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- 20th** Slip-n-Fall Classic
- 31st** Auction Committee Meeting

Presidents Column

"Doing Something About Access to Justice"

by Fred L. Gillings

On Saturday, April 28th, I represented the SCBA at the first annual NorthWest Regional Access to Justice Conference. Representatives from seven counties gathered at La Conner to share ideas on improving access to justice. Snohomish county "wheels" Yvette War Bonnett of Columbia Legal Services and Superior Court Clerk Pam Daniels were instrumental in organizing this first time event.

Several local attorneys were present. Attendees chose a program track of

presentations from a wide and diverse menu of topics. I had an opportunity to listen and participate in seminars on Working with Pro Se parties; Domestic Violence issues; and Protecting Elder Clients. Other programs included Unbundled legal Services, Paralegal Practice, and Pro Bono programs.

At the end of the day Snohomish County participants gathered in a caucus to come up with an action plan. Expect to hear more on this topic, as our county is taking a leadership role. The activities concluded with (more) food, and sampling of local beverages. Thanks to Jenny Heard and SCLS staff for making sure everyone had a positive experience.

The first Swearing-In Ceremony

this year is on

June 7th at 4 p.m.

There will be 17 candidates sworn in. Please try to attend. Check with Superior Court Administration to confirm it will be held in Courtroom C-201.

Superior Court Assignments: June 2001

Presiding Judge: Judge Linda C. Krese
 Trial Calendar Call: Judge Krese, Dept. 11
 Juvenile Court: Judges French and Fair; Commissioner Waggoner¹
 Civil Motions: Judge Farris: June 1
 Judge Krese: June 4 – June 15
 Judge Farris: June 18 – June 26
 Judge Wynne: June 27 – June 29
 Criminal Hearings: Judge Krese: June 1
 Judge Wynne: June 4 – June 15
 Judge Bowden: June 18 – June 22
 Judge Thibodeau: June 25 – June 29
 Criminal Dept. Judges:² Judges Thibodeau, McKeeman, Castleberry,
 Wynne, Hulbert, Farris, Krese, and Cowser
 Civil Dept. Judges:² Judges Knight, Thorpe, Allendoerfer, and Bowden
 Ex Parte/Commissioner Civil Motions:¹ Commissioner Bedle
 Family Law Calendars:¹ Commissioners Stewart and Brudvik

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

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

Snohomish County Bar Association Golf Tournament

Who: SCBA members and their guests.
Where: Legion Park, 144 W. Marine View Drive, Everett, 98201
When: Friday, September 7th 2001. Tee times begin at 12:00 noon.
Format: Scramble

More information regarding cost coming soon.

Cost includes Greens fee, post-golf hamburger barbeque, and prizes. Carts are not included.

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News from Snohomish County Legal Services

By Jenny Heard, Executive Director

A big thanks to the Snohomish County Bar Association and all its members for the huge check that was presented to our office. Not only was it for a large amount (\$30,875.60), but it was also a large check – two feet by three feet. We appreciate all of your support through the auction and in many other ways. Next year's auction on March 23, 2002 will be great. If you're interested in helping with it, the Auction Committee meets the last Tuesday of the month in the Kinard Room. The next meeting is on May 29, 2001.

Thanks to those attorneys who made an impact on their clients' lives by accepting their cases for pro bono representation in the last month: John Frawley, Elke Crabbe, Aimee Trua, Glenn Kadish, Greg Davies, Mike Clarke, Tom Kruse, and Russ Juckett. Our clients are very grateful for the assistance all of you give them. Without it, they would not be able to navigate the legal system. You make a tremendous difference in their lives. One client recently commented that "Glenn Kadish did an excellent job. I am very pleased."

In the past month these volunteers met with our clients in our Family Law Advice Clinic and gave them priceless legal advice and assistance with court documents: Kay Field (at Pathways for Women/YWCA), Michael Clarke, Serena Hart, Ann Brice, Jay Leach, Tom Kruse, Glenn Kadish, Kirsten Haugen, Cory Rein, Kathryn Martin, Linda Passey, Geoff Gibbs, and Aaron Shields.

The clinic meets Tuesday nights from 7:00 p.m. until 10:00 p.m.. We are always looking for new volunteers to staff it, so please call us if you can help. We hope to start a daytime clinic in the future, so if that fits your schedule better, let us know. It is a great way to spend a few hours giving back to the community. Our clients really benefit from your time and expertise, and you make a significant difference in their lives.

A big thanks to Dave Moore of Moore Computers who provided some pro bono computer repair for us recently.

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*From the Bench of
Judge French*

Move Over Gail Nunn

I had the pleasure on the last Friday in April to attend the Third Annual CASA/VGAL Benefit Auction. This is a regional affair to benefit CASA/VGAL programs throughout the state, including our program here in Snohomish County. The auction was held at the Bell Harbor International Conference Center on the Seattle Waterfront. The scenery was, well, scenic. The weather held and everyone had a wonderful time.

As everyone who has produced an auction knows, a vital key to success is a good committee – the three or four folks who put in most of the work. Local attorney and VGAL stalwart, Kirsten Haugen, is one of these. And by all measures, the event was a success.

Kirsten was in charge of the Snohomish County contingent – three and a half tables (36 people) strong. Her auction strategy is fairly simple. Serve lots of wine, develop competitive bidding between well-heeled friends, and develop item-specific interest for the guests. Then serve more wine. It also didn't hurt to have South County attorney, Bill "The Shill" Foster strolling through and bidding up many of the items.

Bill almost met his match with my wife, Diane. Diane is always game to attend various events with me, although she has become decidedly suspicious when I suggest "this will be a lot of fun." She, nonetheless, was able to get right into the spirit of things and developed a joint venture with local VGAL. There she hovered as the bidding closure drew near. Along came Bill. The discussion that ensued caused Kirsten to regret she did not bring any VGAL applications with her. Apparently, Diane displays the requisite tenacity for that role.

There was good attendance at the event by Snohomish County supporters. Although the legal community was in short supply they were ably represented by Bill Foster and Bruce Weiss who managed to take home some

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memorable items at the end of the evening. Keep an eye out for invitations to this event next year. It truly is a great time for a great cause.

Summer Rules

May has arrived and Spring appears to have finally emerged to stay. As the weather warms and the days grow longer, lawyers and judges turn to planning for important summer events. Such as the deadline for submitting changes to local court rules.

Some of you – those of you who have actual lives outside of the practice of law – have probably been planning for vacations. The rest of us, however, see it as our duty to worry about local rules. We're not real sure what would happen if we spent the summer worrying about vacation plans rather than court rules, but we're pretty sure it won't be good for The Law. Plus, when all those healthy, tanned and balanced lawyers and judges return from vacation in September, we'll be ready for them with new rules.

When I was in private practice, I didn't worry much during the summer about vacations or court rules. I mostly worried about next week. Long range planning was largely dedicated to selecting trial dates. Which invariably fell during prime vacation time. Consequently, my vacations were largely contingent on settling cases. I would settle a case and then go home and ask Diane what she wanted to do on vacation. She'd ask when we were going on vacation. I'd say "Right now." Diane would then ask for how long. I'd tell her that depended on whether I could settle next week's case while on vacation this week. While some would question the wisdom of this practice, it did have one practical benefit: I didn't have to worry about having a trial date set during my planned vacation.

Anyway, the deadline for submitting local rule changes is July 1. Last year I indicated we would review the family law motions rule this year so I have devised a survey for you to complete and return:

Family Law Motions Rule SCLCR 7(C)

_____ **Keep it the same.** This is the response for those of you who believe the current rule is working well, or at least well enough to avoid any change. This is also the response for those of you who, like me, take about six months to fit rule changes seamlessly into your method of practice, and just are not up to doing so annually.

_____ **Go back to the old rule.** For those who preferred the old rule, which was really the general rule (CR 7(b)) disguised as a local rule, this response is your best bet. This is also the response of choice for those who do not believe attorneys from other counties should have to worry about how things work in Snohomish County.

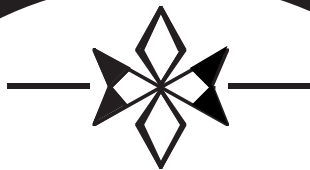
_____ **We're game to try something new.** For those of you who think the new rule works pretty well, but would work even better if it was extended a bit, vote for this choice. It may be Snohomish County is ready for a 14-7-3 day motions timeline. This might level the playing field for those who have noticed the current rule is short on response times.

Detach and return this survey to:

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The Snohomish County Clerk's Office in conjunction with other State and national groups presented Law Day activities at the Denney Juvenile Justice Center on May 3rd, 2001 with an overall theme of "Protecting the Best Interests of Our Children." Pam Daniels, County Clerk officially welcomed the 40 members of the senior class of Archbishop Thomas J. Murphy High School with an explanation of the Clerk's function and mission followed by presentations by Shane Nybo, Juvenile Court Services Probation Supervisor and Shirley Johnston, Clerk's Office Judicial Process Assistant.

Judge Charles French presided over a mock trial in one of the Juvenile courtrooms with all the students participating in the roll play. This was followed by an extensive question and answer period to help the students understand such abstract concepts as due process, individual and community rights, and apply them to concrete situations. Through the generosity of the Snohomish County Sheriff's Office, a canine demonstration was held on the lawns of the Juvenile Center facilitated by two of the County's canine officers.

This year Law Day provided an opportunity for the Snohomish County Clerk's Office to help celebrate and make more widely known the extraordinary efforts of lawyers, judges, legislators and others to collaborate on community-based activities. These activities help us all better understand how the legal system strives to protect the interests of all of our children.

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Snohomish County Public Defender's Association

by Bill Jaquette

In one way it is a little unfortunate that in the Snohomish County courts the activities in criminal cases are separated from the activities in civil cases. It is unfortunate because it puts us Public Defenders a little out of touch with the rest of the bar. As a partial remedy, I would like to report that the Snohomish County Public Defender Association is as alive and feisty as ever.

It is a surprise to many to learn that the Public Defender is not an agency of county government. We are non-profit corporation that was created in September 1973 by the cooperative efforts of county government and the Snohomish County Bar Association. Since its inception the Snohomish County Public Defender has grown from a staff of 7 lawyers, 1 investigator, and 2 office workers to a staff of 25 lawyers, 5 investigators, and 11 office workers. The Association's workload has also increased over the years. In 1977, the first year for which records could be found, the office completed work on 487 felonies, 967 district court cases, and 69 other matters. In 2000 the office completed work on 1,513 felony cases, plus one death penalty case, 4,500 district court cases, and 2,703 other matters.

The Snohomish County Public Defender Association provides an important service to its clients, the courts, and to the citizens of Snohomish County. Its greatest value comes as a result of the knowledge, skill, initiative, and creativity of its lawyers and staff. However, the Association, as an organization, also serves an important function. It assures (1) the training and supervision necessary to consistently provide effective representation, (2) the coordination with courts, prosecutors, police, jail, and corrections officers necessary to an efficient criminal justice process, and (3) the perpetual commitment necessary to providing the services on a long term basis.

Over the years, members of the County Bar Association have served as Public Defender attorneys and as members of its Board of Directors. In its 27+ years 123 lawyers have been, or are currently, Snohomish County

Public Defenders. Twenty-two of those have moved on into private practice in Snohomish County. Among the 123 are state Supreme Justice Barbara Madsen, Superior Court Judges Ron Castleberry and Anita Farris, and Superior Court Commissioner Arden Bedle. Of the 28 persons who have served on the Association Board of Directors 13 are, or have been, members of the County Bar Association. The former members include Judge Castleberry, Judge Charlie French, Judge Al Holte (ret.), Levy Johnston, Kent Milliken, Harry Platis, Katie Ross, and Judge Tim Ryan.

The current president of our Board is Walt Peale, an attorney and past president of the County Bar Association. Formerly a lawyer with our Association, Walt is again practicing as a public defender attorney in that county to the south. Scott Decker, the Board's vice president, is a partner in the law firm of Deno, Millikan, Dale, Decker, & Davenport. Scott was also a Public Defender attorney and has also served as Court Services Administrator for Snohomish County. He is also a past president of the County Bar Association. The Board's secretary, Steve Ashlock, is an attorney in a solo criminal law practice in the County. Steve was one the 8 Public Defender attorneys in the late 70s. Bill Hope, the Board's treasurer, has served on the Board from the beginning. Now retired, Bill was a partner in the accounting firm of Hascal Sjöholm. Long time Board Member; Jerry Aaron is a retired Deputy Chief of the Everett Police Department. Board member Dr. Tom Gaskin is a history instructor at Everett Community College. Board member Karen Miller is a former member of the Snohomish County Council. She has also served on a number of state and local committees and boards concerned with government operations and charitable causes. Board member John Rutter had a law practice in Lynnwood between 1960 and 1974 and then served as Superior Court Judge until his retirement in 1990.

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