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LCBA/Oregon Supreme Court Luncheon

Please join the LCBA and the Oregon Supreme Court for lunch! The luncheon will be held on Tuesday, March 6 at noon, at the Oregon Electric Station. The cost is \$12.00. Please make your checks payable to OES and pay on site. RSVP by March 2 to Elizabeth Watson at 541-543-7634 or by email at elizabeth@watsonlaw.org. The Supreme Court lunch will be held in lieu of the regular March LCBA lunch meeting.

Probate Section

"Handling Insolvent Estates/Probate Avoidance Potpourri" is the topic of the next Probate Section meeting, which will be held on March 13 from 12:00-1:00 pm in Courtroom 302. Attorneys John Hudson and Jane Stewart will present. For information, contact Jessica King at 484-9292 or jkking@luvaascobb.com.

New Lawyers Committee

On March 14 during the noon hour, this month's presentation will be Donald Slayton's "Collecting on a Judgment." He will provide fundamental information on where to go and what to do if you have a judgment. Lane County Courthouse, Courtroom 305. One general CLE hour. More information? Call Robert Emond, 338-8442.

Lane County Women Lawyers

LCWL's March presentation will be held on the Third Tuesday, March 20, at noon at the DAC. Jill Fetherstonhaugh and Laurie Strother will inform us on the Center of Law and Entrepreneurship at the U of O Law School. They will focus specifically on their efforts in the Small Business Clinic. More information? Call Kay Hyde-Patton, 485-3331.

Message from the Presiding Judge

Lane County Circuit Court Presiding Judge Mary Ann Bearden is establishing a list of attorneys willing to be appointed pro bono to assist children whose parents are involved in dissolution cases. The need for such appointments does not arise very often, but there are instances when a child needs an attorney to represent his/her interests independent of the interests of either parent. Please contact Erica Sakurai at 682-4240 if you are an experienced domestic relations attorney and are willing to accept such an appointment.

Law Day

The LCBA 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, OR 97401 (fax 343-4713), or email at wb@bromleynewton.com.

Employment Law Committee

The Employment Law Committee will meet on Wednesday, March 28 at noon. Discussion topic to be announced. The meeting will be held at Margaret Wilson's office, at 101 E. Broadway in Eugene. Enter through the shared reception area with Watkinson, Laird, Rubinstein, et al. If you have any questions or if you would like to add yourself to the email list serve, please contact Katie Chamberlain, Committee Chair, at 683-2506 or kchamberlain@wczonline.com.

Check out the LCBA Website: <http://lanecountybar.org/>

Photo Directories Still Available

A limited number of 2005 Lane County Bar Association photo directories are available. If you would like one, please send a request and a \$10 check payable to the Lane County Bar Association to Mindy Wittkop, Doyle Gartland Nelson McCleery & Wade, PC, 44 Club Road, Suite 200, Eugene, OR 97401; mwittkop@dgnmw.com.

Celebration

The Board of Trustees of Public Defender Services of Lane County, Inc. invites you to a reception to celebrate our 30th Anniversary. Join current staff and alumni as we reminisce on March 23, 5:00-8:00 pm at 1143 Oak Street, Eugene.

Commercial Court Up and Running

The Lane County Commercial Court began operation October 1, 2006. As of February 20, 2007 the Presiding Judge had considered 11 motions for entry into the program. Nine cases have been accepted in to the program and assigned to four different Circuit Court judges.

These nine accepted cases, all from Lane County, represent several case types: declaratory judgment and other declaratory relief; breach of contract; negligence; petition for writ of review; and, a petition to compel arbitration. It is too soon, given the number of cases considered, to identify specific criteria influencing the admission decision.

The commercial court is not intended to deal with only one kind of case, the amount of money involved, or number of parties. Rather, the cases admitted, are those which would be burdensome on the regular trial docket and benefit from direct judicial management. As the program matures it will be possible to distribute workload across judicial districts in Oregon, and take advantage of the expertise of individual judges no matter where they sit.

Upon assignment to the Commercial Court cases are bound by several case management policies and procedures intended to promote a

cooperative and expeditious resolution. A single judge supervises all aspects of the case including: referral to mediation, assignment of a settlement judge, establishing a trial date, scheduling discovery and motion practice, etc.

Two cases already have judgments entered and are closed. The seven cases still active have trial dates or dispositive motions scheduled no later than August 2007. There are written opinions from three cases posted on the court's website.

Practitioners will find the growing body of opinions useful when advising clients. An important outcome of the Commercial Court is to keep the development of law public rather than succumb to the privatization of commercial law occurring in some states because the parties can't get to resolution quickly enough. Additional information on the Commercial Court, including the operating statement, SLR 7.031(1), and published opinions, is on the Circuit Court website: lanecountycircuitcourt.com.

Online Help with Legal Research Questions

Cornell Law Library has launched a new Google-based search engine which looks exclusively for online research guides on specific topics. The engine searches selected sites, no more than 20 or so, that prolifically publish guides or index

Coming Events

3/6/07	LCBA Oregon Supreme Court Luncheon
3/13/07	Probate Section meets
3/14/07	New Lawyers Committee meets
3/20/07	LCWL meeting
3/23/07	Public Defenders' celebration
3/26/07	Bar News Deadline
3/28/07	Employment Law Committee meets
5/1/07	Law Day

existing guides set up by "reputable" sources such as university law libraries or established legal research publications (online). To use it, go to: <http://library.lawschool.cornell.edu/gides/researchengine.asp>

Type in your search terms, i.e., "briefs Oregon" or "medical reports", and you will retrieve links to articles or web pages which list sources for finding more information on this topic. For example, the briefs request will link you to an excellent article on www.llrx.com about how to locate copies of appellate level briefs in Oregon. The medical search will link you to an excellent research guide compiled by librarians at the University of Washington Law School on medical malpractice research sources.

If you have questions about using this web site or others about your own online searching, please contact Linda Falken at the Lane County Law Library, at 541-682-4113, or via e-mail at: linda.falken@co.lane.or.us.

Announcements

Congratulations

The law firm of Thorp Purdy Jewett Urness & Wilkinson PC is pleased to announce that K.C. Huffman has become a shareholder with the firm. Mr. Huffman's practice concentration areas are Business, Employment Law, Property and General Civil Litigation. Mr. Huffman joined the firm in April, 2001.

Associate Position

Small litigation firm seeks associate attorney. Office handles employment advising and litigation, as well as other general civil litigation matters. Ideal candidate has 1-2 years relevant experience, including drafting pleadings, writing and arguing motions, taking and defending depositions, and conducting trial preparation. Applicants should send cover letter, resume, and references to mjw@wilsonattorneys.net.

Legal Assistant Available

Recent Legal Assistant grad with some experience seeking a position within a law firm in an

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 Sandra Cope at 349-2805 (h), 915-4485 (c), or email me at sanjessky2006@comcast.net.

Intern Available

First year law student looking for a one-month internship with local law firm. Willing to work 50 hours per week. Intern is a West Point Graduate and holds the rank of Captain. Will complete first year of law school this spring from BYU Law School. Please call David Maeda at 953-4778.

Office Space Available

Downtown Eugene at 96 E. Broadway, Suite 3. One office and secretarial station available. Receptionist, all equipment, network, library included. Long-established group. Call Mike Lewis or Robert Tozer at 687-1501.

Office Space Available

Office space for rent for sole practitioner at 310 East 11th Avenue, Eugene, Oregon. For details, call Barbara Palmer at 485-8114.

Office Space Available

Perfect for a new attorney or established practitioner. Share a spacious professional office with an experienced sole practitioner attorney. Northwest corner office available in Eugene's most desirable professional building with a sixth floor view, use of a conference room/library, copy room, reception area, and administrative area for your assistant. Located in the heart of downtown Eugene, just two blocks from the Courthouse. Contact Christina at 485-2007.

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