



### LCBA May Bar Lunch Meeting

The next Lane County Bar Association meeting will be held on Thursday, May 10 at noon, at the Oregon Electric Station. Our panel of guest presenters include Ronald C. Becker (Attorney, Office of the U.S. Trustee), Andrea Coles-Bjerre (Assistant Professor of Law, University of Oregon School of Law), Paul J. Garrick (Staff Attorney, Fred Long, Standing Chapter 13 Trustee), Rick A. Harder of Harder, Wells, Barron and Manning and Thomas A Huntsberger (attorney at law and Panel Chapter 7 Bankruptcy Trustee). The panel will present a program on "Recent Developments in Bankruptcy Practice Under the Bankruptcy Abuse Prevention and Consumer Protection Act of 2005". Application for one general CLE credit will be made. The cost is \$12.00. Please make your checks payable to OES and pay on site. RSVP by May 9 to Kristie Gibson at 729-3622 or via email at [kgibson@gibsonholders.com](mailto:kgibson@gibsonholders.com).

### Spring Bash / Distinguished Service Award

The LCBA cordially invites you to attend the LCBA Spring Bash at the Downtown Athletic Club on Tuesday, May 22, from 6:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. Relax with your friends and colleagues in a fun, festive atmosphere! Enjoy live music, dancing, food, door prizes and awards. A no-host bar will also be available. Please go to the LCBA website at [lanecountybar.org](http://lanecountybar.org) for more information and to print out a reservation form, or contact Kristie Gibson at [kgibson@gibsonholders.com](mailto:kgibson@gibsonholders.com) or 729-3622.

Please join the LCBA in honoring Mr. Gary R. Ackley for his distinguished service to the People and Bar of Lane County at the LCBA Spring Bash. Mr. Ackley graduated from the University of Oregon in 1966 and established a practice in Cottage Grove. He is retiring after 40 years of practicing law and 38 years as a city attorney. He has volunteered on behalf of many important causes and served as the President of the Lane County Bar Association in

1988-89. The LCBA looks forward to honoring Mr. Ackley for his hard work and dedication to our community over his professional life.

### Judge Darryl L. Larson Retiring

Judge Darryl L. Larson will be retiring from the Lane County Circuit Court bench on May 31. A reception will be held that day at the Eugene Hilton starting at 5 p.m. All are invited to attend.

Judge Larson's experience as a trial attorney began in 1971 as a Deputy District Attorney and ended in 1990 when he became the Oregon Corrections Ombudsman. He was appointed to the bench commencing March 30, 1990. He has been instrumental in establishing innovative court programs including the Deferred Adjudication Program and Lane County's Drug Court. He is the past Chair of the Governor's Drug and Violent Crime Advisory Board and is Chair of the Treatment Sub-Committee of the Governor's Methamphetamine Task Force. He has served as a board member of the Lane County Bar, Birth To Three, the Oregon Police Academy and the Oregon Trail Council/BSA. He is a past President of the Oregon Circuit Judges Association and the Oregon Drug Court Professionals Association. In 2006, he was selected for Eugene's first "Parks Hero" award for his work on the Skinner Butte RiverPlay Park.

### Debtor/Creditor Section

On May 8 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. Howard Newman, law clerk to the Hon. Albert E. Radcliffe, and Mr. Lee Brice, law clerk to the Hon. Frank R. Alley, III. Mr. Newman and Mr. Brice will provide their annual overview of significant bankruptcy court decisions from the past year. For more information, please contact John Butler, Chairperson of the Debtor/Creditor Committee at 683-6652 or [jfb@armstrongbankruptcy.com](mailto:jfb@armstrongbankruptcy.com).

### **Pro Bono Powerhouse: UO School of Law Wins its Sixth Oregon State Bar Pro Bono Challenge!**

The University of Oregon School of Law has claimed its sixth Oregon State Bar Pro Bono Challenge by reporting 11,277.75 hours, of the state law school total of 15,105.75 hours reported—a stunning 74.65% of the state total.

"The interest in pro bono continues to grow, with students starting new in-house programs each year," said Jane Steckbeck, Pro Bono Program Director. "Students are motivated to help their community and several of our new in-house programs do just that," Steckbeck reports. Specifically, in response to a brutal domestic violence murder in Eugene in December, 2005, law students formed three active Street Law groups dealing with domestic violence. In response to a need at the Serbu Youth Center, law students began teaching youth about legal rights and responsibilities last year. And to meet the community's need for low income tax assistance, the Pro Bono Board teamed up with the Business School to co-host a Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Program, and last year, tripled tax returns from the previous year. This year, over 40 law students prepared tax returns for low income Eugene residents.

In sum, University of Oregon students are setting a high standard for law school pro bono in Oregon, and are making a vital difference for under served populations. As important, each year, the law school is graduating students with a strong service ethic, which they will carry forward as attorneys and as the next generation of leaders. With new programs being developed each year, there is no end in sight for the good being done by the University of Oregon School of Law.

### **Employment Law Committee**

The May Employment Law Committee meeting will be on Wednesday, May 23 at noon. Joe B. Richards of Luvaas Cobb will speak on the Americans With Disabilities Act. Meet 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 would like to be added to the Employ-

ment Law Committee list serve or if you have any questions, please contact Katie Chamberlain, Committee Chair, at 683-2506 or [kchamberlain@wczonline.com](mailto:kchamberlain@wczonline.com).

### **Probate Section**

The Probate Section Meeting will host a presentation by Bill Sharp on claims on May 8 from 12:00-1:00 p.m. in Courtroom 302 of the Lane County Courthouse. One general CLE credit to be applied for. Please contact Jessica King at 484-9292 with any questions.

### **Family Law Section**

The Family Law Section invites you to attend a presentation by Professor Leslie Harris on rebutting the presumption of equal contribution in property division cases. Noon, Thursday, May 24, in the conference room off of the cafeteria at the Lane County Circuit Court. (Rescheduled from last month). One general CLE credit to be applied for. Please contact Vanessa Carter or Martha Roberts at 485-3222 with questions.

### **Lawyer-Parent Section**

The newly created Lawyer-Parent Section will host its second and last presentation before taking a summer hiatus, on Wednesday, May 16, at noon, location TBA via e-mail announcement. Entitled "Part II: Juggling the Legal Profession and Kids," we will continue our April

### **Coming Events**

5/8/07	Probate Section meets
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5/10/07	LCBA May Lunch
5/16/07	Lawyer-Parent Section meets
5/22/07	LCBA Spring Bash
5/23/07	Employment Law Committee meets
5/24/07	Family Law Section meets
5/29/07	Eugene-Springfield Tax Association meets
5/29/07	Bar News Deadline
5/31/07	Judge Larson's retirement reception
6/14-6/16/07	OCDLA's Summer Blockbuster

discussions. CLE credit will be applied for. Lunch provided so RSVP appreciated. May's speakers include LCBA President Mindy Wittkop, Margaret Wilson, and Cass SkinnerLopata. To RSVP or for more information, please contact Natalie C. Scott at Muhlheim Boyd, [nscott@mb-lawoffice.com](mailto:nscott@mb-lawoffice.com) or 868-8005.

#### **Eugene-Springfield Tax Association**

The next meeting of the Eugene-Springfield Tax Association will be held on May 29 at the Town Club. Cocktails will be served at 5:30 p.m. with dinner promptly at 6:00 p.m. David Guenther will speak at 6:45 p.m. on the topic of future generations. His presentation will run until 7:45 p.m. Contact Gayle Morris at Gleaves Swearingen, 686-8833 for more information.

#### **The Oregon Criminal Defense Lawyers**

Association's 2007 Annual Conference, "OCDLA's Summer Blockbuster," will be June 14-16 at the Seventh Mountain Resort in Bend. The conference features several fun social events, a benefit auction, vacation raffle, Texas Hold 'Em Tournament, and prominent speakers. For more information, contact OCDLA at 686-8716.

Highlights at this year's conference include famed Washington state defense attorney Jeffrey Fisher, and Georgia's DUI and capital litigator Christine Koehler. Top-notch presentations and breakouts from leaders in Oregon's defense community—such as Jesse Barton, Mike Greenlick, Paul Levy, Shaun McCrea, Carol Schrader, Emily Simon, John Tyner and others—round out the educational component of the conference. This program is open to anyone involved in the defense function.

#### **Looking for Trust Agreement**

We are trying to locate a Revocable Living Trust Agreement and related documents for Ernest H. and Eugenia J. Louvring which were executed in or around April, 1997 and were prepared by Richard W. Clark of Clark Law, The Estate Planning Firm P.C. The Clark firm's remaining files have been searched to no avail. If anyone has information regarding these documents or any subsequent estate planning documents prepared for the Louvrings, please contact Stan Potter, Gleaves Swearingen, 686-8833.

### **Announcements**

#### **Associate Wanted**

Medium-size AV- rated Eugene law firm seeks a lateral attorney with 5-10 years experience in business transactions, estate planning and real estate. You will work directly with clients and assume responsibilities for cases quickly. Our ideal candidate should be collegial and flexible, have excellent analytical and writing skills, and have an entrepreneurial outlook on the practice of law. We have interesting and challenging work and need another member of the team to join our growing practice. Qualified applicants should submit a resume, cover letter and recent writing sample to: Speer Hoyt PC, Attn: John Wolf, 975 Oak St., Suite 700, Eugene, OR 97401, or by e-mail to: [jaw@speerhoyt.com](mailto:jaw@speerhoyt.com)

#### **Kudos!**

Cassandra (Cass) SkinnerLopata recently joined Margaret Wilson and the Wilson Law Office. Cass is the firm's newest Associate in its employment law, civil litigation, and estate planning practice with a focus on domestic partnership planning. Her contact information is: 101 E. Broadway, Ste 220, Eugene 97401; [ccs@wilsonattorneys.net](mailto:ccs@wilsonattorneys.net); 344-6870.

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Perfect for a new attorney or established practitioner. Share a spacious professional office with an experienced sole practitioner attorney. Northwest corner office available in a 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, two blocks from the Courthouse. Contact Jim Hoffman at 485-2007.

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