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LCBA January Bar Lunch Meeting

Our next meeting will be held on Thursday, January 11 at noon, at the Oregon Electric Station. The Honorable Mary Ann Bearden and The Honorable Karsten Rasmussen of the Lane County Circuit Court will be discussing the new Commercial Court. Application for one general CLE credit will be made. The cost is \$12.00. Please make your checks payable to OES. RSVP by January 10 to Kristie Gibson at 729-3622 or via email at kgibson@gibsonholders.com.

Hear Ye Hear Ye

Suzanne Chanti and Charlie Zennaché are pleased to invite you to a reception celebrating the appointment of their friend and partner and Lane County's very own, Martha L. Walters, as an Associate Justice to the Oregon Supreme Court. Please join us at the Wayne Morse Center for Law and Politics on Wednesday, January 10, 5:00 - 7:00 p.m.



Eugene-Springfield Tax Association

The next meeting of the Eugene-Springfield Tax Association will be held on January 30 at the Town Club. Cocktails will be served at 5:30 p.m. with dinner promptly at 6:00 p.m. The guest speaker, Steven Cyr, will be speaking on the topic of Trust and Estate planning. The speaker's presentation will begin at 6:45 p.m. and run until 7:45 p.m.

Courage. Power. Passion.

Lane County Women Lawyers and the University of Oregon Women's Law Forum invite you to a presentation by Carmen E. Voilleque entitled: Courage. Power. Passion. This presentation is designed to get to the heart

of what stops us from doing what we know to be right. Unlock the hidden strength of your core behavioral drivers: Courage, Power, and Passion. The presentation is on January 18 at noon in the Jury Assembly Area of the Federal Courthouse. The cost for attorneys is \$10 and lunch is included. Please RSVP to Jane Yates at yates@gleaveslaw.com or 686-8833 by January 15.

Debtor/Creditor Section

On January 9 at noon in the shared conference room on the fifth floor of the Wayne L. Morse United States Courthouse in Eugene, the Debtor/Creditor Section will host a CLE presentation by Mr. Kent Anderson, of Kent Anderson and Associates, PC. Mr. Anderson will discuss mortgage servicer issues in bankruptcy cases. For more information, please contact John Butler, Chairperson of the Debtor/Creditor Committee at jfb@armstrongbankruptcy.com or 683-6652.

New Lawyers Committee

At noon on January 10, the LCBA New Lawyers Committee welcomes Shari R. Gregory, assistant director/attorney counselor of the Oregon Attorney Assistance Program, who will discuss issues related to dealing with clients with mental health issues. This program is a one hour overview designed to help identify mental issues and/or impairments and to present ideas of how to work with your client despite those issues. Bring your brown bag lunch to courtroom 305 at the Lane County Courthouse to join us for this free, one hour CLE (12:00 to 1:00 p.m.). One Elimination of Bias credit will be applied for. For more information, call Megan Livermore at 343-8060.

Lane County Bar Is Online!

Need to look up an OAR? CFR? Douglas County Supplementary Local Rule? Lane County Code Provision? AG opinion? Oregon Court of Appeals slip opinion? Want to find out if your client's ex is still in jail? Need to e-mail an assistant DA? LCBA Committee Chair? Look up an Oregon lawyer's address in the OSB directory? Use Google? Check out upcoming bar events? Run a child support calculation? Read a case in Van Natta? Look at a past bar newsletter? Link to the website for the U.S. District Court, any Oregon circuit court, Eugene municipal court, Central Lane Justice Court, city of Eugene, city of Springfield, or Lane County? Wait ... there's more. Check it out at www.lanecountybar.org. Make it your homepage! Best of all, it's *our* website—let us know what you need to make it work for you.

NALS of Lane County

Please join us for a guided tour by court staff of the new Federal Courthouse located at 405 East 8th Avenue, Eugene, Oregon, on Wednesday, January 10 at 5:30 p.m. Please RSVP by January 8 to Patty at 344-2174 or prusow@dgnmw.com.

Law Reviews Online

As of January 1, the Lane County Law Library will be offering free access to HeinOnline, a service which offers searchable databases of historical and current collections of many legal publications, including the Code of Federal Regulations and the Federal Register, as well as U.S. Attorney

General Opinions. In addition, you can now find the full-text contents for articles from most major law reviews published in the United States, which can be searched by citation (volume and page numbers) or by keywords. Demonstrations of the HeinOnline service will be given January 5, 12, and 24. If you have questions about this service or would like more details about other materials available through this service, please contact a member of the Law Library staff at 682-4113 or Linda.falken@co.lane.or.us.

And just a reminder: training sessions available in the Law Library can be found on their on-line training calendar, which changes each month. For the current calendar, go to the Lane County Law Library's web page at http://www.co.lane.or.us/CC_LawLib/ then click on "Training Calendar." This main page also provides links to other sources of information, including related links to legal databases, as well as to the Lane County Law Library's on-line catalog. Check out library holdings from your office or home, using the link to the "Library Catalog" on this page.

Announcements

Mulheim Boyd is seeking a part-time legal secretary as part of a job share arrangement. Business, litigation, or commercial bankruptcy experience preferred. Requires strong WordPerfect, organizational, and team working skills. Salary based on experience. Send resume and cover letter to Administrator, Muhlheim Boyd, 88 E. Broadway, Eugene, OR 97401.

Daniel J. Stotter and **Christine M. Irving-Stotter** are pleased to announce their partnership in marriage and in law. Their new firm, Irving & Stotter, LLP, opens on January 2, 2007 at 541 Willamette St., Ste 307 E in Eugene, and will provide legal services in state and federal civil litigation, land use law, civil rights, FOIA/public records access,

Coming Events

1/9/07	Debtor/Creditor Section meets
1/10/07	New Lawyers Committee meets
1/10/07	NALS Federal Courthouse tour
1/10/07	Reception for Martha Walters
1/11/07	LCBA Lunch
1/18/07	LCWL presentation
1/22/07	Bar News Deadline
1/30/07	Eugene-Springfield Tax Association

and appellate advocacy. They may be reached at (541) 345-3800, or via email at dstotter@qwest.net

Recent **Legal Assistant** grad with some experience in criminal and subrogation law seeks entry level position. Detail and team oriented, effective communicator both orally and written, self-starter, proficient in MS Office (Excel, Word, and Outlook), and organized. If you are interested, please call me at 349-2805 (hm), 915-4485 (cell), or email me at sanjessky2006@comcast.net.

The **Domestic Violence Clinic** of Lane County Legal Aid & Advocacy Center is pleased to announce the hiring of **Pat Vallerand** as its new Director. She can be reached there at 485-1017, ext 150. The Clinic has been in operation since 1999 providing services to victims of domestic violence, stalking and sexual abuse, and providing supervision and training to third-year law students who represent clients in contested hearings. In addition to her work at the Clinic, Pat will be continuing her private Mediation/ADR practice and can continue to be reached for that at 343-9052, www.ormediate.com, pat@ormediate.com.

Commercial Court

The Commercial Court Program (Commercial Court) of the Second Judicial District (Lane County Circuit Court) was implemented on October 1, 2006. The information below was taken from the Commercial Court's Operating Statement, a complete copy of which can be found at <http://www.ojd.state.or.us/lan/Commercial%20Court/Comm%20Court.htm>

For more information, attend the LCBA January Bar lunch meeting on Thursday, January 11 (see front page).

Venue

Any party may file a motion to have a case assigned to the Commercial Court. The

court, on its own motion, may assign a case to the Commercial Court. The presiding judge or the presiding judge's designee shall hear the motion.

Types of Commercial Court Actions

The determination of whether a case will be accepted in the Commercial Court shall be within the discretion of the Presiding Judge pursuant to SLR 7.031(1). The Presiding Judge may consider the following types of actions in determining assignment to the commercial court.

1. Actions relating to internal and external affairs of businesses.
2. Actions, including preliminary injunctions, relating to trade secret, non-compete, nonsolicitation and confidentiality agreements.
3. Securities transactions.
4. Insurance coverage actions where the underlying action involves a commercial dispute or insurance coverage actions where there are multiple layers of applicable insurance coverage.
5. Cases involving electronic technology and intellectual property cases.
6. Commercial real property disputes.
7. Land use cases.
8. Construction defect cases.
9. Professional malpractice cases.
10. Product liability, medical device litigation and pharmaceutical litigation.
11. Mass tort litigation and other multiple party litigation.
12. Environmental litigation including environmental insurance coverage cases.
13. Class Actions.
14. Other cases assigned at the discretion of the presiding judge or presiding judge's designee.

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