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indeed, the whole county).

A Crumbling Courthouse Puts the Entire Community in Jeopardy

By Thom Brown, MBA President.

The Multnomah County Courthouse: I ended my last column with some brief comments about it. This column picks up where that one left off. Why? Because the issue of a new courthouse is such a critically important one for the MBA (and,

Soon after the Minneapolis bridge collapse, I wrote an op ed piece for *The Oregonian* about the need for a new courthouse. By the time you read this column, the piece may or may not have been printed in *The Oregonian*. Either way (for the first time or as a reminder), here's what the op ed piece said:

"The recent I-35W bridge collapse in Minneapolis quickly led to stories in our local media about Oregon's own troubled bridges, including the Sellwood Bridge. Of course, the collapse of that bridge – or any other one – would be a great tragedy. But we face an equally, if not possibly greater, tragedy – the collapse of or significant damage to the Multnomah County Courthouse in a fire or earthquake.

"The courthouse, built almost 100 years ago, has been functionally obsolete for years. But, more importantly, based on an engineering study commissioned in 2001, it's known that '[while the] April 2001 seismic evaluation determined that the Multnomah County Courthouse will not collapse during an earthquake[,] to meet current life/safety performance objectives, the building requires seismic strengthening [that] should be undertaken within the next two years.' In 2002, the county commission concluded that delaying renovation of the courthouse (including seismic upgrading) 'would be costly and risky, posing significant potential liabilities on Multnomah County's judicial operations, as well as all users of the Courthouse[.]' Finally, a grand jury issued a 20-page report on December 16, 2005, that referenced testimony on seismic tolerances, likely system and structural failures in the event of either fire or earthquake, and the absence, if not impossibility, of an effective evacuation plan. In fact, the report stated:

We do not feel safe in... the Multnomah County Courthouse Jail. We do not feel threatened by inmates; we do feel threatened by the physical conditions of the facilities. Based on the testimony of numerous witnesses, we do not believe inmates are safe....

"Despite these review efforts and conclusions, no renovations or seismic strengthening has been made and, of course, the courthouse is still in use, which means hundreds of people – judges, staff, attorneys and members of the public, including children – are in the building 10 hours a day, five days a week. And, as far as I know, there's no present plan for funding a new courthouse. Worse yet, the current concept for funding – taxpayer money – requires a ballot measure that will not likely be put before the voters until 2009, if even then. Assuming passage of the tax measure, which is far from a certainty, to be sure, that likely means a completed courthouse wouldn't exist for at least another five or six years.

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"In my opinion, the county needs to move immediately and decisively to build a new courthouse and the people need to agree to assume the financial burden for its cost. If both things don't happen right away, we face something much worse than a facility that just doesn't meet the judiciary's and public's needs (which itself warrants action) - we face the clear, known risks to public safety that the current courthouse presents in the event of a significant fire or earthquake. Let's act now before something horrible happens and the courthouse becomes our own I-35 bridge tragedy."

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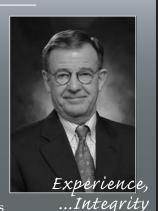
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Tuesday, MBA Board meeting

Tuesday, YLS Volunteer Event See p. 10 for details.

Wednesday, MBA CLE - Annual **Evidence Update**

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Thursday, MBA CLE - Child **Abuse Reporting Requirements** See insert or register at www.mbabar.org.

Monday, YLS joint event with **Literary Arts** Details on p. 10.

Tuesday, YLS Board meeting

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Tuesday, MBA CLE - Annual **Ethics Update**

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Wednesday, YLS Drop-in Social Details on p. 10.

Wednesday, MBA Breakfast CLE - Merger and Acquisition Deals See insert or register at

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Tuesday, MBA Board meeting

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Thursday, MBA CLE - Domestic Violence

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Friday, December Multnomah Lawyer deadline

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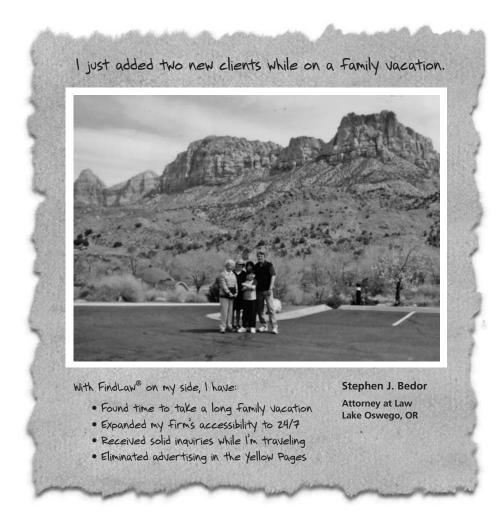
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Ethics Focus

By Mark J. Fucile, Fucile & Reising.

Billing Ethics, Part 2: Read **Client Trust Account Rules** Carefully

Last month, we began our look at billing ethics by reviewing the rules governing time-keeping and fee agreements. This month, we turn to client trust accounts. In this column, we'll review what funds go in client trust accounts, general management and what happens if there is a dispute involving funds held in trust. RPCs 1.15-1 and 1.15-2 govern trust accounts. They are both long and detailed, and, as a result, warrant careful reading. As with last month's topic, however, further practical guidance is available in all of these areas from the OSB's formal ethics opinions available at www.osbar.org.

What Goes In?

RPC 1.15-1(a) specifies that funds belonging to the client, including advance deposits for fees and costs, must be deposited into a client trust account. Funds belonging to the lawyer, by contrast, such as the lawyer's earned fees (including hourly fees and fixed fees plainly denominated in writing as "earned upon receipt") must be deposited into the lawyer's business account.

With small amounts or even large amounts not likely to remain in trust long, RPC 1.15-2(a) requires client funds to be deposited into an Interest on Lawyers Trust Account IOLTA for the benefit of the Oregon Law Foundation. By contrast, if the amount is both large enough and will remain in trust long enough to generate net interest (i.e., above bank service charges) to the client, then RPC 1.15-2(b)-(c) requires that the funds be deposited into a separate client trust account for the client's benefit unless the client waives the interest (allowing the funds to be deposited into an IOLTA). RPC 1.15-2(d) outlines the criteria for determining whether a separate trust account is warranted. OSB Formal Ethics Opinion 2005-117 also discusses this issue in detail. Most major Oregon banks offer both kinds of accounts.

Management

• Records. RPC 1.15-1(a) requires that thorough records of trust account transactions be prepared and maintained for a period of five years after the completion of the representation involved.



Trust accounts are also subject to random audit by the OSB.

• Bank Service Charges. Under RPC 1.15-1(b), a lawyer may deposit the lawyer's own funds into a client trust account as necessary to pay bank service charges on that account. But under OSB Formal Ethics Opinion 2005-145, the lawyer may not deposit an additional "cushion" to avoid overdrafts. RPC 1.15-2(n) defines "service charges" and generally limits that term to items such as monthly maintenance fees, per-check charges and the like.

• Credit Card Payments. Lawyers

- are permitted to accept credit card payments. In a perfect world, lawyers would maintain separate linked accounts for credit card payments, with advance fee deposits automatically going into trust and earned fees automatically going to the lawyer's business account. Some banks, however, only permit one account to be linked with credit card payments. As a result, OSB Formal Ethics Opinion 2005-172 permits credit card payments representing earned fees to be deposited temporarily into trust and then promptly transferred to the lawyer's business account. Opinion 2005-172 notes that the converse is not true. Therefore, if a lawyer's bank only permits one account to be linked to credit card payments, it must be the client trust account unless the lawyer does not accept advance fee deposits (as opposed to earned fees) by credit card.
- Withdrawing Funds When Earned. Once earned, the funds then belonging to the lawyer must be withdrawn from the trust account. If the lawyer is not aware of any dispute over the lawyer's right to payment, OSB Formal Ethics Opinion 2005-149 concludes that a lawyer may withdraw earned fees as soon as they are billed. It does recognize, however, that a lawyer may wait a reasonable time (using 30 days as an example) after a client has been invoiced to ensure that there is no dispute before withdrawing the funds.

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president. Laura Caldera Taylor serves as vice-president/presidentelect. Gwyn McAlpine is treasurer and Heather Van Meter is secretary. Alice Bartelt continues with the executive committee as historian.

OWLS' new board members include: Cashauna Hill and Julia Markley from Portland, Kathleen Hansa Rastetter from Oregon City, Heather Weigler from Lake Oswego and Jane Yates from Eugene.

Continuing on the board are: Sally Anderson-Hansell (Hermiston), Nancy Cook (Roseburg), Nicole DeFever (Portland), Dana Forman

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Multnomah County Sheriff's Office (MCSO) Jail Visiting

- Access Changes

The jail will now accept the expedited court access cards issued by MCSO as identification to admit attorneys who visit their clients in jail. Attorneys will still need to show their OSB cards. Also, firms that have not purchased MCSO expedited access cards may show a copy of the access letter they originally submitted along with photo identification.

• Withdrawal. RPC 1.16(d) requires that any unearned balance remaining in a trust account at the point that a lawyer withdraws it be promptly refunded to the client. OSB Formal Ethics Opinion 2005-151 notes that all fees are subject to the "reasonableness" requirements under RPC 1.5 that we discussed last month. Therefore, it finds that even a fixed fee denominated "nonrefundable" must be at least partially refunded if all contemplated work under the fixed fee has not been completed. Two recent Oregon Supreme Court decisions, In re Fadeley, 342 Or 403, 153 P3d 682 (2007), and In re Balocca, 342 Or 279, 151 P3d 154 (2007), concur.

• Unclaimed Funds. Occasionally and for a variety of reasons, client funds remain in trust when the client moves without providing the lawyer with a new address. In that circumstance, OSB Formal Ethics Opinion 2005-48 counsels that the lawyer must first take reasonable steps to locate the client. If despite those efforts the client cannot be located, then the lawyer must turn the funds over to the State in accordance

with the Uniform Disposition of Unclaimed Property Act, ORS 98.302-.486.

Disputes

If there is a dispute between the lawyer and the client over the lawyer's entitlement to funds being held in trust, RPC 1.15-1(e) requires that the disputed funds remain in the client trust account until the dispute is resolved. By contrast, OSB Formal Ethics Opinion 2005-149 finds that there is no requirement to return disputed funds into trust if they were withdrawn in good faith before a dispute with the client arose.

If there is a dispute between two (or more) clients to their share of funds held in trust (for example, a settlement payment), OSB Formal Ethics Opinion 2005-68 counsels that the lawyer must either retain the funds involved in trust until the dispute is resolved or interplead the funds so that the clients can resolve the dispute between them on their own.

Summing Up

Client trust accounts are a particularly sensitive area of billing ethics for lawyers in two senses. First, we are held to a very high fiduciary standard when handling

our clients' money. Second, and related to the first, both the OSB and the Oregon Supreme Court rigorously apply the client trust rules for the protection of clients. As a result, client trust accounts are an area of the business side of our practices that require special attention and care.

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Building Relationships, Building Business OWLSNET Events Bring Successful Women Together

By E. Susan O'Toole, OWLSNET Committee.

▲ he Oregon Women Lawyers Networking Committee (OWLSNET) was conceived by OWLS Vice President Laura Caldera Taylor as an opportunity for women lawyers to network and obtain business from women in other fields. She passed along her vision to Shari Gregory, committee chair, who sees OWLSNET as a way for professional women to meet each other, learn from each other and to build a strong network of women statewide. Further, Gregory sees OWLSNET as a chance for women to recognize the power and intelligence of women in many fields and to identify what these women have to offer to the community at large and to each other.

This vision became reality. OWLSNET has organized three events that brought together various professional women's organizations with women lawyers. Last fall, OWLSNET hosted an event that brought together women lawyers, commercial real estate professionals, residential real

estate professionals and mortgage brokers, sponsored by Ball Janik. The second event brought together women lawyers, bankers and CPAs in an event at Red Star restaurant, sponsored by Stoel Rives. The most recent event, sponsored by Hershner Hunter, was held in Eugene. Women from a broad spectrum of professions participated.

OWLS President Kellie Johnson articulates the vision this way: "The bringing together of professional women with talents in areas like banking, finance and the law in a networking/quasi-social setting is necessary and relevant. To transform the practice of any profession where women have been historically devalued for their talent and worth requires creative opportunities and environments where we can redefine the rules of the playing field. The networking events are a brilliant way to establish a venue where women can get the most out of what we are known to do best - establish and form relationships."

Vice President/President Elect Laura Caldera Taylor was equally proud of the opportunities OWLSNET



OWLSNET members gathered at a spring event

will offer: "Many studies show that women approach business development differently than men. By targeting other professional women's organizations, OWLSNET events offer a win-win business development opportunity for each participant."

OWLSNET will reach out in the future to women in many other professions - including medicine and service fields - in order to achieve its objective of offering professional development opportunities to women lawyers. OWLSNET offers a forum for growth and invites all women members of OWLS to participate.

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What I Did on My Summer Vacation

By Michael Dwyer, MBA President-Elect.

A week at Harvard University in mid-July hardly cracks the usual list of top summer vacation ideas. But the chance to participate in a cutting-edge program integrating Western conflict resolution with ancient Eastern wisdom and meditation traditions was educational, inspiring and transforming.

Judges, mediators, and lawyers gathered from all over the world for two, week-long sessions. My own Advanced Mediation class with world-renowned mediator Ken Cloke drew attendees from every corner of the globe and the US.

Sponsored by the Harvard Negotiation Insight Initiative (HNII), a relatively new offspring of the Project on Negotiation at the law school, the program is the brainchild of its executive director, Erica Ariel Fox.

The program's mission is "to broaden and deepen the way we understand, teach, and practice negotiation and dispute resolution by integrating insights from the world's ethical, philosophical, and spiritual traditions."

Cloke's mediation class was one of several offerings. Fox, a lecturer at Harvard Law School, led a class called Beyond Yes One, referring to the negotiation bestseller co-authored by Fox's mentor, Roger Fisher of Harvard, but crossfertilizing negotiation techniques with insights, skills and spiritenergy to enable negotiators to operate at their highest levels of body and mind.

In the second week, a prominent trio offered emerging roles for lawyers. David Hall's new book captures the spirit of this class. It is entitled *The Spiritual Revitalization of the Legal Profession: A Search for Sacred Rivers*.

A dominant theme running through the program is that to resolve conflict with others at a deep and enduring level, we must first work on ourselves. We can establish peaceful resolution of conflict with others only if we – mediators, negotiators and judges – bring an authentic, peaceful presence into the mediation or settlement arena. To do that, we must be fully engaged in body,

heart and mind. Cloke stressed that we customarily opt for resolving conflict at a superficial level: the level of mere settlement. Mediators afraid of radical open-heartedness, or unskilled at handling the deepest levels of conflict, miss the opportunity to help people achieve deeper levels, including forgiveness, transformation and transcendence.

Before class each morning, we participated in either a movement or yoga class followed by 30 minutes of guided meditation. The demonstrated benefits of incorporating meditation into a professional practice include increased empathy and insight, reduced reactivity, and greater attention and attunement. Harvard, Yale and other top law schools have offered courses in meditation, and several top-tier law firms have held trainings for lawyers.

HNII also holds autumn workshops. The MBA is discussing a joint HNII-MBA conference to be held in Portland next year.

Michael Dwyer is a mediator and lawyer with Dwyer & Miller, and is the President-Elect of the MBA.



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AROUND THE BAR

CHARLES CORRIGAN Chuck Corrigan started a new firm, emphasizing his growing arbitration and mediation practice. He will continue representing clients in real property and business disputes, claims by and against governments and major injury cases. He may be reached at Law Office of Charles E. Corrigan, 1000 SW Broadway Ste 2130, Portland OR 97205, phone 503.241.0677, fax 503.241.0678, email chuck@corrigan-law.com, Web site www.corrigan-law.com.

ATER WYNNE

Jonathan Ater, firm Chair and Senior Partner, was appointed by Governor Ted Kulongoski to the new Oregon Health Fund Board. The Health Fund Board is charged with developing a plan for reforming Oregon's health care delivery system. Jonathan chairs the firm's healthcare group.



Shawn A. Lillegren

COSGRAVE VERGEER KESTER Shawn A. Lillegren has joined

the firm, where he specializes in civil litigation with an emphasis on personal injury, tort and criminal defense cases.



Leon Simson

TONKON TORP
Leon Simson, an experienced
Oregon corporate and business
restructuring attorney, has joined
the business department of
Tonkon Torp.

Simson's practice focuses on corporate law, including finance, license agreements, acquisitions and divestitures, and corporate governance matters. He also has significant experience in the reorganization and restructuring of financially troubled businesses.

D'AMORE & ASSOCIATES

Tom D'Amore is playing a larger
role in two associations that
protect people's rights in the
civil justice system. D'Amore
was elected in August for the
Executive Committee of the
Oregon Trial Lawyers Association



Tom D'Amore

(OTLA). In three years he will become OTLA President.

D'Amore was also elected this summer to serve as chair of the national Motor Vehicle Collision, Highway and Premises Liability Section for the American Association for Justice (AAJ). AAJ is made up of 56,000 plaintiff attorneys nationally who work to promote a fair and effective justice system.

The Around the Bar column reports on MBA members' moves, transitions, promotions and other honors within the profession.

The deadline is the 10th of the month preceding publication or the previous Friday if that date falls on a weekend. All items are edited to fit column format and the information is used on a space-available basis in the order in which it was received. Submissions may be emailed to carol@mbabar.org.

Business and Commercial Litigation in Federal Courts - Second Edition

By Paul W. Conable, Tonkon Torp.

Thompson West has published a significantly expanded Second Edition of its excellent treatise *Business and Commercial Litigation in Federal Courts*, edited by Robert L. Haig of Kelley Drye and Warren LLP in New York.

In addition to updates of materials from the First Edition, the Second Edition adds 16 new subject areas, including Partnerships, Mergers and Acquisitions, Commercial Defamation and Disparagement, and Commercial Real Estate. Since this is a litigation treatise, the focus of these new chapters is on special problems raised by litigation in these substantive areas; the Mergers and Acquisitions section, for example, addresses issues of litigation specific to cases arising out of Mergers and Acquisitions, rather than surveying the law of M&E more generally. In this respect, *Business and Commercial Litigation in Federal Courts* is more useful to litigators than a standard treatise that broadly addresses the law of a particular substantive area.

The Second Edition includes a new chapter addressing Director and Officer Liability, written by the Hon. Paul S. Diamond and Mathieu J. Shapiro. Again, rather than focusing on the substantive areas of law that arise in a typical D&O case (e.g., federal securities law), this chapter focuses on practical and prudential concerns of representing directors and officers in litigation. The authors discuss indemnification, D&O insurance, issues arising from waivers of corporate attorney-client privilege in parallel criminal proceedings and a host of other practical issues that arise when a lawyer represents a director or officer. Here, and throughout its nine volumes, Business and Commercial Litigation in Federal Courts functions as much as a practice guide or CLE compilation as a treatise. It is a reference to consult when beginning a case in federal court, rather than merely a legal encyclopedia to consult about the esoterica of some area of statutory or common law.

This focus on the nuts and bolts of litigation is especially notable in Volume 5 of the Second Edition, which includes new chapters on such issues as Litigation Avoidance and Prevention, Litigation Technology, and Litigation Management. Each chapter ends with a checklist designed to walk the reader through the necessary steps to, for example, create a litigation budget or staff a case. These chapters will be most useful to younger lawyers, and together are a comprehensive "How To" guide to federal business litigation.

Volume 5 also includes a chapter on civility. Veterans of the Oregon bar may grumble that they do not require Thompson West to teach them how to be civil to their colleagues, but again, as in the rest of this treatise, the focus is less on theory and more on practical considerations arising from uncivil practice. The authors plainly have a point of view on this issue, namely that civility to the court and opposing counsel is a necessary component of effective advocacy. But they devote most of their chapter to practical suggestions for dealing with unreasonable behavior from opposing counsel, rather than to lectures about the virtues of reasonable behavior. This is a welcome approach to an issue that, to borrow from Mark Twain, "everybody talks about but few seem to do anything about."

All in all, the Second Edition of *Business and Commercial Litigation in Federal Courts* is an excellent update to a valuable treatise. The authors' focus on practical aspects of litigation sets this edition apart and makes it a useful reference for any lawyer or firm active in federal business litigation.

Katherine O'Neil Joins ABA Board of Governors

Katherine O'Neil, Graff & O'Neil, began a three-year term, in August, as a member of the ABA Board of Governors. As governor of the ABA's 13th District, O'Neil will represent Montana, Alaska and Oregon. The board meets at least four times yearly to oversee administration and management of the association.

In her practice, O'Neil is a mediator and arbitrator in civil and commercial matters. She is a member of panels of the US Arbitration & Mediation Service, NASD, Oregon Appellate Settlement Conference and the Multnomah County Circuit Court Arbitration Panel. She has been a member of the OSB since 1977.

A member of the ABA since 1977, O'Neil has served in many roles. She has been a member of the Standing Committee on Gavel Awards, the Latin American Law Initiative Council Advisory Committee, the Bar Services Committee and the Commission on Women in the Profession. She has also been an Oregon State delegate in the House of Delegates for 11 years and served as chair of the House of Delegates Technology Committee.

O'Neil is the current Vice
President of the Multnomah Bar
Foundation and has served on
numerous committees of the
OSB, was president of the Oregon
Law Foundation, president of the
Professional Liability Fund and
founding president of OWLS.
She has also been Oregon's chair
of Lawyer Representatives to the
Ninth Circuit Judicial Conference,
a member of the Federal District
Court of Oregon's Gender Bias
Task Force and the State-Federal
Judicial Council.

Among her honors, O'Neil received the Award of Merit, the highest honor of the OSB, as well as the US District Court Historical Society 2005 Lifetime Service Award and the Lewis



Katherine O'Neil

& Clark Law School 2005
Distinguished Alumni Award.
She is the recipient of the Women of Achievement Award from the State of Oregon Commission on Women and the Justice Betty Roberts Award from Oregon Women Lawyers.

O'Neil received her JD from Lewis & Clark Law School and a bachelor's degree with great distinction from Stanford University.

Tips from the Bench

By Judge John A. Wittmayer, Multnomah County Circuit Court.

Motions to suppress in criminal cases - timeliness

It is not unusual for defense counsel in criminal cases to file motions to suppress shortly before trial. Counsel should be aware that untimely motions to suppress may be denied on that basis alone.

UTCR 4.010 requires such motions to be filed "not less than 21 days before trial or within seven days of arraignment, whichever is later, unless a different time is permitted by the court for good cause shown." On August 15, the Court of Appeals issued its opinion in *State v. Betnar*, 214 Or App 416, ruling that the trial judge did not abuse his discretion in denying a motion to suppress that was filed on the eve of trial.

The last page of your order or judgment

Have you prepared (or seen) an order or judgment that runs a little longer than you thought it might run, and spills over onto one page more than you thought? Sometimes we see orders or judgments that contain only the judge's signature portion of the document on the last page. UTCR 12(a) requires that the page prepared for the judge's signature must contain at least two lines of the text. The rule also requires you to include below the judge's signature line the printed name of the judge, if the order or judgment is prepared for the signature of a particular judge. You should also include a date line for the judge to use when he/ she signs the order or judgment.

Take care about what is said in the public areas of the courthouse

Lawyers should remember to be cautious about their



conversations in the hallways, elevators and lobby of the courthouse. And you should tell your clients and witnesses to be careful about this, also. The public areas of the courthouse are full of jurors and other interested parties, and occasionally something is said in the presence of a person who should not overhear it. Don't compromise your client's interests - be careful, and make sure your clients and witnesses are careful too.

Timely submission of motions and memoranda

Lawyers continue to submit motions, memoranda, etc. to the judge hearing the matter at the last minute. You spend a lot of time and effort (and your client goes to a lot of expense) in the preparation of written materials designed to convince the judge to make the "right" ruling for your client. So why do you deliver those materials to the assigned judge when it is too late for the judge to read and fully consider your materials before the hearing? You are wasting your time and effort and your client's money when you take this approach. Get your written materials submitted sufficiently in advance of the hearing to have them make a difference for your client.

"Absolutely Social" Social The Grape Escape

Thursday, October 18 The University Club 5-7 p.m.

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By Todd L. Van Rysselberghe, Kennedy Watts et al and Court Liaison Committee member.

Electronic Filing Status

Doug Bray reported on the statewide effort, led by Chief Justice Paul DeMuniz, to develop an electronic filing system in the circuit and appellate courts. A system like Public Access to Court Electronic Records (PACER), used by the federal courts, is being planned to implement electronic filing and a "paperless" or "paper on demand" system for all state court filings and files. There is no interest in devoting resources to expand OJIN at this time. The current OJIN system is to be replaced in three to five years, after the electronic filing and document management system is implemented. As with PACER, the e-filing system, electronic document management system and the replacement for OJIN will all be Web-based and Web accessible.

Presiding Judge's Report

Judge Maurer will assume responsibilities as the presiding judge on January 1, 2008.

The Multnomah County judges meet with lawyers as a group several times a year to discuss pertinent issues over a brown bag lunch. The next such meeting will be October 11 at noon, with Judges Maurer and Koch, who will discuss presiding judge issues. MBA members are encouraged to bring their questions and their lunches to this informal session.

Work continues on locating a site in Gresham for the new courthouse on the eastside. The location is still likely to be in the Rockwood area of that city. The location for the new courthouse downtown will be on the block west of the Hawthorne Bridge. The county is moving forward with plans to relocate the bridge off-ramp.

Judges have experienced problems with the use of cell phones in and around the courtrooms. People have used phones to take pictures of witnesses and jurors. There have also been problems with text communications with witnesses. Some courts outside the state have gone so far as to prohibit cell phones in the courthouse. The judges recognize that there are legitimate uses for cell phones within the courthouse, but the current problems involve use in a courtroom. They have met with the sheriff and asked that his staff assist in the enforcement of the current SLR 6.027, which requires that cell phones be turned off and kept off when entering courtrooms, unless otherwise permitted by the judge.

Judges also continue to have problems with the transportation of prisoners to courtrooms. It can take as long as an hour to deliver a prisoner from the courthouse jail to a courtroom. The delays affect civil trials. The situation is not likely to change due to the sheriff's limited personnel.

The legislature passed a new filing fee schedule effective September 1. The schedule is posted on the court's Web site, and there is a link from www.mbabar.org. The filing fee increase will raise approximately \$11 million per year, most of which goes to the general fund.

It is estimated that as many as five judicial positions will become available in the year 2008.

MBA Web site

The MBA Web site now includes a page for court information. A subcommittee was formed to review the section and to suggest additional content.

CourtCare Report

Fundraising efforts for the CourtCare program were very successful this year. Approximately \$120,000 was raised from donations. Planning is underway for the 2008 fundraising campaign.

Communication with Local Bar Associations

Kathryn Villa-Smith has offered to continue to attend Court Liaison Committee meetings to represent the Clackamas County Bar. The committee would like to have representatives for the Washington County and Clark County Bar Associations also attend meetings and communicate changes of interest to MBA members. Volunteers from the committee will be assigned to follow up with these counties.

Schedule Coordination

Mike Lewton brought up a need for schedule coordination among the three counties. A subcommittee was formed with Mike and Todd Van Rysselberghe to investigate options.

Judicial Brown Bag features Presiding Judges Dale R. Koch and Jean K. Maurer October 11

On March 23, the Hon. Jean Kerr Maurer was selected by the judges of the circuit court to be the deputy presiding judge until the end of the year and then to succeed the Hon. Dale R. Koch, Presiding Judge, at the end of his term in office.

On October 11, at noon, in the presiding judge's courtroom,

you will have the opportunity to talk to these two individuals in a casual exchange, that won't concern your need for a trial postponement or require you to provide an explanation about why you think your case deserves complex status. But, it will permit you to ask them questions about what was learned in the last four years and what may come in

the future. Bring your lunch and questions and join your colleagues in a casual discussion with these two court leaders.

This event is sponsored by the MBA Court Liaison Committee.

Profile – Thomas Ryan, Multnomah County Circuit Court Judge

By Doug Bray, Multnomah County Circuit Court Administrator.

homas Michael Ryan was born in 1960, in Batavia, New York, and the details of his life have been covered previously in a biographical profile by David Bean, published in the March 2006 edition of the *Multnomah Lawyer*.

On February 28, Governor Ted Kulongoski issued a press release announcing the appointment of Thomas Ryan to fill the judicial vacancy on the circuit court created by the retirement of the Hon. Elizabeth Welch from Position 18 on the court. This position was held by Judge Mercedes Deiz from its creation in 1973 until 1993 and thereafter by Judge Welch.

On that February day, Tom Ryan was on the eve of his third anniversary working as a judge pro tempore for the court. Since March 1, 2004, Tom served on the court's criminal and civil referee rotations - presiding over proceedings for traffic and parking violations, felony and misdemeanor first appearances, probation violation dispositions, DUII diversion proceedings, small claims, landlord and tenant matters, and matters in the one-courtroom circuit court facility in the City of Gresham. He is the ninth member of the court to have served in the referee program prior to becoming a judge of the circuit court.

Judge Ryan took his oath of office as an appointed circuit court judge on March 1, and agreed to serve on the family court. The family court now consists of 10 judges and four referees; it has jurisdiction over all domestic relations, juvenile, probate and misdemeanor offenses involving domestic violence. This assignment fits Judge Ryan well; he has several years experience as an attorney in juvenile dependency and delinquency cases as well as experience on the criminal side for the court's domestic violence cases.

Reflecting on his six months as a circuit court judge, Judge Ryan said that sitting the previous three years as a part of the referee program provided him some helpful preparation.

"Being a referee prepares you for staying on task, dealing with large dockets, and trains you to give courteous attention to each party even if there is very limited time," he said.

By contrast, as a judge on the family court, he finds "the role of the judge requires much more preparation." He says that it is necessary frequently to work into the evening hours preparing for the next day's assignment. He acknowledges that some of the late hours are due to his own desire to be familiar with the issues in an assigned matter and the applicable domestic relations law. While he has extensive practice experience in juvenile and domestic violence cases, he is still learning the details of domestic relations law and procedure.

Judge Ryan appreciates the bar's preparation and patience when appearing before him. He appreciates more the bar's and pro se parties' willingness, when appropriate, to adopt a practical approach to finding a solution to a problem that often appears intractable at the start of a hearing. Moving parties to a mutually agreed upon solution is the best possible outcome, in Judge Ryan's view.

He cites "listening" as one of the most important skills he learned as a lawyer, employed constantly as a referee, and now relies upon heavily as a circuit court judge. Judge Ryan points out that often he is doing all of the listening early in a hearing to learn the priorities of the parties as they argue their claims. Once he understands those priorities, he says, his job then becomes getting the parties to listen to each other as problem solvers rather than as litigants.

Judge Ryan notes that his settlement skills, also learned as a lawyer, are required constantly in presiding over domestic relations cases. He is most pleased when the parties participate in the development of a practical, creative solution to establish a parenting plan or property division. Those decisions need to be straightforward, as simple as the issues permit, and, if possible, mutually agreed upon, he observed. Getting the parties to that point is often more time consuming than just hearing the parties and ruling, but, he recalls, he got some very good advice from Judge Julie Frantz as he came onto the bench; she told him "you always want to take the time to get to the right answer."



Thomas Ryan

Judge Ryan says he values and looks for creativity in settling cases – working within the law to find the right solution to the matter the parties have brought before the court. He learned this well as an attorney practicing criminal law before Judge William J. Keys. Those who knew Judge Keys know how hard and creatively he worked to settle matters.

Judge Ryan loves being on the circuit court.

"I get up in the morning, and can't wait to get to work," he said.

Judge Keys would have summarized such joy and enthusiasm as "...isn't this a slice of heaven?" And, for Circuit Court Judge Thomas Michael Ryan, it is.

MBA Golf Championship Raises Money for VLP

Twenty teams battled for top honors at the 10th Annual MBA Members Golf Championship on August 14 at Pumpkin Ridge Golf Club. Thanks to our sponsors, tournament participants and the hard work of the MBA Golf Committee Chair Tom Melville and his committee, the event raised approximately \$4,000 for the MBA Volunteer Lawyers Project, managed by Legal Aid Services of Oregon.

The firm low gross winner was Wallace Klor & Mann, and the firm low net winner was Perkins Coie. In the open category, the low gross winner was the team of Kevin Chames, Steve Larson, Don Templeton and Brian Thompson. The low net winner was the team of Dylan Cernitz, Kelly Evans, Zach Fruchtengarten and Randy Sell. The open and firm low net teams and firm low gross team each received a traveling trophy that they will keep until next year's tournament. Congratulations to all!

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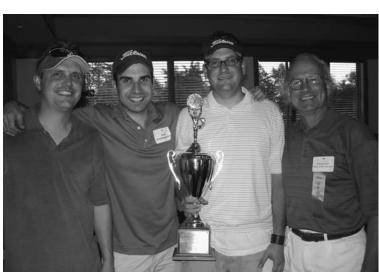
We look forward to seeing you next year!



1st place low net firm team Cody Weston, Chris Garrett, Sarah Crooks and David Symes



1st place low gross firm team Evan Wallace, John Klor, Lawrence Mann and Sky Wallace



1st place low net open team Kelly Evans, Zach Fruchtengarten, Dylan Cernitz and Randy Sell

Giving to MBA Reaps Personal and Professional Returns

By David Bean, YLS President.



▲n Bill Clinton's new book, Giving: How Each of Us Can Change the World, he suggests that giving is one of the more selfish things a person can do. I've held this belief for a long time. Why is giving selfish? Because giving feels good and it pays dividends. Give money to the Multnomah Bar Foundation and have your name published. Give your time and energy to volunteer at one of the YLS in-service days at the Oregon Humane Society and be rewarded by a wagging tail and nonjudgmental camaraderie. Volunteer for the YLS' YOUthFILM Project and reap the joy associated with knowing you contributed to the civic and arts education of a local middle or high school student.

I've been involved with the MBA YLS since 2001. During that time, I've given my time, energy, ideas

and even my money. I'm really not that generous a guy. I am involved with the MBA because, with relatively little effort, I'm able to accomplish a lot. I've advanced to a marvelous leadership position; I've been given countless family law referrals by people I've met through the YLS; and I've gotten to schmooze with some of the finest lawyers and judges in Multnomah County. I've also honed my leadership, public speaking and organizational skills, enjoyed many happy hours and made lasting friendships. Without a doubt, I'm a better person as a result of my service.

In the spirit of balance and diversity and because I cited a former president whom I admire, I'll quote a former president of whom I'm not nearly as fond. Ronald Reagan once said, "It's true hard work never killed anybody, but I figure why take the chance?" If you want to leverage your limited time, money and energy, aligning with the MBA will enable you to reduce your investment and still realize an outstanding return. Because the MBA YLS is a well-organized, thoughtful and progressive organization, with strong leadership and an amazing staff, it enables people to give with a level of efficiency that they would not be able to achieve on their own. If you want to give, for whatever reason, give through the MBA.

It is my privilege to have been selected by my peers to lead the YLS this year. Having never led an organization of this size and importance, I should be wary, but I'm not and I don't think it's due to hubris. The YLS Board of Directors is such an outstanding group that my job is not so difficult. Catherine Brinkman, last year's president, also made my job easier because she left the organization better than she found it. Thank you Catherine!

My approach will be to empower and assist my fellow YLS Board members, the committee chairs, and the committees in accomplishing all they can and to make sure we stay true to our mission: To provide leadership opportunities and professional development for young lawyers and to involve them in pro bono and public service. I encourage all of our members to support our ongoing programs and to develop new ones so that the MBA can continue to thrive. And, if you're not a member, I encourage you to join. If you're under the age of 36 or if you've practiced for less than six years, you're eligible to join the YLS.

A great way to familiarize yourself with opportunities available through the MBA is by visiting our Web site at www.mbabar.org.

So, I urge you to be selfish and give a little. It feels good.

Young Lawyers section

YLS hosts brown bag lunch with Oregon author Scott Nadelson

On **October 8**, the YLS hosts a joint event with Literary Arts from **noon to 1:30 p.m.** The event will take place at the Standard Insurance Center Auditorium, 900 SW 5th Ave, on the concourse level. Bring your lunch to this informal gathering in downtown Portland and hear a reading from Nadelson, followed by time for questions and discussion. In addition, Literary Arts will discuss their upcoming Portland Arts & Lecture Series and give away a few tickets to that series.

Scott Nadelson is an award-winning fiction writer who has published two books of short stories - *Saving Stanley: The Brickman Stories*, winner of the 2004 Oregon Book Award for short fiction, and *The Cantor's Daughter*, a finalist for the 2006 Oregon Book Award and winner of the Samuel Goldberg & Sons Fiction Prize for Emerging Jewish Writers. Nadelson is currently working on a few different projects, including a book of essays on the nature of memorials and the ways in which people mark their losses. Nadelson lives in Aurora and teaches at Willamette University.

If you're looking for an opportunity to take in some literature or just re-connect with old friends and make a few new ones, this event will provide an excellent venue for catching up with your peers. The event is free. Please RSVP to the MBA at 503.222.3275 or kathy@mbabar.org.

MBA Mentor ProgramLessons Learned

James M. Finn, MBA Mentor



I have been doing the mentor/ mentee MBA program for a number of years. It has been an easy way for me to share my experiences as a lawyer with lawyers just starting out on their careers. I benefit because it adds perspective on the many different paths that lawyers take in their careers. I've really enjoyed getting to know all my mentees. I mainly try to act as a resource to answer questions about the practice of law, especially my area of litigation, and how to treat lawyers, judges, clients, witnesses and the myriad other people one encounters along the way. I have made my own mistakes

and observed plenty of others, so I pass those observations on. My principal advice is "don't be obnoxious," though I can't say I've always followed my own advice. The other common topic of conversation is how to structure your life and career with a view toward the long haul, trying to maintain balance among all the demands placed on us.

Michael J. Orlando, Mentee 2007 MBA Mentor Program



I signed up for the mentor/mentee program in the hopes of learning things a new lawyer might not normally encounter right away in practice. I was also very curious as to how experienced attorneys handled different day-to-day tasks

and working long hours while maintaining a sense of balance in their life. My mentor provided that and much more. No question was too trivial nor too complex to him. He introduced me around at MBA functions, provided insights into procedure to both Oregon state and federal courts and more importantly, enlightened me on the top five most common pitfalls/bad habits of new and below average attorneys. Those I took strong note of and promise to avoid! Overall, I feel it was a great experience that has benefited me now, and will, going forward.

The Mentor Program is available to all YLS members, not just first-year lawyers. Applications for the MBA Mentor Program may be found at www.mbabar.org and must be returned by November 30. Mentoring matches will be made in December. In January, the MBA will sponsor a mentor "kick off" reception where the newer attorneys will meet their mentors for the first time. Additional social and educational programs will be scheduled throughout the year.

If you have any questions, please contact Catherine Brinkman at 503.222.9981or cbrinkman@schwabe.com.

Join the YLS at the Thirsty Lion!

The MBA YLS is holding a Drop-in Social on Wednesday, October 24 from 5:30-7 p.m. at The Thirsty Lion, located at 71 SW 2nd Ave. This is a casual get-together and a fantastic opportunity to meet and network with lawyers from around the area. So, grab your friends and coworkers and come join us at downtown's finest English public house.

We'll see you there!

Celebrate Fall at the Oregon Food Bank

Please join the YLS Service to the Public Committee and Oregon Lawyers Against Hunger for a special kind of fall harvest at the Oregon Food Bank. We are hosting volunteer events on both Tuesday, October 2, from 6-8:30 p.m. and Saturday, October 27 from 9 a.m.-noon. Family, friends and children over the age of six are welcome to join us. We will sort donations and prepare emergency food boxes that are distributed throughout Oregon. This volunteer event coincides with the 2007 Oregon Lawyers Against Hunger Food Drive, which runs from September 24 to October 5.

Over the coming year, look for additional MBA volunteer events at the Oregon Humane Society, Friends of Trees and SMART (Start Making a Reader Today). These opportunities are geared toward attorneys who seek the satisfaction of making a tangible contribution to the community without making a long-term commitment. To volunteer at the Oregon Food Bank or for more information, email Amber Hollister at ahollister@perkinscoie.com or call 503.727.2191.

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The MBA member price for this publication is \$139.95, regularly \$169.95. To purchase

We also encourage you to attend the Mergers and **Acquisitions CLE** seminar on October 24. See insert or register at www.mbabar.org.

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If you would like more information about the benefits of MBA membership, please call Kennedy Smith at 503.222.3275 or visit www.mbabar.org. We look forward to serving you in

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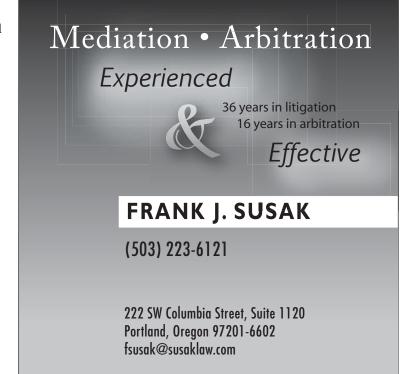
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YLS, OSCPA Network During Latest **Joint Social**

The YLS hosted its annual joint social with the Career Development Section of the Oregon Society of CPAs. The event received overwhelming interest as over 60 young lawye and accountants attended to network and enjoy food and drinks provided by the social's sponsor, Schwabe Williamson & Wyatt.

This event continues the good will between the YLS and the OSCPA and it generated additional interest for cross-industry networking events on the horizon. The YLS Membership Committee thanks all who attended and helped make the evening such a success. The committee provides

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The reasons stated in the op ed piece for why a new courthouse must be an immediate priority for the county and the community are not the only reasons (and, indeed, for some, maybe not even the most important ones). The current courthouse presents other public safety issues. In-custody prisoners have no separate, secure route to and from courtrooms, for example. And the lack of an adequate courthouse facility affects the business community too because the problems with the facility impede the ability of

business disputes to be properly and timely resolved. And, finally, in a real way, I believe that the lack of an adequate courthouse affects the very psyche and character of the community as a whole. When most of Oregon's courthouses were built, they were the centerpiece of the urban landscape, reflecting, as they did, the community's deeply held view of the vitally important role that courts (and the rule of law, generally) played in community well being. The current courthouse reflects a very different view (which troubles me and, hopefully, all of you as well) - the loss of respect for the role of the courts (and the rule of law) in community well being. And that loss of respect, I submit,

is not only bad in and of itself, but threatens to impair the vitality and well being of the downtown community, if not the entire county and state. Indeed, the degraded respect for our "halls of justice" threatens the very well being of this place that we live, work and love.

The MBA has a number of ongoing initiatives focused on getting a new courthouse built as soon as possible. Please help those initiatives with your time and money when asked. And, don't be afraid to give me a call if you have your own thoughts and ideas on the courthouse issue and, most importantly, how to avoid both a tragedy like what happened in

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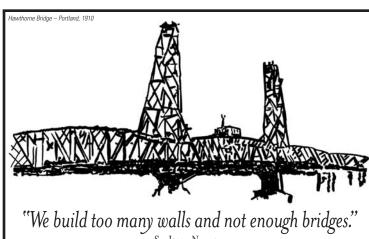
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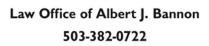
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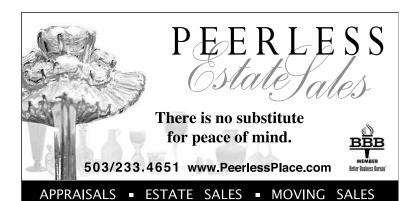
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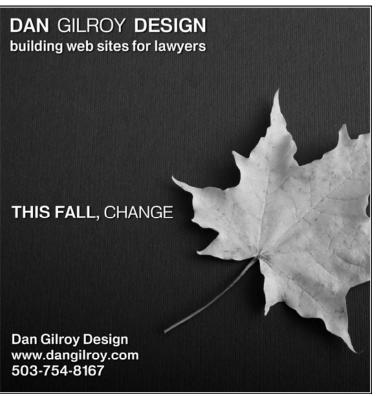
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vote when the time comes. After the kids broke into groups to discuss the importance of the Bill of Rights, they reassembled to hear Oregon Supreme Court Chief Justice Paul J. De Muniz talk about the three branches of government.

"The reason our constitutional democracy has endured is because people respect the

judicial branch of government," he told the students. "We must continue to educate young men and women like yourselves to keep the judicial branch free of political influence, so that justice is available to everyone, everywhere."

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