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# SCBA CALENDAR OF EVENTS

## January 2007

5<sup>th</sup> Donut Friday!!!  
 8<sup>th</sup> Young Lawyers Section Meeting  
 15<sup>th</sup> SCBA Newsletter deadline  
 18<sup>th</sup> SCBA Board of Trustees Meeting  
 18<sup>th</sup> Guardianship Section Meeting  
 19<sup>th</sup> Parenting Plan CLE  
 22<sup>nd</sup> Family Law Section Meeting  
 23<sup>rd</sup> Auction Committee Meeting  
 26<sup>th</sup> Annual Membership Meeting

## February 2007

2<sup>nd</sup> Donut Friday!!!  
 9<sup>th</sup> Redaction Action & Reaction CLE  
 12<sup>th</sup> Young Lawyers Section Meeting  
 15<sup>th</sup> Deadline SCBA Newsletter  
 15<sup>th</sup> SCBA Board of Trustees Meeting  
 26<sup>th</sup> Family Law Section Meeting  
 27<sup>th</sup> Auction Committee Meeting

## March 2007

2<sup>nd</sup> Donut Friday!!!  
 10<sup>th</sup> AUCTION  
 12<sup>th</sup> Young Lawyers Section Meeting  
 15<sup>th</sup> Deadline SCBA Newsletter  
 15<sup>th</sup> SCBA Board of Trustees Meeting  
 19<sup>th</sup> Family Law Section Meeting  
 22<sup>nd</sup> Guardianship Section Meeting  
 27<sup>th</sup> Auction Committee Meeting

## April 2007

6<sup>th</sup> Donut Friday!!!  
 9<sup>th</sup> Young Lawyers Section Meeting  
 15<sup>th</sup> Deadline SCBA Newsletter  
 16<sup>th</sup> Family Law Section Meeting  
 19<sup>th</sup> SCBA Board of Trustees Meeting  
 19<sup>th</sup> Guardianship Section Meeting  
 24<sup>th</sup> Auction Committee Meeting

## May 2007

4<sup>th</sup> Donut Friday!!!  
 14<sup>th</sup> Young Lawyers Section Meeting  
 15<sup>th</sup> Deadline SCBA Newsletter  
 17<sup>th</sup> Guardianship Section Meeting  
 17<sup>th</sup> SCBA Board of Trustees Meeting  
 21<sup>st</sup> Family Law Section Meeting

## June 2007

1<sup>st</sup> Donut Friday!!!  
 11<sup>th</sup> Young Lawyers Section Meeting  
 15<sup>th</sup> Deadline SCBA Newsletter  
 18<sup>th</sup> Family Law Section Meeting  
 21<sup>st</sup> SCBA Board of Trustees Meeting  
 26<sup>th</sup> Auction Committee Meeting

# SUPERIOR COURT ASSIGNMENTS

**Presiding Judge:** ..... Judge Thomas J. Wynne  
**Trial Calendar Call and Motions to Continue Trial:** ..... Judge Wynne, Dept. 7  
**Juvenile Court:** ..... Judges Krese and Fair  
 ..... Commissioner Brudvik<sup>1</sup>  
**Civil Motions:** ..... Judge Bowden: January 2 – January 12  
 ..... Judge Farris: January 16 – January 26  
 ..... Judge Knight: January 29 – January 31  
**Criminal Hearings:** ..... Judge Farris: January 2 – January 12  
 ..... Judge Bowden: January 16 – January 26  
 ..... Judge Thorpe: January 29 – January 31  
**Rotating Sentencings:** ..... Judge Kurtz: January 2 – January 5  
 ..... Judge Lucas: January 8 – January 12  
 ..... Judge Thorpe: January 16 – January 26  
 ..... Judge Wynne: January 29 – January 31  
**Criminal Dept. Judges:**<sup>2</sup> ..... Judges Thorpe, Castleberry, Wynne, Farris, Bowden, Downes, Lucas and Kurtz  
**Civil Dept. Judges:**<sup>2</sup> ..... Judges Knight, Allendoerfer, McKeeman and Cowsert  
**Ex Parte/Commissioner Civil Motions:**<sup>1</sup> ..... Commissioner Weiss  
**Family Law Calendars:**<sup>1</sup> ..... Commissioners Bedle, Stewart and Waggoner

**Please note:** All assignments are subject to change without notice and assignments may not change on the first day of the month.

<sup>1</sup> Court Commissioner assignments are for six months duration and change in early January and July.

<sup>2</sup> At the discretion of the Presiding Judge, criminal cases may be assigned to Civil Department Judges and civil cases may be assigned to Criminal Department Judges.



FROM THE DESK OF  
THE PRESIDENT,  
RICHARD OKRENT

**TO TREE OR NOT TO TREE**

As a Jewish Lawyer, I do not want to be a Scrooge when I say, “Bah! Humbug!” to the recent demonstration of poor political judgment by the Seattle Port Authority in its response to the conundrum over what to do about Christmas Trees vs. Menorahs.

The Port Authority’s lack of tact brings to mind a saying of the great rabbi William Shakespeare: “To tree or not to tree, that is the question. Whether it is nobler in the mind to celebrate religious diversity by including a Menorah side-by-side with Christmas Trees at Seattle Tacoma Airport or to suffer the slings and arrows of outrageous misfortune by blaming the rabbi for having to take the trees down. To pause, to think, to hesitate. To step back and consider if it was better to simply acknowledge the rabbi’s timely application and place the menorah at the gateway to Seattle? Or to rail against the sea of troubles and simply deny his application and blame the rabbi for asserting the principle that there is religious diversity in our country”.

It seems that the Port of Seattle forgot one basic principle. We are nation of free citizens with liberty and justice for all. We are free to express our religious preferences particularly at this time of year. As a Jew, I have no problem with Christmas. I actually enjoy the holiday spirit. If someone wishes me a Merry Christmas, I will wish him a Merry Christmas back. If someone invites me to a Christmas Party, I will attend, bringing my bottle of kosher wine. If someone gives me a gift, I will say “Thank you.” I love to honor those who have honored the spirit of their holiday by showing its true meaning of good will, generosity and kindness towards our fellow man.

By the way, I do enjoy the lights and I have been known to sing a few Christmas carols, together with

my favorite rendition of “Dreidel, Dreidel, Dreidel” from time to time.

No, Virginia, Hanukkah is not the Jewish Christmas. Hanukkah in the words of Rabbi Adam Sandler, is the holiday of the festival of lights. Eight crazy nights in which Jews celebrate their fight for religious freedom. Hanukkah represents the victory of a small minority of Jewish revolutionaries against the forces of paganism. If not for the rebels who bucked the system at the first Hanukkah, we would not be celebrating Christmas today. Rather we would all be enjoying the Roman Holiday of Saturnalia or dancing around the Tannenbaum with our fellow druids.

Having said that, I ask this question...Isn’t it time that we all recognize that religious diversity is more than simply something we say? Diversity and inclusion of all beliefs are the hallmarks of our Republic. In this day and age, we must recognize and honor the holidays of all Americans.

Let us all strive to be brothers. By placing the Menorah beside the Christmas Tree in our public spaces, we make a statement to other nations that we are still the land of religious toleration.

Peace on earth. Good will to all of us. Let this holiday spirit bring to us a spirit of understanding and tolerance that will last through the year. ☺

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THE LAWYER'S ROAD  
REVIEW  
BY PETE PATTERSON

**Bruce Springsteen and The Road**  
**Part 1**

My memory of Mike Clarke is as follows: I am walking up Colby Ave. early one morning and there are a line of people waiting outside Carousel Music waiting for the shop to open to buy Springsteen concert tickets. Mike is at the head of the line, sitting on the side walk leaning up against the store. He has been there all night so he can get front row tickets.

Recently I had occasion to see a video of the 2000 New York City concert Springsteen played with the E street band on a big screen. It was like being there, and I know why Mike was motivated to stay up all night for the seat.

Springsteen captures in melody and in particular lyrics the uniquely American belief in the road leads to a chance to "reach for your moment and make an honest stand". Over and over the tribal memory of every American comes through in his music: Without a chance at independent movement, unencumbered by those that have come before us we will not reach our full potential, and even then we may fail. We are compelled to ask where does this belief in movement come from initially? Was it the memory of the *Mayflower*? Was it the wagon trains or theories of Manifest Destiny? Bruce doesn't explore this. Instead he is not an artist of American history but the history of a generation, alive now and working on the present American canvas.

*Born to Run* was released about the time I graduated from High School, and captures more or less how we felt about Everett 30 years ago.

"Baby this town rips the bones from your back  
It's a death trap, it's a suicide rap  
We gotta get out while we're young

'Cause tramps like us, baby we were born to run"

One presses the accelerator upon hearing the epic introduction to the song over the radio. We cannot help but reach back to that time when we had the freedom to go any direction and not look back.

"Wendy let me in I wanna be your friend  
I want to guard your dreams and visions  
Just wrap your legs 'round these velvet rims  
and strap your hands across my engines  
Together we could break this trap  
We'll run till we drop, baby we'll never go back  
Will you walk with me out on the wire  
'Cause baby I'm just a scared and lonely rider  
But I gotta find out how it feels  
I want to know if love is wild  
girl I want to know if love is real"


As we prepared for our 30<sup>th</sup> Everett High reunion the reality that Springsteen has ultimately recognized crept into our conversation. Most of us have learned love is not anything like what we felt in High School, and life certainly did not turn out like we expected, but there are some exceptions. Ron Gipson predictably is a city councilman, and it was likely I would go to law school. Mark Olson's sister, Kim, is married to a US Senator, and others really have left Everett and found success elsewhere. On the dark side divorce runs wild through our ranks. Not all the babies we have birthed have come out right. Some of our classmates are in jail. Some are dead. Life just turned out to be a hellofa lot harder than we thought it would be, And Bruce knows.

"The highway's jammed with broken heroes on a  
last chance power drive  
Everybody's out on the run tonight  
but there's no place left to hide  
Together Wendy we'll live with the sadness  
I'll love you with all the madness in my soul  
Someday girl I don't know when  
we're gonna get to that place  
Where we really want to go  
and we'll walk in the sun  
But till then tramps like us  
baby we were born to run "

"Heaven's waiting on down the tracks  
 Oh-oh come take my hand  
 Riding out tonight to case the promised land  
 Oh-oh thunder road, oh thunder road oh thunder  
 road  
 Lying out there like a killer in the sun  
 Hey I know it's late we can make it if we run  
 Oh thunder road, sit tight take hold  
 Thunder road.....

They scream your name at night in the street  
 Your graduation gown lies in rags at their feet  
 And in the lonely cool before dawn  
 You hear their engines roaring on  
 But when you get to the porch they're gone  
 On the wind, so Mary climb in  
 It's a town full of losers  
 And I'm pulling out of here to win.

We believe in the greener pasture. We know it has to be better than it is. So we keep the faith, even if it means earning an indulgence from the Church of the American Tribal Memory by spending a night on the streets of Everett to get those Springsteen tickets. Happy trails Mike. You had the right idea. ☺



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Attention Snohomish County Young Lawyers: The Snohomish County Young Lawyer Division will be holding an Annual Meeting on **Monday, January 8, 2007 at 5:30 p.m.** The meeting will be held at the Flying Pig. We encourage *all* young lawyers to attend this meeting. We will be appointing new members to the Young Lawyer Division Board of Trustees, and also amending our bylaws.

Any active member in the *Snohomish County Bar Association* is a young lawyer until five (5) years after being admitted into practice, regardless of your age. If you are interested in becoming involved with the SCYLD, please attend our next meeting (second Monday of every month at the Flying Pig - 5:30 p.m.) or email Kari Petrasek at [kpetrasek@bellinham.com](mailto:kpetrasek@bellinham.com). We look forward to seeing everyone on January 8, 2007 at 5:30 p.m. ☺

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December 1, 2006

Dear Members of the Snohomish County Legal System:

I read with some alarm the letter from long-time Everett attorney, Henry Templeman, recently published in this journal. Apparently, Henry had become worn out and exhausted from over 40 years in the trenches and was retiring to Arizona and Camano Island.

What alarmed me about the letter was the fact that I began practicing at approximately the same time as brother Templeman and have, over the years, worked at least as hard as he did.

I naturally concluded therefore that I too must be worn out and exhausted and immediately took steps to close my office. Like Henry and Darlene, Lois and I reside on Camano Island and, when Lois retires, plan to spend a part of each year in the desert.

I plan to continue to serve as pro tem commissioner and to serve on the mandatory arbitration panel.

I urge you younger members of the bar to work even harder than before, not because my retirement has left a vacuum, but because it will help to prop up the Social Security system. After all, walkers and electric scooters do not come cheap.

I would like to apologize to any of you who I might have, in the past (in the height of courtroom emotion), referred to as "learned counsel".

It has been a great ride and I have enjoyed most of it.

I continue to be proud to have had the opportunity to practice in the honorable profession of the law. I wish I had the opportunity to thank all of you personally for your friendship, helpfulness and professionalism.

**"Further affiant sayeth not"**

Warmest regards,

Donald A. Senter

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Court Commissioners' Calendars (1<sup>ST</sup> FLOOR)  
JANUARY 2, 2007 THROUGH JULY 1, 2007**

	DEPT A (CM) (XA) (MU) (EX) <b>BRUCE I. WEISS</b>	DEPT B (D2)(XB) (VP) (HP) <b>LESTER H. STEWART</b>	DEPT C (D1) (XC) (VP) (HP) <b>ARDEN J. BEDLE</b>	DEPT D (PA, PM, S1, SM, TH, GP, CD, XD) <b>TRACY G. WAGGONER</b>
<b>MONDAY</b>	9:00 – 11:00 AM Ex Parte 1 11:00 AM Extended (EX) Hearings 2 1:00 – 4:00 PM Ex Parte 1	9:00 AM Family Law Motions 1:00 PM Domestic Violence	9:00 AM Family Law Motions 1:00 PM Extended Hearing 2	9:00 AM Ex Parte Mail 9:30 AM State Paternity 3 (PA) 1:00 PM Child Support Modifications 4 (S1) Mental Hearings
<b>TUESDAY</b>	9:00 – 10:30 AM Ex Parte 1 10:30 AM Civil Motions 5 1:00 – 4:00 PM Ex Parte 1	9:00 AM Family Law Motions 1:00 PM Domestic Violence	9:00 AM Family Law Motions 1:00 PM Extended Hearing 2	9:00 AM Clerks Dismissals/ (CD) State telephonic hearings 6 (TH) 1:00 PM State Paternity 3 (PM)
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	9:00 – 10:30 AM Ex Parte 1 10:30 AM Civil Motions 5 1:00 – 4:00 PM Ex Parte 1	9:00 AM Family Law Motions 1:00 PM Domestic Violence	9:00 AM Family Law Motions 1:00 PM Pro Se Dissolutions	9:00 AM Guardianship/Probate 7 (GP) 1:00 PM State Paternity 3, 9 (PM)
<b>THURSDAY</b>	9:00 – 10:30 AM Ex Parte 1 10:30 AM Civil Motions 5 1:00 – 4:00 PM Ex Parte 1, 8	9:00 AM Family Law Motions 1:00 PM Extended Hearing 2	9:00 AM Family Law Motions 1:00 PM Domestic Violence	9:00 AM Ex Parte Mail 9:30 am Child Support Modifications 4 (SM)
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- 1 Ex Parte:** Attorneys will have priority from 9:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. daily. Pro se parties will have priority from 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. daily.
- 2 Extended hearings** are set only by the Court Commissioner.
- 3 State Initiated Paternity** calendar.
- 4 Child Support Modifications** of final support orders.
- 5 Civil Motions:**  
**The following are heard in Dept. A:** Defaults; Discovery Motions and enforcement thereof; Supplemental Proceedings; Unlawful Detainers/Evictions; Receiver Actions and Motions to Amend Pleadings.  
**Probate and Guardianship are heard in Dept. D.**  
**All other civil motions** are heard on the Judges Civil Motions Calendar.

- 6 Clerks dismissals:** To be heard on the 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, and 5<sup>th</sup> Wednesdays;
- State Telephonic Hearings:** To be heard on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesdays.
- 7 Guardianship and Probate** hearings are now heard only on this calendar.
- 8** Heard in Department A by Department D Commissioner.
- 9** Heard in Department D by Department A Commissioner.
- 10 Interpreter Hearings** are set only by the Court Commissioner.

FURTHER EXPLANATIONS: (OVER)

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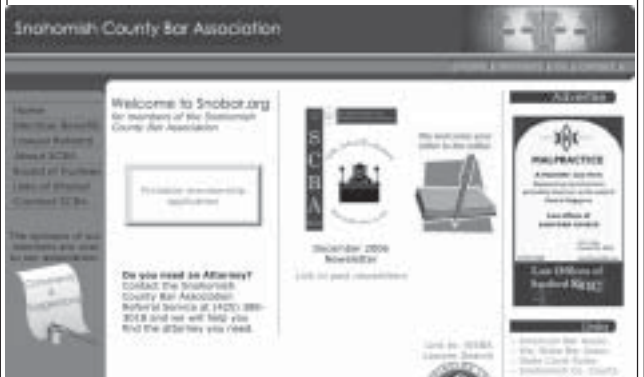
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