at ishlesinger@dsdattorneys.com.

Legal Secretary Wanted

Small AV-rated small Plaintiff's personal injury firm seeks full-time legal secretary with some paralegal skills. Litigation experience required. Salary and benefits commensurate with experience. Send resume and references to: The

Corson & Johnson Law Firm, 101 East Broadway, Suite 101, Eugene, OR 97401.

Attorney Wanted

Growing, mid-sized Eugene law firm seeks a municipal law attorney to join our thriving Local Government Law Group. We represent over 100 municipalities throughout Oregon, including: cities, fire districts, and utility, park, port and library districts. Qualified applicant must have significant government law experience, including a working knowledge of public records, open meetings, government ethics, public contracting law, and land use. We offer challenging and interesting work in a cooperative and collegial environment, with competitive salary and benefits. Submit cover letter, resume with references, and a recent writing sample to: J. Kenneth Jones. Speer Hoyt P.C., 975 Oak Street, Ste 700, Eugene, OR 97401 or Email: jkj@speerhoyt.com

Welcome!

Hershner Hunter, LLP has announced that Travis W. Misfeldt has joined the firm after several years of successful practice as a shareholder at a prominent Central Washington firm. Travis has been practicing since 1999, with an emphasis on estate and business planning as well as trust and probate administration. He and his wife, Amy, have three young children. Travis will be a member of the firm's Estate and Business Planning Practice Group.

Contract Attorney Available

Conscientious, resourceful, and reliable lawyer with 15 years of legal experience available for contract legal work in Lane County. Over the last 11 years of working as an attorney at a medium-sized plaintiff's firm in Eugene, I have gained extensive experience in research and

Coming Events

7/7/07	Pool Party and BBQ
7/27/07	Judge Velure's Retirement Party
7/23/07	Bar News Deadline
8/14/07	Golf Tournament
8/17/07	Ems Game

writing, synthesizing and organizing large amounts of material, and explaining complicated theories in straightforward terms. The vast majority of my experience has been in the areas of medical malpractice, product liability, and complex personal injury and wrongful death cases. I am PLF insured and a member of the Lane County Bar Association. My hourly rate is \$65.00. While I have the most experience in completing complex legal research and writing projects, I would be pleased to help you with other kinds of work as well. Give me a call at 541-913-3544, and ask for Marilyn Heiken.

Welcome!

After saying goodbye to our much loved partner, Martha Walters, Chanti & Zennaché P.C. is pleased to welcome Jennifer J. Middleton to our civil rights team. Ms. Middleton graduated from Yale University, *summa cum laude*, in 1989. She then spent three years as a union organizer. She graduated *magna cum laude* from Harvard Law School in 1995 and has spent the past twelve years vindicating individuals' civil rights at the ACLU National Headquarters, Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund and most recently as a partner at Levy Ratner, PC in New York City. With the addition of Ms. Middleton, we continue to build on our two-decade tradition of fighting for justice, giving legal voice to those in our community who have suffered discrimination, been deprived of their civil rights or denied the basic protections of employment.

Community Scholarships

Johnson, Clifton, Larson & Schaller, P.C. has recently awarded scholarships to four high school seniors throughout Lane County at graduation-and-awards events this May and June. The awards, honored students who have, throughout their high school careers, demonstrated potential as contributing members of society but who do not have all or enough resources to pursue further education. Scholarships were given to graduating students at Creswell, Elmira, Springfield and Oakridge high schools, and firm attorneys awarded the scholarships personally. "We wanted to give back to the community in a way that goes beyond the legal services we provide to those in need," says Scott Lucas, one of the firm's presenters.



Environmental Award

Art Johnson, founding attorney for Johnson, Clifton, Larson & Schaller, P.C., was recently honored by a group of environmental organizations, including the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Nature Conservancy, McKenzie River Trust and Long Tom Watershed Council, for his efforts in protecting three square miles of native hardwood forest and wetlands. Since the 1940s, damming, excavation and agricultural uses drastically affected the habitat for wildlife. Johnson's efforts have returned to natural conditions waterways for fish passage, nesting areas for native birds and native grasses, oak savannas and woodlands for all to enjoy.

SAIL Housing

As president of SAIL Housing (Supporting Access to Independent Living for Developmentally Disabled Adults), Michele Smith of Johnson, Clifton, Larson & Schaller P.C. works with group members to create sustainable housing and life-enriching environments that foster dignity and independence for adults with developmental disabilities. SAIL Housing works with local nonprofit housing development companies to acquire land, build apartment complexes (typically through grant funding) and establish oversight and coordination of housing alternatives. Most recently, the group has met with representatives from Oregon Housing & Community Services; open meetings are also held on the second Tuesday of every month at 6:30pm at the Eugene Water & Electric Board (EWEB) Cafeteria. To help the efforts of SAIL Housing, or for more information, Michele can be reached at the law firm: 1-800-783-2434.

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