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# **Education in Many Forms**

By Michelle Druce, MBA Vice President.

Education in many forms is an important part of the MBA mission. The law is constantly changing. We all have CLE requirements. Practical skills and professional development are key components of education for lawyers. There are many ways the MBA can help. Do you

know about the great work of the MBA CLE Committee and the YLS Professional Development and Education Committee?

The YLS plans three nine-part seminar series that are held on a weekly basis during the lunch hour. These series run in the fall, winter and spring. The topics of the series generally vary from year to year, however the winter seminar is the Young Litigators Forum and is a great way for new admittees to get the necessary credits required during the first year of practice. In addition to the 27 series of classes, the YLS typically plans at least two professional development seminars each year that are held after work at casual venues.

The MBA CLE Committee plans 30 CLE classes each year. Most are two-hour classes held at the World Trade Center. Topics are diverse and timely and the speakers are experienced practitioners. You can't beat the price!

In addition to the live CLE classes, the MBA also offers CD and tape recordings, along with written materials. In keeping with the times, CLEs may also be purchased and downloaded from the MBA Web site in MP3 format. If you are an unemployed lawyer, the MBA offers members reduced fees for CLEs (contact the MBA for details). Did you know that MBA members can obtain CLE written materials from the MBA free of charge if you are not seeking CLE credit?

The MBA Web site also has a calendar listing CLEs offered by other organizations in addition to the MBA-sponsored CLEs. This is a helpful tracking tool to learn about various CLE offerings on one Web site.

In addition to education offered through CLEs, the MBA Mentorship Program is another form of education provided to newer lawyers. Experienced practitioners are paired with newer lawyers in this program. Networking and social events sponsored by the MBA and YLS also play a role in education and professional development of MBA members.

The Multnomah Bar Foundation is supporting a project focused on civic education, including the importance of being an

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-CHRISTOPHER KAYSER, MBA CLE COMMITTEE CHAIR

informed voter, civic engagement, what goes on in a courthouse, rule of law, balance of powers and the various kinds of courts. The MBA recognizes the importance of education in our communities. We can all play a role in promoting this important education project.

If you have feedback or ideas regarding CLE topics, have ideas regarding other groups to partner with in putting together CLEs, or if you want to volunteer as a speaker, contact the MBA. Additionally, if you are interested in adding social events to CLEs, the MBA would like your input.

Christopher Kayser is the current MBA CLE Committee Chair. He expressed the following regarding his MBA experience: "I began my practice of law on the East Coast. After a few years of litigating in multiple states, I learned that each state's bar has its own unique culture defined by the quality, ethics and integrity of its attorneys. When I moved back here and began practicing in Oregon, I was immediately struck by the high quality and collegiality of the bar; something that I now attribute at least in part with how Oregon's bar has chosen to regulate itself. I know people complain about the heavy CLE requirement but what we can't lose sight of is that the CLE requirements are what keep us on top of our game and is one of the reasons why Oregon is such a great place to practice law."

Education takes place in many forms, thanks to many volunteers. As Marian Wright Edelman stated: "Education is for improving the lives of others and for leaving your community and world better than you found it." Please join the MBA in continuing the many forms of education that keep us on top of our game and improves the lives of others and our communities.

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# **Pro Bono Opportunities**

The YLS is seeking volunteers for the Attorneys for Youth program to assist homeless and near-homeless youth in need of legal help. Attorneys are placed on an on-call list, which is made available to local youth organizations. Volunteers agree to respond to questions about criminal, family, immigration, landlord/tenant and employment law, among other subjects, but are under no obligation to provide continuing representation to the client. Training materials and a resource list are provided. To sign up, please leave your name and contact information with the YLS Pro Bono Hotline at 503.276.2166.

# **Community Service Day** at the Blanchet House Friday, December 3

The MBA YLS Service to the Public Committee invites you to get involved in the community this holiday season by assisting a wonderful organization - The Blanchet House of Hospitality. The Blanchet House Mission Statement is "to feed, clothe, and offer shelter and aid to those in need," services they have provided to individuals who are homeless or who are in recovery since 1952. We hope you will consider volunteering to serve meals on Friday, December 3 from 4:30 - 6:00 p.m. The Blanchet House is located downtown at 340 NW Glisan Street, and is one of three Blanchet organization sites serving individuals in the Portland area. Volunteers will attend a brief orientation and serve guests for approximately one hour. They will then have a chance to sit down and enjoy a meal with the guests themselves. To volunteer or to learn more about The Blanchet House, contact Alex Sutton at 503.227.1515 or asutton@gevurtzmenashe.com.

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Friday-Saturday,

Tuesday, MBA CLE

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**Child Abuse Reporting** 

See insert or register at

Friday, January, 2011

Wednesday, MBA CLE

**Ethical Considerations in** 

**Corporate Representation** 

Friday, Christmas Holiday

Friday, New Year Holiday

Tuesday, MBA Board Meeting

Monday, February Multnomah

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January

Lawyer deadline

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Tuesday, YLS Board meeting

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Tuesday, MBA Board meeting

# November

Tuesday, YLS Board meeting

#### Tuesday, MBA CLE **UCC Article 9**

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Wednesday, December Multnomah Lawyer deadline

Wednesday, DJC Up and Coming Lawyers event at University Club Visit http://djcoregon.com/ events/law/17 for details.

#### Wednesday, MBF Board meeting

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Thursday, New Admittee Social at Kells

Visit www.mbabar.org for details.

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Thursday - Friday, Thanksgiving Holiday MBA office closed.

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Tuesday, MBA CLE Valuation Issues in a Changing

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Wednesday, MBA CLE Selecting a Jury

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Thursday, OSB Awards Dinner The Governor Hotel

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# **Ethics Focus**

By Mark J. Fucile, Fucile & Reising.

# When Good Clients Go Bad

Imagine this scenario: Your firm represents a seemingly successful investment company, Ponzi Enterprises. The company's founder, Bernie Madeup, is equally celebrated for his business acumen and his charitable works. Bernie's business has been great for your firm, too. You have helped with several of his key investment funds, including Bermuda Triangle and Enron Again. One day, however, the company bookkeeper tells you that Bernie and Ponzi are both frauds. You confront Bernie and he admits those sad facts but insists that he plans to continue his evil ways. What next?

When a lawyer discovers that a client is engaging in a continuing fraud or other illegal conduct, three questions usually rush forward: (1) must I withdraw? (2) do I tell? and (3) do I face exposure?

# Withdrawal

If Bernie had been an outlier in an otherwise upstanding company that was equally shocked by his conduct, fired Bernie on the spot and immediately went to the authorities, the lawyer might remain to assist the company in dealing with the fallout. Even in this situation, however, developments might trigger the lawyer's withdrawal later, such as a lawyer-witness or other conflict, and the lawyer would need to continually monitor any potential conflicts moving forward.



In my example, though, Bernie is effectively "the company," he has used your services to further his fraud and he plans to continue. In these circumstances, it's time to head for the exit. RPC 8.4(a) includes knowing participation in fraud or other dishonest conduct within the definition of "professional misconduct" and RPC 1.2(c) prohibits advice in furtherance of fraudulent or illegal conduct. RPC 1.16(a)(1) also expressly requires lawyers to withdraw from a representation when continuing "will result in violation of the Rules of Professional Conduct or other law."

#### **Revealing Client Fraud**

If Bernie had been the proverbial "lone wolf" in an otherwise upstanding company, RPC 1.13(b) counsels that a lawyer's principal duty upon discovery of fraud (or other illegal conduct) by an entity constituent that "is likely to result in substantial injury to the organization" is to report the findings to management so that the organization can take action appropriate to the circumstances. In the vernacular of RPC 1.13, this is sometimes called "reporting up."

Again, however, in my example Bernie is "the company" and is bent on continuing his fraud. Under these circumstances, both the confidentiality rule (RPC 1.6) and the entity client rule (RPC 1.13) permit what is sometimes called "reporting out."

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### 2010 MBA Annual Report

You may learn more about the MBA and its committees' accomplishments in the 2010 MBA Annual Report, now available at www.mbabar.org.

#### **MBA News**

We are considering publishing profiles of members who have unique skills outside the practice of law. What do our lawyers do for fun? Are you a musician? Do you write novels? Are you a master chef? Are you into wine or beer-making? What is your unique skill? Please consider sharing your "extralegal" expertise with the MBA. Contact Judy Edwards at judy@mbabar.org, if you want to share.

The Member Section of the MBA Web site features free online CLE written materials, opportunities to learn marketing tips, practical firm and practice management information and the latest technology for lawyers. Just go to www.mbabar.org and click on Member Section. If you don't already have a password, the system will generate one for you quickly.

# Commitment to **Professionalism**

The professionalism statement developed by the MBA Professionalism Committee is available for MBA members to order and display in their offices. The statement is printed on quality 11x14" parchment

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# Campaign for Equal Justice (CEJ) Appoints Board and Committee Members

Susan Marmaduke will serve as one of the statewide cochairs; the Large Firm Partners Committee is co-chaired by Joel Mullin, Larry Reichman and Beth Skillern; Mark Wada and Mike Silvey are co-chairing the mid-sized firm efforts; Andrew Schpak, Amy Edwards and Gina Hagedorn have been named as co-chairs of the Associates' Committee.

Frank Langfitt has assumed the position as CEJ Board Chair, Rod Lewis is Vice Chair and Ron Greenman and Sarah Crooks continue as Treasurer and Secretary. Ed Harnden, who served as CEJ Board Chair since 2006, remains on the board. Jeff Edelson was recently elected to the board.

#### Oregon State Bar Annual Awards Dinner

This year's awards dinner is Thursday, December 2 at The Governor Hotel in Portland. A reservation form is available at www.osbar.org. For additional event information, please contact Karla Houtary at 503.620.0222 ext. 367 or khoutary@osbar.org. Space is limited. Registration deadline is November 19.

Taste for Justice Wine Auction Raises \$125,000 to Benefit St. Andrew Legal Clinic

Celebrity auctioneers Dave Markowitz and Matt Levin from Markowitz Herbold et al, Albert Menashe of Gevurtz Menashe, Paul Fortino of Perkins Coie and Chris Hermann from Stoel Rives auctioned off 24 spectacular wine lots, including six bottles of Mouton Rothschild, a 28-bottle lot of Rare Rhone Valley wines, and a bottle of Dominus Cabernet Sauvignon autographed by Pacific Northwest native Rainn Wilson, star of "The Office."

#### Criminal Defense Lawyers Schedule Winter Conference The Oregon Criminal Defense Lawyers Association's Winter Conference is December 3-4 at the Benson Hotel in Portland.

The CLE, "Advanced Techniques for Mastering and Controlling Your Case," will feature retiring Oregon Supreme Court Justice Michael Gillette.

OCDLA conferences are open to defense lawyers and others directly involved in the defense function. For program details, visit www.ocdla.org.

# RPC 1.6(b)(1) permits a lawyer to reveal continuing client fraud that constitutes a crime.

"A lawyer may reveal information relating to the representation of a client to the extent the lawyer reasonably believes necessary:

"(1) to disclose the intention of the lawyer's client to commit a crime and the information necessary to prevent the crime[.]"

RPC 1.13(c) permits a lawyer who has "reported up" to reveal continuing client fraud that constitutes a crime if:

"[D]espite the lawyer's efforts ... the highest authority that can act on behalf of the organization insists upon or fails to address in a timely and appropriate manner an action or a refusal to act, that is clearly a violation of law ... and the lawyer reasonably believes that the violation is reasonably certain to result in substantial injury to the organization[.]"

It is important to note that disclosure under both rules is permissive rather than mandatory. OSB Formal Ethics Opinion 2005-34 finds that a lawyer could ethically either disclose the fraud or withdraw without revealing a client's continuing crime. Oregon's rule also leaves room for the middle course of a so-called "noisy withdrawal" where the lawyer withdraws and simply disavows any representations made to third parties. A lawyer may well conclude that the most prudent course is either to reveal the fraud or to at least make a "noisy withdrawal" that achieves the same objective in practical effect.

# Exposure

Whenever and however the client's fraud unravels, having been the client's lawyer when the fraud was underway is never a comfortable position, even if the lawyer is absolutely innocent of any wrongdoing. Bruce Schafer, the PLF's Director of Claims, put it this way in his chapter on legal malpractice in *The Ethical Oregon Lawyer*:

"The damages claimed are often astronomical, and the lawyer frequently is the deepest, or only, pocket available when the dust settles" (at 15-30).

Although any particular course of action will be dictated by the facts, two considerations are usually uniform. First, don't ignore the situation and hope it will go away. It almost always won't and looming disasters usually don't improve with age. Second, get advice. When issues of this sensitivity and potential magnitude arise, you need sound professional advice from seasoned counsel (whether from outside counsel, the PLF or a combination).

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# **Campaign for Equal Justice Update**

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The Campaign for Equal Justice (CEJ) kicked off its 20th annual fund drive to help support Oregon legal aid. Over the past 19 years the CEJ has raised \$17 million in support of Oregon's legal aid programs.

The CEJ's goal this year is to once again raise \$1 million in its annual fund drive. "Although the economy is tough and lawyers are feeling the pinch, low-income clients are the hardest hit, and this is the time for lawyers to step up and make sure that our most vulnerable Oregonians can access the legal system," says Ed Harnden, CEJ Board member.

The CEJ was started in 1991 by Oregon lawyers to help fund legal aid. In addition to the annual fund drive, the Campaign and its volunteers work on state and federal funding support for legal aid, foundation support, and education and outreach.

About 70% of Portland's large firm lawyers contribute and about 40% of lawyers in Portland's mid-sized law firms. About 20% of lawyers in Oregon give to the CEJ.

"We're trying hard to push our number of contributors to 3,000 this year and that requires reaching out to lawyers throughout the state," says Susan Marmaduke, co-chair of the annual fund drive.

Tom Matsuda, Executive Director of Legal Aid Services of Oregon, points out that legal aid offices are continuing to report increases in both the frequency and severity of domestic violence, and increases in cases relating to unemployment and housing. "With Oregon's unemployment rate hovering around 10.5 percent, and almost 800,000 low-income Oregonians, the need for very basic services continues to grow and we are



CEJ Associates Committee

always working to stretch our resources. With current funding, we are still meeting less than 20% of the civil legal needs of the poor."

The CEJ fund drive goes through February 2011, which also happens to be the 75th anniversary of the opening of the first legal aid office in Oregon. The annual CEJ 20th Awards luncheon is scheduled for February 22.



Ed Harnden, Justice Balmer, Ernie Bonyhadi, Hardy Myers, Eric Lindauer at the CEJ September 2 Advisory Leadership meeting

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In the Firm Division, the low gross winner was Miller Nash LLP – Peter Richter, Chris Rycewicz, Tom Sand and Justin Sawyer. The low net winner was Cosgrave Vergeer Kester LLP – Ken Abere, Michael Mangan, Robert Sabido and Wally Sweek.

In the Open Division, the low gross winner was the team of Jeremy Andersen, John Garrison, Todd Hanchett and Charlie Kang. The low net winner was the team of Aaron Crowe, Dave Crowe, Gary Crowe and Jeff Mutnick.

Traveling trophies go to the 1st Place Firm low gross and low net teams and to the 1st Place Open low net team. Congratulations, all!



1st Place Low Net Open – Jeff Mutnick, Aaron Crowe, Gary Crowe and Dave Crowe



Pat Noziska, Kathy Root, Dylan Cernitz and Kelly Evans



Ty Daul, Scott Shorr, Raimund Grube and Steve Larson



Craig Leis, Amy Alpern, Ray McCue and Michael Bean



1st Place Low Net Firm – Robert Sabido and Michael Mangan



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Jeff Edelson

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her outstanding leadership in the
community.

Dozono specializes in business litigation and government relations. She is president-elect of the Oregon Asian Pacific American Bar Association, chairs the Metropolitan **Exposition Recreation** Commission which oversees the Oregon Convention Center, Expo, and regional performing arts centers, and sits on the board of directors for the Japan America Society of Oregon. She was also the founding board president of Emerge Oregon, an organization she helped launch to recruit and train women to run for elected office.



Bernard Chamberlain

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Bernard Chamberlain has joined the firm as an associate, where his practice focuses on commercial real estate transactions, business and estate tax planning and general business.

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Greg Zafiris joined the firm
as of counsel. At the firm,
Zafiris will focus on helping
private equity as well as publicly
traded companies resolve
their business issues. His
expertise includes intellectual
property, licensing, commercial
transactions, acquisition and
sale of businesses, corporate and
regulatory compliance.



Edwin Harnden

BARRAN LIEBMAN Edwin Harnden, Managing Partner, became a Fellow of the American College of Trial Lawyers. Membership in the college cannot exceed one percent of the total lawyer population of any state. Harnden joined the fewer than 80 college members who practice in Oregon. He has maintained a litigation practice since 1972 and has specialized in the handling of employment dispute resolution, arbitration and litigation since 1974.

GEVURTZ MENASHE Gevurtz Menashe has opened an office in downtown Vancouver to serve the firm's Southwest Washington clients. The Vancouver office is located at 805 Broadway St. and can be reached at 360.823.0410.

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.

# In Memoriam – James K. (Jim) Neill

Jim Neill, 64, of Davis Wright Tremaine, passed away on September 1 after a courageous year-long battle with brain cancer.

Jim, a fifth-generation Oregonian, was born in Portland and attended Jefferson High School before going on to study business at OSU and law at Willamette University, where he graduated in the top third of his class.

After law school, Jim chose the small firm of Martin & Robertson to start his career. In 1973, he became a partner and helped



grow the firm to become Ragen Roberts O'Scannlain Robertson & Neill, which later merged with the Black Kendall firm. In 1989, he was managing partner of Ragen Tremaine Krieger Schmeer & Neill when it merged with Seattle-based Davis Wright & Jones, forming the firm as it is known today – Davis Wright Tremaine LLP.

Jim's forward thinking and commitment to the stature and success of the firm and each individual there was reflected in that merger, and it also defined how he built his practice. Jim didn't seek honors or acclaim but sought to help businesses with the day-to-day operational issues so that they might thrive. He built his practice representing hotels, restaurants and bars, quickly becoming one of the state's most prominent hospitality industry lawyers. Although he didn't seek fame, his dedication to his clients was tireless, as reflected when he was the first attorney to receive the Oregon Restaurant Association's Industry Achievement Award.

Outside of his practice, Jim devoted much of his time to community organizations, serving on numerous boards and associations. His most notable dedication was to the arts, serving on virtually every arts organization board in Oregon over his 40-year career.

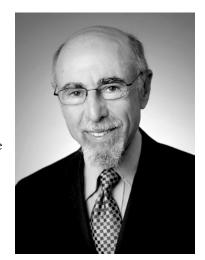
Jim's commitment to his practice and to volunteerism was matched only by his commitment to his family. He and his wife of 43 years raised two children and were blessed with three grandchildren, who he loved dearly. His "extended family" included the lawyers and staff he worked with at Davis Wright Tremaine. He was unquestionably the "father" of the Portland office of the firm, and no one person comes close to having a greater impact on the office. His commitment to excellence, to volunteerism, to camaraderie and to having fun will have a lasting impact on all who knew Jim, and he will be missed.

# In Memoriam – Stanley M. Samuels

It is with great sadness we announce the death of our colleague and much loved friend, Stanley M. Samuels.

Born in Portland, Stan received his B.S. degree (cum laude; Phi Beta Kappa) and his J.D. (Order of the Coif, Law Review) from the University of Washington.

Stan practiced transactional real estate law for over 50 years until his death. He first practiced with his uncle, Hy Samuels, and later was a founding partner of



Samuels, Samuels, Yoelin & Weiner. In 1987, Stan left the Samuels firm and became a partner at what eventually became Preston Gates & Ellis. In 2005, he followed his long-time partner, Randy Bateman, in establishing a new firm.

Stan was considered by his peers as a "Lawyer's Lawyer." He has been recognized in *The Best Lawyers in America*, real estate category, from its first publication in 1983 through the 2010 edition and for inclusion in the 2011 edition.

A member of the state bars in Oregon and Washington, Samuels was an author and speaker on real estate topics for the OSB and the Oregon Law Institute throughout his career. He served on the OSB RELU Opinion Letter Committee, the Committee for American College of Real Estate Lawyers and the MBA mentoring program. He was justifiably proud that his checklist for Real Estate Transactions, first published by OSB CLE in 1975, is still being utilized, as updated by Stan and his colleagues.

His proudest achievement was that he was "a trusted advisor to so many clients over 50 years of practice, sometimes having dealt with several generations of the family." We have been honored to practice with him and, along with our clients, Bateman Seidel will miss him dearly.



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# Tips from the Bench Part 1

By Judge Marilyn Litzenberger, Multnomah County Circuit Court.

The first in a series of two articles discusses the new expedited civil jury trial offered in Multnomah County. This month's article deals with what the new expedited designation is and preliminary matters in obtaining the designation. Next month's article will discuss the unique procedures after an expedited civil jury trial designation has been obtained.

# Questions and Answers: The Expedited Civil Jury Trial

Question 1: Where are you? The Uniform Trial Court Rules providing for expedited civil jury trials became effective last May. See UTCR 5.150. As of mid-October, however, not a single case has received the expedited designation in Multnomah County or, to my knowledge, anywhere else in the state. The purposes of providing for expedited civil jury trials are two-fold: (1) To provide an alternative, more cost effective means of resolving civil disputes; and (2) to provide a real jury trial experience to lawyers who have gained litigation experience through arbitration, but wish to hone their trial skills before a jury. Neither purpose is more important than the other, but both are critical to the vitality of the jury trial. The fact that our state constitution provides the right to have a jury trial, whether the case be civil or criminal, is simply not enough to protect that right if our profession does not continue to develop trial lawyers or if the trial lawyers in our bar become too rusty to be effective advocates for their clients in the courtroom. Please take advantage of the opportunities available through the expedited civil jury trial designation.

# Question 2: How do I do that?

In Multnomah County, the process is easy. The forms you need are available online, at the very bottom of the court's "Civil webpage: http://courts.oregon. gov/Multnomah/General\_Info/ Civil/Civil.page? They are also posted on MBA's "Courts" page: http://www.mbabar.org/ courts.htm. Once you and your opponent have agreed that your case is appropriate for consideration as an expedited civil jury trial, present the "Motion for Expedited Civil Jury Trial Designation" to Presiding Judge Jean Kerr Maurer. Your motion may be submitted to her by mail, or in person during the Presiding Court's ex parte hours (daily at 9 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.), provided you have given notice to the other side that you intend to do so.

# Question 3: What information needs to be included in the motion?

Confirmation that both sides agree to the expedited



designation (reflected by the signatures of their attorneys on the motion).

- Confirmation that both sides agree to complete discovery before a certain date (not later than 21 days before the trial date).
- Whether the parties have agreed to use the default discovery plan or if they have agreed to modify the scope, nature and timing of that plan.
- What the parties' agreement is with respect to presentation of expert testimony.
- Any other stipulations (e.g., admissibility of exhibits, reasonableness of medical bills, etc).

# Question 4: How will I hear if the motion is granted?

Your motion should be submitted with the form order provided on the court's webpage. If you appear in person, you will know if the motion has been granted at that time. If you submit your motion by mail, the court will send you a confirmed copy of the order.

# Question 5: Who will preside over the trial?

Multnomah County has designated a panel of experienced judges with extensive civil litigation experience to hear expedited civil jury trials, at least for the first pilot year. They are: Judge Henry Kantor, Judge Marilyn Litzenberger, Judge Judy Matarazzo, Judge Adrienne Nelson and Judge Janice Wilson. The order designating your case as an expedited civil jury trial will tell you which of these judges will hear your case and direct you to call that judge immediately to schedule a case management conference. The initial case management conference is to be held within 10 judicial days, if feasible, of the date your case has been designated "expedited." It is anticipated that using a small panel of judges will facilitate consistency in how these cases are handled because those judges will meet and discuss how to resolve any "kinks" that were not anticipated by the drafters of the rule.

# Question 6: Will my case be exempted from mandatory arbitration?

Yes. The expedited civil jury program allows you to skip arbitration and go right to trial - you don't have to wait to appeal the arbitrator's award de novo.



By Keil Mueller, Stoll Berne and Court Liaison Committee member.

# Presiding Judge's Report

#### **State Budget**

There is more bad news about the budget. The state now anticipates a \$3.2 billion deficit, which represents an 18% reduction in the current service level general fund budget for the 09-11 biennium. Although there is no word yet on Judicial Department reductions, the Governor has directed his executive department agencies to prepare a 25% reduction in funding. In the current biennium, the court's funding has been reduced by 7-8%. Further funding reductions will significantly impact the court's operations. The budgetary issues facing the circuit court mean that the court will get smaller in terms of staff resources and programs in 2011.

As reported earlier, four referees have been laid off. Judges are now covering assignments at the Justice Center that the referees previously handled. The court has cut the equivalent of 16 positions so far this biennium and additional positions are being held vacant, for a total of 39 less staff in the court's administrative area.

To compensate for lost staff resources, the court is blending judicial staff and operations staff. Judicial assistants are now required to devote 25% of their time to administrative functions. While this has allowed the court to retain all of the judicial assistants, it means that attorneys may find it more difficult to reach judicial assistants in a trial department and response times to inquiries may increase. Judicial clerks are filling in for judicial assistants when the assistants are performing operations functions, and also are covering for each other when possible. Judge Maurer further advised that, given the additional stress placed on the court's staff, mistakes may occur. She advised attorneys to follow up on court orders to insure that they are processed and entered correctly. In addition, Judge Maurer requested that attorneys

take advantage of the resources available through the court's Web site whenever possible and encourage their staffs to do the same. This will reduce the burden on court staff.

Judge Maurer also encouraged feedback – both positive and critical – from attorneys regarding circuit court proceedings and operations.

#### **Emergency Evacuation Drills**

Judge Maurer reported that the court conducted its latest unannounced emergency drill, which required sheriff's deputies to escort all prisoners out of the courthouse. All non-prisoners evacuated the courthouse within seven minutes and all prisoners were evacuated within 13 minutes. Attorneys who may be present during an evacuation are advised that anyone above the third floor is required to leave by the back staircase. In an emergency situation, circuit court staff and sheriff's staff will be positioned throughout the courthouse to assist. Upon exiting the courthouse, people should move away from the building and across a street.

# OJIN Email

Judge Maurer said that Multnomah County would be moving to OJIN email notices in the next few months, but that the court wants to ensure that this move is done correctly. Many law firms have set up dedicated email addresses to which all court notices are sent. This avoids the problems that can arise when an attorney to whom notices are being sent leaves the firm or is on vacation. Firms that have not established dedicated email addresses to receive court notices from other circuit courts are encouraged to consider doing so.

# Miscellaneous

Judge Maurer reported that the Gateway Center for Domestic Violence Services is now open and operating. The center provides an array of services, including restraining orders. Video technology allows victims to make their initial court appearance remotely from the center.

Attorneys are encouraged to forward ideas and questions for the regular "Tips from the Bench" feature in the Multnomah Lawyer to Judge Maurer's office.

Judge Maurer noted that a final vote on the proposed East County Courthouse was set for October 28. While interest in a new downtown courthouse is high at the moment, funding continues to present a significant obstacle. The project likely will cost \$200 million or more. Polling shows that voters will not support a bond initiative to finance construction of a new downtown courthouse.

# **Clackamas County**

Clackamas County has adopted a new protocol for arbitrators. All arbitrators practicing in Clackamas County must attend a mandatory training session and view a video.

#### Court Resources Sub-Committee

The MBA has pledged up to \$10,000 as a match to help purchase a new video conferencing cart for the court that can be used throughout the building. MBA members will be asked to give a donation to the cost of the new equipment. The MBA Courthouse Resources Subcommittee of the Court Liaison Committee is considering ways that the MBA may provide assistance to the court in light of budget cutbacks. One possibility is that the MBA will seek to provide additional volunteer pro tem judges. Although some members of the legal community have expressed concern that providing assistance to the court will lessen the legislature's motivation to find additional resources for the court, the assistance that the MBA is able to provide will help meet a very small portion of the court's

# Profile - Judge Michael Marcus, Multnomah County Circuit Court

By Elizabeth Knight, Knight, Dunn Carney et al & Court Liaison Committee member.

On a Friday in September, I had the privilege of spending the lunch hour in Judge Marcus' chambers to interview him for this article. Over his vegan burrito he took me back to Berkeley in the 1960s, the events of which inspired his long and significant legal career.

Judge Marcus's first trial was in defense of himself: In his undergraduate years at UC Berkeley he represented himself in a criminal trial, which he lost and which resulted in a 30-day jail sentence. (He was convicted for holding a sign outside the Berkeley Atomic **Energy Commission office** stating, "War Will Cease When Men Refuse To Kill.") After serving his 30 days, he dropped out of school and went south to Long Beach, where he found a job at a guitar shop fixing guitars and banjos.

But this detour did not last long. After Kennedy's assassination, Judge Marcus felt he could no longer "seek mere satisfaction" of his own life and returned to school to acquire the skills he needed "to effectuate change in the world."

Back at Berkeley he saw the inside of a jail again, briefly, for his arrest (along with hundreds of others) in the Sproul Hall demonstration, which was part of the Free Speech Movement. Judge Marcus graduated from UC Berkeley in 1966 and entered law school at Boalt Hall. His extracurricular activities were less than ordinary, including a stint as a volunteer hostage for the Black Panthers. (He and others surmised that the FBI would not raid the premises if white law students were sleeping inside.)

He also co-authored an article on capital punishment (The Death Penalty Cases, 56 CALIF. L. REV. 1268 (1968)), eventually cited by the California and US Supreme Courts. Judge Marcus graduated from Boalt Hall in 1969 with no further convictions other than his personal one – that if the facts and law were on your side, you were supposed to win, and that cases were not supposed to be decided "on connections and partisan preferences." This mantra and others have guided his legal career.

After a clerkship with California Supreme Court Justice Raymond Peters, Judge Marcus went to work for Legal Aid in San Francisco. After four years he moved to Oregon and accepted the position of Director of Litigation for Multnomah County Legal Aid Services.

Judge Marcus had a profound impact on Legal Aid during his 16 years there. His former colleagues there describe him as "extraordinary" and "a hero." He raised the bar at Legal Aid, inspiring the lawyers to work at a level of national excellence. One lawyer said it was like having your favorite professor three doors down, which was "both scary and good." Judge Marcus's intellect and legal skills, combined with his unparalleled dedication to his clients, made him a mentor to many. Outside the Legal Aid office he became known nationally for his work shaping modern landlord/ tenant laws, and closer to home he educated local attorneys and judges on Oregon's evolving landlord/tenant laws.

In 1990 Judge Marcus was appointed as a district court

judge in Multnomah County. From his first days on the bench it was clear to attorneys appearing in front of him that they were in the presence of a great intellect and a judge who cared deeply about access to the courts. It also became clear that Judge Marcus was to be an extremely hard-working judge who could be assigned any type of case, no matter the subject or complexity. Judge Marcus says his focus has been ensuring litigants a fair trial, and ensuring they are treated with respect.

He has tried hard to avoid the "tyrant niche that judges can become famous for" and has strived to help jurors understand the significance of our jury system, which, in his view, is "the highest and purist form of democracy that has ever existed." On the criminal side he has been a tireless advocate of evidencebased sentencing, which he calls "Smart Sentencing." http://www.smartsentencing. com. He has also dedicated significant time to the Oregon Judicial Department's eCourt program. He is, in the words of a colleague, one of the great judges in Multnomah County.



Judge Michael Marcus

To say that Judge Marcus has enjoyed a successful legal career is obviously an understatement. But what has changed since his stage II astrocytoma brain cancer diagnosis earlier this year? Not much really. Despite his treatment and fatigue he still works hard and still holds himself to high standards. (From what I observed it takes at least two people to pry him away from his desk at the end of his presently shortened day; namely, his wife and his legal assistant of 20 years.) Judge Marcus says he has no privacy gene and talks openly about his struggle with brain cancer.

His humor is also unwaning. On learning of his brain tumor last December he says he had a choice: "I could have a biopsy or an autopsy." He plans to stay on the bench for the foreseeable future, but vows that if his performance slips he will "damn well retire." Another fitting mantra for a judge with the strongest of work ethics and highest of standards.

# Fixed Fee and Alternative Fee Agreements Is it a Trend or is it a Provocative Notion?

By Judy A.C. Edwards, MBA Executive Director.

When I attended a managing partners' roundtable three years ago to listen to Mark Chandler, the general counsel for Cisco Systems, it was the first time that I had heard the fixed fee discussion. As I recall, Cisco has developed a portal for law firms to get prequalified to provide legal services to the company. But to be considered, law firms must work within the company's structure for legal fees. Cisco requires a fixed fee for many of their outside legal services.

Chandler has been a leader in creating Legal Onramp, a coalition of Fortune 500 companies that allows them access into participating law firm's knowledge databases. He is a big believer in fixed fees, and he thinks it's not only good for his company, but for law firms too. It's his desire that law firms benefit economically from fixed fee arrangements, as well as big corporations. He challenges them to work within his company's structured framework, to find ways to cut their own costs through efficiencies and use of technology. He embraces the notion that what's good for the company can also be good for the legal service provider

Michael Sherman, a lawyer whose clients are involved in divorce litigation, wrote in the July ABA Law Practice Today about fixed fees, starting with the refrain, "It is impossible for a lawyer to charge a flat fee in a litigation case' - I have heard this statement countless times over the course of my nearly 15 years of law practice. Meanwhile, that entire time I have been charging fixed fees in my divorce litigation practice. Most of the naysayers making such comments base their argument on the premise that litigation cases are too unpredictable to be able to determine a reasonable fee with any certainty. But I would argue that divorce litigation is about as unpredictable as it gets."

He believes that lawyers continue charging by the hour because either they aren't convinced that charging fixed fees is better than billing by the hour, or they haven't figured out how to switch. Sherman recommends Ron Baker's *Professional's Guide to Value Pricing* which identifies 15 advantages of fixed fees, but he's distilled it down to just four: they provide a competitive advantage, convey experience, improve communication and encourage efficiency.

(To read more about Sherman's ideas on how law firms can implement fixed fee pricing and the essential elements to include in your agreements, go to the member section, firm management topic, on the MBA Web site. Find out more about the member section and how to access it at the end of this article.)

Another contributor to *ABA Law Practice Today*, J. Benjamin Stevens, "Make Time Work for You: Handling Cases on a Fixed-Fee Basis" suggests reading the book, The Firm of the Future: A Guide for Accountants, Lawyers, and Other Professional Services by Ronald J. Baker and Paul Dunn. He says that "This book makes it clear that our clients buy results, expectations, good feelings, hope, dreams, a preferred vision of the future, and solutions to their problems ... Moreover, price is not a controlling factor for most potential clients. Think about it, if price were all that matters, we would all be driving Hyundais." Stevens stresses that besides results, clients want value for their money; they want to know if they can afford your services; and alternative fee agreements build a higher level of trust and better working relationship.

At the end of the day, we're probably not looking at a sea change any time soon and no one wants to bet the farm on how they bill their clients. So, is it a trend that will change the entire legal community's method of billing for their services? Some say yes, that we're just seeing the beginning. Others disagree. We might have to wait a long time to know for sure.

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It is easy to access substantive articles on marketing, firm and practice management and technology in the member



Judy Edwards

section of the MBA Web site because it is linked to a current member database. Passwords are automatically assigned if you don't already have one and you may retrieve or set a new one quite easily. But if you do experience problems, please call us at 503.222.3275.

# Interested in writing an article or responding to this article?

Respondents to the last member survey told us that they wanted articles on trends in the law and law practice. If you'd like to contribute an article on legal trends to the *Multnomah Lawyer*, please contact me. We also invite articles that take a contrary position to this or other articles. This first feature attempts to share what some lawyers believe are trends in the way law firms bill for their services, and does not reflect the author's or organization's opinion.

# **Pro Bono Spotlight:** W. George Senft

By Abra Cooper, Schwabe, Williamson & Wyatt and YLS Pro Bono Committee member.

**A**lthough he has only been practicing in Oregon for about two years, W. George Senft has already made a significant impact on his new community through his work with Legal Aid Services of Oregon's (LASO) Bankruptcy Clinic. Senft, who has his own bankruptcy practice in Portland, relocated here from Los Angeles in 2007. After passing the Oregon bar exam in 2008, he began volunteering with the clinic and has taken on approximately 37 pro bono clients through it.

"I try to accept two cases every month from the clinic and I plan to work with it about 10 months out of every year," says Senft. In addition to his work with the clinic, Senft also accepts pro bono bankruptcy cases from other sources. His

pro bono clients are individuals, filing for bankruptcy under either Chapter 7 or 13.

Senft's pro bono clients have benefited from his significant experience as a bankruptcy attorney, both here and in Los Angeles. Born in Germany, Senft completed the law program at the University of Bayreuth before moving to Los Angeles, where he earned a law degree from the University of La Verne College of Law. He was admitted to the California bar in 2003, and began handling bankruptcy and family law cases. Senft also found the time while practicing in California to give back to the community through pro bono work. He volunteered with Legal Aid, the Domestic Violence Project of the Superior Court of California and received an award



from the Legal Neighborhood Clinic for his involvement in a family law clinic for low income citizens.

Senft "absolutely" plans to continue his pro bono work with the Bankruptcy Clinic. "I am convinced there are a number of people in this community who can neither afford an attorney nor handle a bankruptcy themselves." Senft's commitment to his work with the clinic goes a long way in helping alleviate the needs of those individuals.



# **Campaign for Equal Justice Hosts 5th Annual Party Under the Stars**

On Thursday, September 23, the Campaign for Equal Justice (CEJ) hosted its fifth annual Party Under the Stars on the outdoor terrace at Ater Wynne. The party is an informal gathering at which the CEJ Associates Committee reaches out to young lawyers to introduce them to the growing needs of Oregon's Legal Aid Services and the mission of the CEJ. Lawyers in attendance heard from the leaders of the committee and from Ed Johnson. He manages the housing unit at the Oregon Law Center, and he spoke about his work as a legal aid attorney and a case that the law center is currently handling. Food and drinks were sponsored by Beovich Walter & Friend.

The CEJ, whose mission it is to ensure equal access to justice for all Oregonians, is a nonprofit organization comprised of more than 200 lawyers that supports statewide legal aid through fundraising, state and national legislative advocacy, and education and outreach to the legal community. The CEJ operates an annual fund drive in which it raises funds to help support 100 legal aid attorneys in 19 communities throughout the state, including legal aid lawyers in Multnomah County. The purpose of the committee is to promote annual giving by associate attorneys at local law firms to support the CEJ and its mission. In the last several years, associates have increased their contributions to the CEJ by 57%.





# **High School Students Connect with the Law**

By Christopher Allnatt, Judicial Clerk for the Honorable Jean Kerr Maurer and YLS Futures Committee member.

In early July, 16 ninth and 10th graders visited Judge Adrienne Nelson at the Multnomah County Courthouse and toured the Davis Wright Tremaine law firm. The visits were part of "Ninth Grade Counts," a "Summer Youth Connect" program connecting at-risk high school students with academic support and providing them with career and college experiences.

The visit began with a tour of the courthouse and then to Judge Nelson's courtroom. Shy in their surroundings, the students were quiet until Judge Nelson's warm personality, at one point drawing two distracted girls up front, made them more comfortable. Judge Nelson talked about her responsibilities as a judge, and the conversation eventually shifted to the challenges Judge Nelson personally faced as a teenage girl and as an African-American.

Most of the students were female and came from families where English is a second language. Through their questions the students shared candidly their challenges: overcoming their own stereotypes and resisting pressure from some peers to engage in risky behavior. Judge Nelson let the students know that the challenges teenagers face do not change from generation to generation, and were similar to what she experienced. She concluded her remarks by stating, "No matter what happens, don't give up."

The students then toured the Davis Wright Tremaine law firm and met with an attorney, the firm's librarian and human resources director. When asked, the students remembered the 3,000 law books. But more importantly, the students also remembered the positive role models they encountered and which make the program so successful.

# **YLS Social Spotlight**

On October 7, the YLS Membership Committee and Queen's Bench, the Portland chapter of OWLS, co-sponsored a Drop-In Social at On Deck Sports Bar & Grill in the Pearl District. The weather cooperated and the location was ideal for an after-work social. Attendees enjoyed happy hour and socialized with colleagues outside on the elevated deck. The YLS Membership Committee will continue to sponsor socials throughout the year.



According to "Connected by 25" (see the Web site at the end of this article), the ninth grade transition is a critical time for students at risk of dropping out of school. Numerous elements can conspire to discourage a teenager from reaching for success. "Ninth Grade Counts" works with middle school counselors to identify students who have shown an increased risk of dropping out of school and gives them a summer of weekly interactions with adults in a broad range of career and college sites.

Members of the YLS Futures Committee organized and hosted these events. Bullivant Houser Bailey, Miller Nash and OTLA also hosted tours for different groups of students over the summer.

Over 1,000 students participated this past summer; you and your firm can add to the success of the Summer Youth Connect program. If interested you can learn more by contacting: Reese Lord, Education Strategies Program Coordinator for Mayor Sam Adams, 503.823,4027, reese. lord @portland or egon. gov.

# For more information:

www.portlandonline.com/mayor/ index.cfm?c=50300 www.worksystems.org/ YouthOpportunities/BizConnect/ tabid/154/Default.aspx www.connectedby25.org/

# Beyond the Model Instructions

# YLS PDE Committee Takes a Fresh Look at Jury Instructions

By Iris Tilley, Barran Liebman & YLS PDE Committee member.

In the first of a series of joint efforts, the YLS Professional Development & Education (PDE) Committee teamed-up with the Multnomah County Circuit Court in October to present a new approach to jury instructions.

In this lunch-time CLE, the Honorable Janice R. Wilson of the Multnomah County Circuit Court shared insights gained from years behind the bench and guided attendees through her new approach to jury instructions, an approach focused on giving jurors the information they need to make an informed decision.

This CLE marked the first of several joint efforts from the YLS PDE Committee designed to bring new perspectives, topics, and networking



opportunities to all attendees.
Next up: The YLS PDE
Committee and the YLS Pro
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To learn more about pro bono opportunities in Multnomah County, check out the Pro Bono Opportunities in Oregon handbook, available at www.mbabar.org/docs/ProBonoGuide.pdf.

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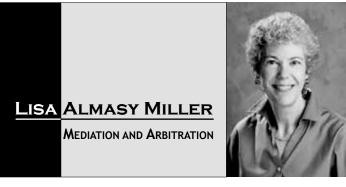
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World Affairs Council of Oregon's International Visitor Program brought seven visitors to Oregon to learn about U.S. practices, rules and laws dealing with accountability in government and business. MBA hosted a meeting with the group and four Portland area lawyers, Greg Moawad, Deputy DA and member of the MBA board; Chris Kayser, Larkins Vacura and MBA CLE Committee chair; Kristen Winemiller, Pacific Northwest Law; and Linly Rees, Portland City Attorney's Office. Individuals with this year's group included a lawyer, banker, compliance officer, newscaster, coordinator for strengthening institutional capacity and directors for civil aviation and transparency and conflict of interest. The international guests represented Angola, Montenegro, The Philippines, Peru, China, Lesotho and Bahrain. The MBA hosted World Affairs Council of Oregon on several previous occasions, including visitors from Russia, China, Serbia and Iraq.

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# Social Celebrates Civic Education and the 5th Anniversary of the MBF

By Pamela B. Hubbs, Office and Foundation Administrator.

Over 100 guests celebrated the MBF's fifth anniversary at a September social hosted by MBF President Tom Sand and Miller Nash. The event gave the MBF Board an opportunity to thank donors, present plans for the development of a new civic education video series and introduce some past grantees including representatives from Classroom Law Project, Elders in Action, League of Women Voters of Portland and Oregon and MetroEast Community Media. Wine was provided by Scott Howard, Kivel & Howard.



MBF Secretary/Treasurer Loree Devery, Tonkon Torp; Sheila Potter, Oregon Department of Justice; Toby Graff, Attorney at Law; former MBF Director Katherine O'Neil; Immediate Past MBF President Judge Adrienne Nelson, Multnomah County Circuit Court; and MBF President Tom Sand, Miller Nash



MBF Development Committee Chair Ed Harnden (left), Barran Liebman and Wayne Landsverk, Miller Nash



Marilyn Cover, Classroom Law Project and Barb Fredericks, League of Women Voters of Portland



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