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October 2007

- 5th Donut Friday!!!
- 8th Young Lawyers Section Meeting
- 15th Deadline SCBA Newsletter
- 15th Family Law Section Meeting
- 18th SCBA Board of Trustees Meeting
- 18th Guardianship Section Meeting

November 2007

- 2nd Donut Friday!!!
- 12th Young Lawyers Section Meeting
- 15th Deadline SCBA Newsletter
- 15th Guardianship Section Meeting
- 15th SCBA Board of Trustees Meeting
- 19th Family Law Section Meeting

December 2007

- 7th Donut Friday!!!
- 10th Young Lawyers Section Meeting
- 15th SCBA Board of Trustees Meeting
- 15th Deadline SCBA Newsletter
- 17th Family Law Section Meeting
- 20th SCBA Board of Trustees Meeting
- 20th Guardianship Section Meeting

January 2008

- 4th Donut Friday!!!
- 14th Young Lawyers Section Meeting
- 15th Deadline SCBA Newsletter
- 17th SCBA Board of Trustees Meeting
- 17th Guardianship Section Meeting
- 21st Family Law Section Meeting
- 25th Annual General Membership Meeting

February 2008

- 1st Donut Friday!!!
- 11th Young Lawyers Section Meeting
- 14th SCBA Board of Trustees Meeting
- 14th Guardianship Section Meeting
- 15th Deadline SCBA Newsletter
- 25th Family Law Section Meeting

March 2008

- 7th Donut Friday!!!
- 8th AUCTION
- 10th Young Lawyers Section Meeting
- 15th Deadline SCBA Newsletter
- 14th Family Law Section Meeting
- 20th Guardianship Section Meeting
- 20th SCBA Board of Trustees 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 Lucas and Kurtz
 Commissioner Waggoner¹
- Civil Motions:** Judge Farris: Oct 1 – Oct 5
 Judge Knight: Oct 8 – Oct 19
 Judge Castleberry: Oct 22 – Oct 26
 Judge Bowden: Oct 29 – Oct 31
 Judge Allendoerfer: Nov 1 – Nov 2
- Criminal Hearings:** Judge Downes: Oct 1 – Oct 5
 Judge Farris: Oct 8 – Oct 19
 Judge Knight: Oct 22 – Oct 26
 Judge Castleberry: Oct 29 – Oct 31
 Judge Krese: Nov 1 – Nov 2
- Rotating Sentencings:** Judge Fair: Oct 1 – Oct 12
 Judge Cowsert: Oct 15 – Oct 26
 Judge Downes: Oct 29 – Nov 2
- Criminal Dept. Judges:**²Judges Knight, Thorpe, Allendoerfer, McKeeman, Wynne, Krese, Bowden, and Cowsert
- Civil Dept. Judges:**² Judges Castleberry, Farris, Fair, and Downes
- Ex Parte/Commissioner Civil Motions:**¹ Commissioner Bedle
- Family Law Calendars:**¹ Commissioners Weiss, Brudvik, and Stewart

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

(Footnotes)

1 Court Commissioner assignments are for six months duration and change in early January and July.
 2 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,
JENNIFER GOGERT

Bar Poll and Candidate Forum - Get Your Ballot in and Attend the Forum!

Okay everybody, as you have probably noticed from the size of this month's issue - we have some business to address. First, we need to each take a few minutes to complete our ballots for the bar poll. We have a number candidates to review for the 15th Superior Court bench position, so let's do this right and give Governor Gregoire, our colleagues, and fellow residents some feedback about the folks throwing in their hats! And remember to follow the ballot procedure for envelopes and signatures.

Also, we have the Washington Women Lawyers' Forum, co-sponsored by SCBA, coming up on Thursday, September 20, 2007 at 5 PM at the Everett Transit Center in the Weyerhaeuser Room. The Forum is an excellent opportunity to hear from the candidates themselves about their judicial philosophy and viewpoints. The Forum this year has been planned by Michele O'Loane and Charlie Blackman, so if you see them around, thank them both for putting this event together. After the Forum, members of WWL will convene to finish up their evaluation of the candidates.

I'm keeping this short and sweet: fill out your bar poll ballots, send 'em in on time, and go to the Forum on Thursday, September 20, 2007 at 5 PM. ☞

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**POINT/
COUNTERPOINT**

by **William Sullivan**

Three things prompt this column: the Tour de France, Pete Patterson and the RSVP. The Tour has now concluded, once again riddled by doping allegations – and admissions. Coincidentally, Pete, who has entertained us for years as our local resident “car guy”, has departed from cars and segued into bicycling, and is currently engaged in a fictitious recounting of the Tour de France. Finally, August is the traditional time for the RSVP, a bike Ride from Seattle to Vancouver (B.C.) and Party. Although Pete has addressed the topic of biking humorously, as he does in all of his columns, some readers who are familiar with the tale of woe I am about to recount, have encouraged me to write a cautionary tale for those of you who might otherwise be encouraged to take up biking without fully understanding the perils which you might thereby encounter. At least, that was their asserted motive, although I suspect they simply wished to enjoy once again the story of the seemingly endless string of unfortunate events that befell me in my last attempt at the 2006 RSVP. Regardless of their true motivation, I discussed the possibility with Joyce, who leaped at the opportunity to publish my diary of disaster. Given the fact that it tends to

contradict Pete's approach to bicycling, I have decided to entitle it "Point/Counterpoint" and of course since I am the author, I get to be Dan Akroyd while Pete is relegated to the persona of Jane Curtin (for those of you who members of the Young Lawyers Division, please seek out an elder to explain this reference). And so the tale begins:

Description of the RSVP

The RSVP is a beautiful, back roads bicycle "ride", not to be confused with a "race". The first day of the RSVP begins down at Sand Point, immediately picks up the Burke-Gilman Trail, and then takes you through the back roads to Snohomish, where some riders stop for a latte. The route then proceeds up along the Centennial Trail through Lake Stevens, and then again along the back roads to Arlington. From there the route runs up State Route 9 north to Mount Vernon. There one crosses I-5 over to the west side of the freeway and begins the only boring part of the ride, across the flat, but rough, roadway which jars you every inch of the way, and the wind, it seems, is always in your face. Once you hit Chuckanut Drive, the road begins to climb as it proceeds through rolling hills, but it again becomes a beautiful ride through the woods with the Sound off to your left, and a little girl selling lemonade at a stand beside the road at the top of the highest hill and doing a land office business. You then roll into Bellingham, completing the first 100 miles in the first day, after which ample lodging, food, and

most importantly, a drink or three, is to be had. The second day the ride begins in Bellingham and continues under I-5 and then heads north with Mt. Baker looming over your shoulder to the border crossing. The route then winds its way through British Columbia until finally arriving in downtown Vancouver after another 90-100 miles or so. You dismount your bike for (ideally) the last time and the party is then had, with again ample food and drink, after which everyone stumbles home and falls into bed and a well deserved rest. All in all, the RSVP is a great ride that I can heartily recommend – as least I could until last year, in 2006, when disaster struck.

My Personal History with the RSVP

Over the years, I have attempted to complete both legs of the RSVP several times, without success. Invariably, I was able to manage the first day up to Bellingham and there ran into roadblocks, twice being rained out and once being halted by equipment failure. Finally, in 2006, I was determined to succeed. I guarded against a repeat equipment failure by having my bike serviced at a local bike shop which, for reasons that will soon become apparent, shall remain nameless. I waited to sign up for the RSVP until I had access to an extended forecast that promised a bright, sunny



weekend for the ride. Unfortunately by that time, the 2006 RSVP was sold out. That was not an insurmountable obstacle, as I was able to download the route from the website and thus knew where I would (or at least should) be riding. In addition, long rides generally have the route marked on the roadway in florescent paint at all critical intersections where a turn is necessary. All hotel accommodations in Bellingham, the midway point, were also sold out but I had a plan for that obstacle also. My youngest daughter, Caitlin, was working at the Children's Museum in Bellingham. I knew she would be able to bring me back home after the first day's ride, and then on her way up to work the next morning, could drop me off where I stopped riding the day before, to allow me to complete the ride. Then after work, Caitlin would head north, across the border, and meet me at the hotel where the RSVP party would be ongoing. If we had difficulty connecting in Vancouver, Caitlin had her sister, Brianna's, cell phone to use. I thought my preparations complete and the risks all accounted for – foolish, foolish man. In retrospect, I recognize that the decision to ride without enrolling was literally the beginning of the end. Having now both run out of the space allotted to me by Joyce, and hopefully having piqued your interest, that is where we will begin in next month's issue. ☺



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THE LAWYER'S ROAD
REVIEW
BY PETE PATTERSON

Tour de France 2007
Pure Sport

I sat down to write the final installment of my lighthearted look at what happens to the Tour de France when pro tour teams are disqualified for doping leaving teams from Everett to become the finalists, Everett Postal vs. Team SCBA. What I planned was a Tour where the mailmen did better in the Alps as neither rain, nor sleet nor dark of night would keep them from their appointed rounds, but SCBA would make up the time lost in the time trial, and we would prevail in Paris.

But given the scandals this year and in the past, I just couldn't bring myself to write this. It was with a note of irony that I recognized our team leader, Judge Bowden, is also in charge of the drug court at this time. All in all I could not bring myself to equate hard working members of our bench and bar with the professional athletes of the Tour.

Doping has been around about as long as there has been a Tour de France, largely due to the remarkable demands of the event. Many writers in the first part of the last century referred to the Tour as a working class fight against capitalism, indeed,

up until the modern era, circa 1970, most of the riders came from the working classes who returned to their day jobs after each July's Tour.

The tyranny originated from the sponsors of the Tour itself, setting the route and times of riding to maximize coverage by the newspapers. This has led to proletarian slow downs or strikes over the years, with predictable managerial retaliation of withholding wages, that is the prize money.

So drugs or other substances were taken to survive the Tour. This was of little note to the populace at large, despite a newspaper reporter in 1920's France being shown and reporting the various substances used to aid the cyclist in the Tour, including some small boxes with pills in them labeled "dynamite".

Only after World War II was there any question about whether it really is valid to be on all these drugs in an athletic event. Left unchecked, many doped up racers withdrew with unexplained ailments. It was only 1965 that the French passed a law prohibiting performance enhancing drugs in sports. Perhaps it was the death of Tom Simpson 40 years ago on a very hot day in the Alps that triggered today's outrage and the enforcement of the law. The Briton hadn't completed a Tour since his victory in 1962. He

must have really wanted to finish because when he collapsed and died amphetamines were found not only in his blood but his jersey.

Since then cycling has had an ever expanding budget and with it a more sophisticated drug problem with an ever expanding testing regimen. No longer laborers that participate for the thrill, these men are strictly professionals all year round with the problems of professionals. With the average salary somewhere near \$250,000 per year, they are decidedly middle class.

Here is a brief run down of the bourgeois cyclists who has been caught doping *this year*:

Christian Moreni for testosterone, after which his entire team withdrew

Alexander Vinokurov for transfusions, blood doping, after which his entire team withdrew Michael Rassumson for skipping the test, which in our Superior Court parlance is a presumed positive. The Dane was "in yellow" and had lead the Tour for a week when his team director pulled him off the course before the Tour could do the same. Team Rabobank finished the Tour but now the director of the squad has resigned. That plot thickens and our impression of deep scandal and intrigue is validated.

Lets not forget *last years* "winner", Floyd Landis. Mennonite in origin. How is it this innocent faced man finds himself being the lone ranger

actually taking on the questionable dope testing structure of the UCI? Courage? Perhaps. His case remains pending in arbitration.

I had occasion to sit with Judge Bowden during the SCBA baseball game. His stories of riding the pace line despite the demands of hosting a French exchange student and blown bicycle tires without a team car to quickly change the wheel suggest to me that he, and many like him, are what this sport is really about. It is pure sport, and there are plenty of other examples in our community.

I think of Judge Kurtz, I see out running early or late while I am out riding, because like him I have a job during the day. Commissioner Stuart's son rode STP for the first time this year and did it in one day. This is a regular event for Judge Bowden, but to do it all at once the first time out is truly an accomplishment. And what about Rebecca Wallick, ultra runner, running down one side of the Grand Canyon and up the other, nearly killing herself in the process? Why? Pure Sport, that's why.

Recall this column's recitation of how pure the Whitman cycling team approached the sport. No beer, not even Coca-cola were consumed during the race weekend unless it was as a recovery drink. My daughter and her peers more or less continue on this path of pure sport.

Charles DeGaul said whatever happens to France, there will always be a Tour. I hope he is right. I watch it anyway, just like I watch baseball. Right now like Barry Bonds, the entire sport of professional cycling has an asterisk next to it. But lawyers, students and the everyman in sport do not.

Perhaps it is better to know that taking a turn in the lead of the pace line, crossing the finish of a marathon, or making whatever athletic goal a lawyer can make powered only by desire and the right diet is just a better high than accepting all the complications which come from being paid to do the same. And when the event is over, we return to the practice, and perhaps will someday manage the conflicts of the titans who lack the grace to run the race unassisted. 🚲

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by Threesa Milligan, Executive Director

“Those who can, do. Those who can do more, volunteer.” ~Author Unknown

For all of our great volunteers who do more by providing legal advice and representation to our low income clients, thank you.

Our loyal Family Law Clinic attorneys give up Tuesday evenings to work with *pro se* litigants who are trying to navigate their way through family law proceedings. Thanks to those who volunteered this summer: Cindy Bailey, William Bechold, Ken Brewe, Ann Brice, Michael Cullen, Cheryl Duffy, Alison Ferguson, Gretchen Galstad, Serena Hart, Jenny Heard, Leonard Kerr, Tom Kruse, Sabrina Layman, Rita Love, Stephen Manning, Scott Marlow, Lisa Micheli, Karen Moore, Joel Nichols, Carolyn Powell, Aaron Shields, Ruth Spalter, Jody Studdard, Bill Sullivan, Arlene Taplin, Lee Tinney, Rebecca Torgerson, Bill Try, Elizabeth Turner, Laurie Ummel, Yvette War Bonnet, Diane Weyrick. Continuing thanks to Kay Field who volunteers her time week after week at the YWCA Pathways clinic. She runs this program by herself and has provided many, many hours of valuable assistance to women who are trying to put their lives in order. Special thanks to Lisa Micheli who volunteered at our Everett Gospel Mission clinic.

Attorneys who volunteer at our Housing Justice Project work with persons facing eviction, assisting them in asserting legal defenses and in negotiating settlement. Thank you to those who volunteered in the summer of 2007

Our Bankruptcy Clinic clients have been ably assisted by Ken Schneider, Denis Burman and Larry Blue.

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volunteered this summer: Gary Allison, Matt Brady, Thomas Cunnane, David Kerwin, Michael Kvistad, David Mace, Scott Peterson, Michelle Raiford, Karen Schweigert, Nick Straley, Jessica Truax Chris Young, and Debra Zainwel.

Finally, a special thank you to all who took on pro bono clients for direct representation: Cindy Bailey, Matthew Cruz, Alison Ferguson, John Frawley, Jenny Heard, Russ Hermes, Tom Kruse, Aaron Shields, James Shipman, Rebecca Torgerson, and Bill Tri. Your work is tremendously appreciated.

Campaign for Equal Justice. You have no doubt received mailings about the campaign for equal justice. This is the state-wide effort that raises money to conduct legal aid programs throughout the state. Snohomish County Legal Services is one of the beneficiaries of the campaign. If you have not yet donated, look for a telephone call from a volunteer who will talk to you about this important campaign.

Auction. We are again gearing up for the annual SCBA/SCLS dinner and auction. Mark your calendar for MARCH 8, 2008 at the Future of Flight. We are excited about the new venue and are looking forward to an exciting event. If you wish to volunteer for one of the auction committees, please let me know right away. There is much to be done and some of it is actually fun! If you want to be involved, please call me at (425) 258-9283, ext. 11 or e-mail to threesam@snocolegal.org.

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2007 SCBA Judicial Poll

WHO CAN VOTE

All regular voting members and honorary members (judges and retired members) who are licensed to practice law in Washington and are members in good standing (i.e., pay their dues) with SCBA and Washington State Bar, and who reside in Snohomish County or maintain an office therein.

HOW TO VOTE

If there are three or more candidates listed on the ballot, the member must vote for three candidates and rank each candidate in order of preference. If there are two candidates, the member must include a vote for each candidate and rank them in order of preference. In addition, regardless of the number of candidates, each member must rate each candidate in one of the following categories: Excellent, Good, Average, Poor, or Unknown. Any ballot, which fails to follow the outlined procedure, will not be counted as to the race for which the procedure was not followed.

ENVELOPE PROCESS

The ballot shall be filled out by the member but there shall not be any identification of the voting member on the ballot itself; the ballot shall then be placed in a sealed envelope marked "Ballot" that contains no identification from the voting member; the "Ballot" envelope shall be placed in another envelope on which the voting member must identify himself or herself by their printed name and their personal signature. The completed ballots shall be returned as specified in the ballot notice. The "Ballot" envelopes shall be removed from the outer envelopes by an impartial person selected by the Bar Association officers. Such person shall not forward or include any ballot for counting which has not been submitted in the prescribed manner.

The identifying envelope containing the ballot envelope shall be sent to the Snohomish County Bar Association, PO Box 5429, Everett, WA 98206. It can also be dropped off at the SCBA office located on the 2nd floor of the courthouse, Room #C203.

All ballots, whether mailed or delivered, **must be received by the SCBA before 4:00 p.m. on Wednesday, October 10, 2007.**



George Appel

A long time resident of Snohomish County, I have served our community as a deputy prosecuting attorney, trying cases, handling appeals and also supervising other lawyers. As a lawyer for almost fifteen years, I have tried all types of criminal cases, including capital murder; more than a hundred cases to juries. As judge *pro tem*, I presided over civil and small claims cases in Evergreen District Court. As a prosecutor,

I work hard to discharge my duties to the best of my abilities in every case, large or small. I do so with common sense, fairness, and always with respect for the other side. As a judge, I will take my role as an impartial decision maker just as seriously.

Lawyers know what they want in a judge. None of us expects to win every argument. All of us expect to be treated with courtesy and respect. We want our judges to listen, to read our briefs, to consider our arguments carefully, and to render fair decisions. In short, to do the work and be fair. I have done this as judge *pro tem* in District Court. It is what I will do on the Superior Court bench.

Beyond the courtroom, my community activities include serving on the boards of my local YMCA, Snohomish County Bar Association, and church. I taught criminal law for the Sheriff's Reserve Academy, *Courtrooms to Classrooms* for elementary students, and I participate in Law Day for high school students. Teaching and mentoring youth is important to me. I regularly speak at local schools and also teach Sunday school. My wife, Hoa, and I are raising two sons of our own in Marysville.

As a judge, I will work hard to serve the people of Snohomish County faithfully and impartially. I ask for your support.



Peter Camp

EXPERIENCE: 27 years—18 years of private practice, 9 years of government practice. Solo practitioner, managed a small firm, and worked in a large firm. My practice focused on commercial litigation, business organization and transactions, real estate, land use and environmental regulation.

ARBITRATOR: in numerous mandatory arbitration and American Arbitration Association cases. Trained mediator and arbitrator.

TRIALS: Dozens in state and federal court, jury and non-jury, from Alaska to Arizona to Texas.

APPEALS: More than two dozen appeals, including published opinions cited by other courts and law reviews such as 914 F.2d 1564 (*en banc*) or 212 F.3d 1133. Member 9th Circuit *pro bono* panel.

BAR WORK: Snohomish County Bar trustee, treasurer (2006), vice president (2007); former ABA Young Lawyers' Division regional membership chair. WSBA work includes Rules and Procedures, Adjunct Investigative Counsel, and funded position on the *Amicus*

Committee. Member of 2000 Jury Reform Commission: drafted rule changes regarding jurors' questions of witnesses, note-taking and jurors' questions regarding evidence.

TEACHING: Rice University (adjunct faculty); numerous CLEs for WSBA and commercial CLE providers.

EDUCATION: Columbia University (JD 1980) (accelerated program); Rice University (BA 1979) (constitutional history).

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**Susan
Gaer**

For more than fifteen years, I have represented the people of Snohomish County—one at a time. I would like the opportunity to broaden the scope and work for this community as a judge on the Superior Court Bench.

I have been an attorney with the Snohomish County Public Defenders Association since 1992, representing thousands of defendants. As a trial attorney, I have handled many challenging and complex cases, including capital cases, and regularly deal with the Associations' most difficult clients. Since 2001, I have been the Assistant Director and Felony Supervisor, directly supervising seventeen attorneys, five investigators and assisting in the management of an office of more than fifty employees. As Assistant Director, I have worked with the courts, corrections, mental health agencies and the prosecutors' office on shared concerns; further, I have dealt with employment issues, including representing the office in administrative law issues. In supervising the felony unit, I have responsibility in the training of attorneys and

investigators and advise attorneys daily on motions, procedures, substantive law and trial strategy.

Before joining the Public Defenders Association, I represented parents in child dependency actions and termination of parental rights cases. My introduction to law was six years as a paralegal in an office handling domestic relations, wills and contracts. Prior to becoming a lawyer, I raised my sons while working in restaurants—an efficient way to learn patience, hard work, how to deal with people, and more patience.

I believe the practice of law should be based upon respect— respect for litigants, for counsel, for clerical staff and most of all, respect for the law. I have the experience, knowledge, and work ethic to be an effective judge and would be grateful for the opportunity. I ask for your support in the bar poll.



**Kelly
Harris**

For thirteen years I have been a public servant with two primary goals... pursuing justice and preserving public safety. For eight years I prosecuted cases in State court, reaching the level of Senior Deputy Prosecutor in the King County Prosecutor's Office, trying nearly 100 criminal trials. While a county prosecutor, I supervised the Drug Unit, and initiated the county's Project Safe Neighborhoods program, prosecuting firearms crimes, working in conjunction with State and Federal Law Enforcement. Presently, as Executive Assistant United States Attorney for the Western District of Washington, I have represented all counties west of the Cascade Mountains, prosecuting criminal and civil rights cases in Federal District Court, as well as serving as the United States Attorney's representative on the Western District of Washington's Anti-Terrorism Advisory Council, legal advisor to the region's Law Enforcement Information Sharing Program, (LInX) and serving on several committees on both the local and national level, representing the interests of our region.

My home is in Snohomish County. My children attend public school here, play Little League Baseball here, my family shops, and is entertained here. I have interacted with Snohomish County officials while serving as the Monte Vista Homeowners' Association President. Throughout my legal career, I have used the discretion given to me as a Prosecutor to protect the rights of citizens from unwarranted prosecution, and to protect and support victims of crime. As a Superior Court Judge, my guiding principles will be to serve the public with honor, with fairness to all parties without bias or prejudice, and to zealously pursue justice, with strict adherence to the rule of law, professionalism, and respect. My career has been devoted to public service, and it would be an honor to continue my public service as a Snohomish County Superior Court Judge.



**Mickey
Krom**

Dear SCBA Members:

My name is Mickey Krom. I'm asking for your support in the upcoming Bar Poll. I'd like to tell you a little bit about myself, to help you make your decision.

I have been married for 37 years, and, I have a 23 year old daughter.

I graduated from Gonzaga Law School in 1976. I was the Managing Editor of the 1976 Spring Edition, of the Gonzaga Law Review. While in law school, I worked for Court Commissioner Michael Keyes, of Division III, of the Court of Appeals. I also worked one summer as a Rule 9 intern, at the Snohomish County Prosecutor's Office. I shared offices with Kenneth Phillips and Joseph Connolly, in the early years of my career. During that time, I handled family law, wills, contracts, criminal defense, bankruptcy, and, personal injury.

In the late 70's and early 80's, I worked at the Snohomish County Prosecutor's Office, and, rose to the position of Co-Director of the Career Criminal Unit.

In 1983, I returned to private practice, sharing offices with Tom Gissberg for almost 20 years.

Currently, I have a solo practice limited to criminal defense and personal injury.

During my 31 years of practice, both as a prosecutor and defense counsel, I have litigated a number of this county's "high profile" criminal cases.

I have 57 years of life experience. I've experienced enough success to be confident, but, enough adversity to understand the importance of humility.

If appointed to be a Superior Court Judge, I pledge that every person who appears before me will be treated with respect and dignity. I will remember that the Judge is there to serve the people while applying the law fairly in all matters.

Thank you for being my friends, colleagues, and, worthy adversaries, all these years.

Mickey Krom, Attorney At Law



**Karen
Moore**

"In ten years I would like to be a judge"...was what I told to the newspaper reporter in 1992, when I became a Deputy Prosecutor for Madison County Idaho. It's been ten years and I still would like to be a judge and believe that my qualifications make me perfectly suited for appointment to the 15th judicial position for Snohomish County Superior Court.

As a licensed attorney in the State of Idaho and State of Washington, I have been a prosecutor and private defense counsel; I have tried criminal and civil jury trials; I have argued before the Court of Appeals as a Prosecutor representing the public and as private counsel representing an injured client; I have been to trial on custody and child support issues as well as complex valuation issues related to businesses and property. I cannot think of a better way to train for a position as judge than to have tried cases before judges on as many different issues as I have. In addition, I believe in the judicial system

and continue to enhance my qualifications by providing as much access to justice as time will allow; receiving WSBA recognition in 2007 for my Pro Bono Service in 2006.

I have lived in Snohomish County for 13 years and have raised my children here in Everett. I have supported the community by being involved with the YMCA, Everett Little League, Central Lutheran Church, and Everett Rowing Association. I have support from both private and public sector attorneys as well as non-attorneys in my application for this judicial position. I now turn to the Snohomish County Bar for additional support and ask that you return your bar poll indicating to the Governor I am the candidate that should receive the appointment for the 15th judicial position.



**Elizabeth
Turner**

Snohomish County is a growing, diverse community; the person appointed to this position needs to help our bench meet the changing needs of our community. I have many years of experience in the civil arena and a unique background which would broaden the experience and diversity of our bench. As a pro tem judge and commissioner and as an attorney I have handled divorces, parenting plan modifications, child support cases, paternities, meretricious relationships, contract disputes, landlord/tenant matters, guardianships, probates, will contests, and other civil litigation—in other words, the types of cases that come before our courts every day. Family law and elder law/guardianship cases are statistically two of the fastest growing areas of litigation, and my extensive experience in these areas provides me with a unique base of knowledge. In addition to broadening the diversity and experience of our bench, the person appointed to this position must be well suited to the position. As a solo practitioner I am accustomed to doing what it takes to get the job done, and will continue to do so while serving as a judge. As a pro tem I run my courtroom in a fair and impartial manner. Those appearing in my court know to expect that I am fully prepared and to expect me to ask questions. I am a certified mediator, and believe in alternative dispute resolution; however, I do not hesitate to make difficult, controversial decisions. Finally, the person appointed to this position must be dedicated to our community. I am a Snohomish County native; I was born in Snohomish County, have lived here all my life, and am active in the community. My long-term commitment to Snohomish County has given me extensive experience with our practices and procedures as well as the law. I have worked with many of you over the years, and if appointed look forward to continuing to work with you for many more years in the capacity of Superior Court Judge.



**Bruce
Weiss**

When completing your bar ballot for Snohomish County Superior Court Judge number 15, please select Commissioner Bruce I. Weiss as one of your top three choices. I have the experience, knowledge, demeanor and intelligence to successfully transition from Commissioner to Judge. As one of your hardworking Commissioners for almost two years, I have rendered thousands of decisions in contested hearings, which include family law, civil and juvenile matters. Litigants who appear before me are provided a fair and impartial hearing which result in well reasoned decisions. I am always well prepared for my hearings. I maintain control over my courtroom. These are qualities that will continue if I am appointed as Judge.

The vast majority of cases which proceed to trial in Superior Court are family law and criminal matters. Prior to being appointed Commissioner, I maintained my own general litigation practice, with an emphasis in family law. The majority of my trials were family law and criminal cases. I believe my reputation was of an honest, ethical and well prepared advocate for my clients. I maintained a proper balance of settling cases and proceeding to trial when necessary.

I was a contract assistant prosecuting attorney for the City of Everett for over seven years. I represented the City in hundreds of bench trials and many jury trials. As a criminal defense attorney, I represented people mostly charged with misdemeanor level offenses for over 19 years. I handled injury cases. I was counsel for several small businesses within our community. I have moved for and defended motions for summary judgment. As counsel or Commissioner, I have been involved in many of the proceedings which are presided over and decided by a Judge.

I am proud of the balance and work ethic that I have shown as an attorney and Commissioner. These attributes will not change if I am appointed to Judge. I invite you to observe my court if you have any reservations about supporting me on your ballot.



Joseph Wilson

Joseph P. Wilson has submitted his name for appointment to the Superior Court Bench. Joe is a dedicated professional who would be an asset to the court and to the community as a judge. Please support him in this poll.

Joe did his undergraduate, graduate and law school work at Gonzaga University and graduated from law school in 1993. Joe bailiffed in the Court of Appeals in Spokane and clerked for two years with Judge McKeeman. For more than a decade, Joe has been in private practice here in Everett. Joe sits as a pro-tem Judge in Cascade District Court.

Joe has litigated cases from Bellingham to Vancouver; from Forks to Colfax. He has tried cases in Municipal, District, Superior courts and in the Tulalip Tribal Court. He has successfully argued cases in the State Court of Appeals, Federal District Court, and the State Supreme Court. He has tried criminal cases from murder to defective equipment. His civil trial practice is wide ranging. The bulk of his practice includes all areas of family law, personal injury, criminal defense, real estate and estate work. Joe has handled virtually every type of case that will come before a superior court judge. Joe is competent in his practice; he works hard, is fair and treats others with respect. Joe has demonstrated the temperament and fairness needed for a judge.

Joe serves our community through his significant volunteer work with Snohomish County Legal Services, his estate planning seminar work for the Catholic Archdiocese of Seattle and as a long-term board member and past president of the Snohomish County Center for Battered Women. Joe is a member of Everett Rotary and Holy Rosary Parish. Born and raised here in Everett, Joe and his wife, Cecilia, are raising their two sons in North Everett.

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IFAP was founded in 1996 as a partnership between NWIRP and the University of Washington School of Law. The organization trains and matches law students with pro bono attorneys and provides representation to immigrant survivors of crime and domestic violence who are eligible to obtain lawful immigration status in the U.S. under the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA). IFAP has enabled hundreds immigrant survivors and their children to leave abusive relationships and begin lives free of violent behavior, while providing law students with an opportunity to gain training and experience in immigration law, domestic violence advocacy, and client counseling.

Attorneys who commit to taking one IFAP case during the 2007-08 school year may attend the CLE for the cost of materials, \$25. Attorneys that have agreed to take a case will be paired with two law students and assigned a case by NWIRP.

AGENDA

- 12:00 – 12:15 **Introduction to the Immigrant Family Advocacy Project (IFAP) and the Northwest Immigrant Rights Project (NWIRP)**
 § Kelsey Beckner and Paul Weideman, IFAP Co-Presidents,
 § Jordan Wasserman, Pro Bono Coordinating Attorney,
 NWIRP
- 12:15 – 12:35 **Working with Immigrant Survivors of Domestic Violence**
 § Rachel Rubinstein, Domestic Violence Unit, NWIRP
- 12:35 – 1:00 **Basic Structure of Immigration System and Introduction to Remedies**
 § Mozhdeh Oskouian, Lead Attorney, Domestic Violence
 Unit, NWIRP
- 1:00 – 2:00 **Lunch (Provided by IFAP)**
- 2:00 – 2:50 **Filing I-360 Self Petitions under the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA)**
 § Mozhdeh Oskouian, Lead Attorney, Domestic Violence
 Unit, NWIRP
- 2:50 – 3:15 **Adjustment of Status, I-485**
 § Mozhdeh Oskouian, Lead Attorney, Domestic Violence
 Unit, NWIRP
- 3:15 – 3:55 **Introduction to the U-Visa**
- 3:55 – 4:05 **Break**
 § Angelica Chazaro, Staff Attorney, NWIRP
- 4:05 – 4:45 **Documentation and Employment Authorization after filing the U-Visa**
 § Angelica Chazaro, Staff Attorney, NWIRP
- 4:45 – 5:30 **Confidentiality and Ethics, New Rules since 2006**
 § Neha Chandola, Attorney, Gibbs Houston Pauw
- 5:30 – 5:50 **Supervising Students and Volunteering as an IFAP Pro Bono Attorney**
 § Signe Dortch, Attorney, Gibbs Houston Pauw
- 5:50 – 6:00 **Matching attorneys with IFAP student teams/assigning cases**



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