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SCBA Members Calendar of Events

March 2002

8th CLE Guardianships
15th Deadline SCBA Newsletter
18th Family Law Section Meeting
21st SCBA Board of Trustees Meeting
23rd SCBA Auction

April 2002

15th Deadline SCBA Newsletter
15th Family Law Section Meeting
18th SCBA Board of Trustees Meeting

May 2002

1st LawDay
15th Deadline SCBA Newsletter
16th SCBA Board of Trustees Meeting
17th Title 26 GAL Training
20th Family Law Section Meeting
24th CLE Title 26

June 2002

17th Deadline SCBA Newsletter
17th Family Law Section Meeting
20th SCBA Board of Trustees Meeting

July 2002

15th Deadline SCBA Newsletter
15th Family Law Section Meeting
18th SCBA Board of Trustees Meeting
20th SCBA Softball Tournament at Legion Park

LawDay 2002



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Superior Court Assignments: March 2002

Presiding Judge: Judge Joseph Thibodeau

Trial Calendar Call and Motions to Continue Trial: Judge Thibodeau, Dept. 10

Juvenile Court: Judges Wynne and Farris; Commissioner Bedle¹

Civil Motions: Judge Hulbert: March 1 – March 8
 Judge Cowsert: March 11 – March 22
 Judge Krese: March 25 – March 29

Criminal Hearings: Judge Cowsert: March 1 – March 8
 Judge Bowden: March 11 – March 22
 Judge Thorpe: March 25 – March 29

Criminal Dept. Judges²: Judges Knight, Thibodeau, Thorpe, Castleberry, Hulbert,
 Krese, French and Cowsert

Civil Dept. Judges²: Judges Allendoerfer, McKeeman, Bowden and Fair

Ex Parte/Commissioner Civil Motions¹: Commissioner Waggoner

Family Law Calendars¹: 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 cases may be assigned to Criminal Department Judges.



**FROM THE DESK OF
THE PRESIDENT,
DAVE KURTZ**

A Soccer Sequel to the SCBA Auction

One reason I like the Honorable Charles French is because he knows soccer. (I don't dare getting into whether the Honorable Ronald Castleberry knows more, or thinks he does.)

Even before Charlie French became Judge French, he was a "soccer dad." And for example, his son Lucas helped Everett High reach the State semi-finals a few years ago.

However, His Honor was lucky. His kid was a "striker." Lucas got to score goals, to be the hero.

On the other hand my son, A.J., is a goalkeeper. Thanks to the coaching efforts of Deane Minor et al, he's gotten good. But, being the parent of a soccer goalie can be hell. The husband of another local attorney has described it as "89 minutes of boredom combined with 1 minute of terror."

The goalie on a soccer squad is the last line of defense. He or she acts as the team's "safety net." It's his or her job to keep the ball out of that real net on the field, to save the game. And when the ball slips through, the keeper's "failure" is painful - it's painful for the parent, too.

The staff and volunteers of Snohomish County Legal Services are a huge part of our local society's "safety net." They often are the last resort for poor people with problems. On occasion their legal assistance essentially saves lives. And when they can't really help, they frequently "bleed" right along with their clients.

We can be proud of the hours upon hours of pro bono

work contributed by local attorneys, along with the devoted efforts by SCLS' staff. Once each year we have the chance to contribute in another tangible way--and have a good time besides.

Yes, the Bar Association's annual Auction/Dinner benefiting SCLS is coming up. Mark Saturday night, March 23rd on your calendar. Get your reservations in by the Ides of March.

Rita Love, Joyce Wood, and many others have been working hard to make this year's event a successful and fun evening. You can still pitch in...

Please consider contributing an Auction item (preferably by 2/28). You can see the list of current donations on our website at <http://www.snoabar.org>.

Please plan on attending (reserve by 3/15). And please open wide your wallets when you do come (we have big "goals" this year). Thanks for helping.

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News from Snohomish County



Legal Services



By Threesa Milligan, Executive Director

The SCBA Auction is Coming

Don't forget to mark your calendar for the **March 23, 2002** event and plan to be there. You'll have fun and raise money to make a positive difference in our client's lives.

Free Consumer Law CLE on March 7, 2002

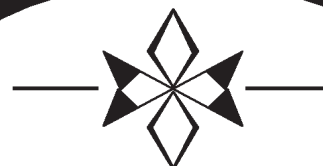
You are invited to attend a training at the Snohomish County Courthouse on fair debt collection, rent-to-own contracts, check cashing services, and loans in anticipation of SSI or SS benefits. A representative from the National Consumer Law Center will provide the training. The seminar will take place in the Kinard Room from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Lunch will be provided. There are 5 CLE credits (1 ethics) pending. As an added bonus, because we are co-sponsoring this seminar, you can earn up to 4 additional CLE credits when you provide direct representation to a pro bono client with consumer law issues.

Carol Betts, who practices in Snohomish County and King County, has joined Snohomish County Legal Services as a new volunteer attorney. Previously licensed to practice in Massachusetts, Carol has an office in Bellevue and handles family law and other cases. She jumped in to help one of our clients who is disabled and could not present her case in court.

Thanks to those attorneys who have accepted clients for pro bono representation in the past month: Joe Wilson, Carol Betts, Judith Hendricks, Terry

Simon, Brad Meagher, Kim Solomon and Mike Jacobs. They are helping their clients with bankruptcies, parenting plan modifications, and other dissolution issues.

In the past month these committed volunteers spent an evening meeting with our clients in our Family Law Advice Clinic and gave them priceless legal advice and assistance with court documents: Joe Wilson, Carolyn Powell, Tom Kruse, Solomon Kim, Coreen Ferencz, Glenn Kadish, James Soukup, Deane Minor, Satwant Pandher, Brad Meagher, Cheryl Duffy, Ann Brice, Serena Hart, Aaron Shields and Darrel Johnson and Kay Field at Pathways for Women. These volunteers are making a real difference in our client's lives. Our surveys continue to show that people who come to our family law clinic consistently feel that they have benefitted from the assistance our clinic volunteers provide.



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The raffle tickets are going fast. They are \$20.00 for each ticket, but only 125 tickets will be sold. The odds are in your favor. Ask any Auction Committee member for your ticket. You may also inquire at the Bar Association office. This is your chance at a large screen TV.

It is our goal to have all of the donations in by February 28, 2002. Please have your donation delivered or call if you need help with deliver. Visit the Bar Association's website and click on Auction to view some of the array of donations.

If you have not donated yet, there is still time to get involved. Call me at (425) 771-6955. Suggestions include a certificate for dinner at your favorite restaurant, Book store gift certificates, Kitchen store gift certificates and baskets of goodies.

You should receive your reservation this week. Please be sure to R.S.V.P. promptly. We are looking forward to seeing you on March 23rd at the Howard Johnson's Everett Pacific.



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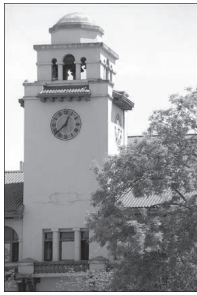
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By Lettice Parker, Law Librarian

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We want to thank the SCBA for a generous donation of \$3,000.00 to the Law Library's 2002 budget. Part of this contribution will go to continuing our subscription to the Washington CD-ROM collection. The remaining money will go into the acquisition of new CLE's for the collection. We are grateful and appreciative of the SCBA for their continued support of the Law Library.

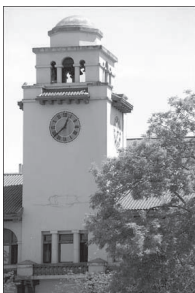
HB 1470 County Law Library Funding

There was a hearing on this bill before the house Judiciary Committee on January 17, 2002. It passed out of the House Judiciary with one amendment. Pat

Lantz authored the amendment. The purpose of the amendment is to protect those county law libraries receiving above the \$12 level from having those funds taken away when the library requests a local option (the surcharge). As of the first week in February this bill was in the House Rules Committee. It has not gone to the floor for a vote; however, we are getting favorable feedback. This bill would authorize a filing fee surcharge allowing additional funding exclusively for county law libraries. If this legislation passes it will provide the County with a means of providing additional funding for the Law Library. Without it the Law Library could find itself in severe financial straits.

View From The Director's Seat

I have completed one month as the director of the law library. I have survived. There is still a lot to learn (I haven't mastered everything yet), along with new faces and names to remember. January was a busy month. More and more people are choosing to represent or handle their legal problems on their own. They come to the law library seeking help. After I have been at the law library a bit longer, perhaps, in the coming months I'll have more to tell from my view in the director's seat.



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- Commencing a Guardianship and specification of authority and duties of Guardian
- Administration of Guardianships including inventories, accountings, personal care plans, substitution of guardians, terminations, etc., and the attorneys role there in
- Snohomish County Guardianship Monitoring Program, its purpose and functions
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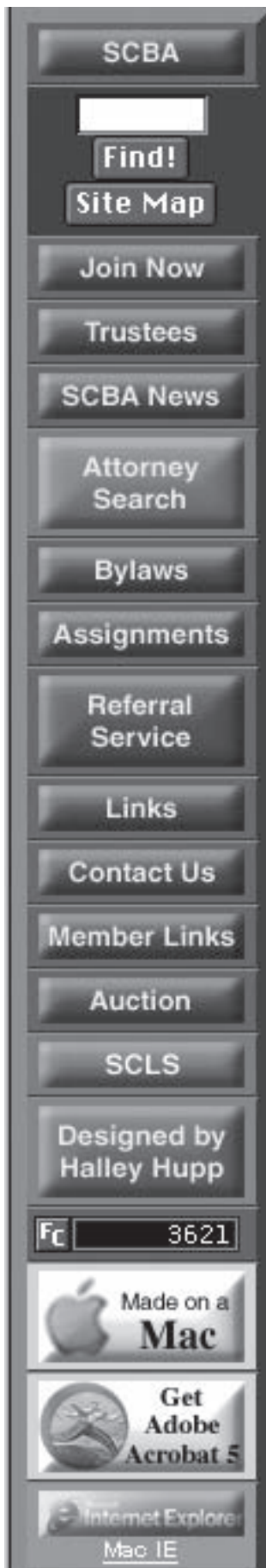
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Two professional office buildings available for lease at **3115 Oakes** (\$1000 p/mo) and **3117 Oakes** (\$1600 p/mo) across from the Snohomish County Courthouse. Configurations appropriate for individual practice, partnership, office share or use second building for support business. There are various arrangement possibilities and therefore we are willing to work with new tenants. Free on-site parking for lessees and clients. Lawn and outdoor maintenance provided. Contact Jennifer or Russ at (425) 339-1559 or juckett@aol.com. Spaces available February 1, 2002.

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Office Space available in central district of Mill Creek: 760 square feet of well-lit space, overlooking beautiful gardens. Three private offices, reception area, and utility room with small storage unit in the building. Generous on-site parking. Offices can be subleased as a whole or a portion thereof. Available March 2002. Very reasonable rates. Call Tom Stanley for details: (425) 743-5744 or E-mail: stanlegal@aol.com.

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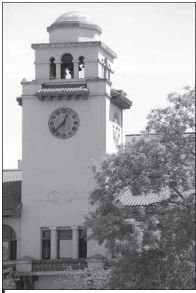
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Premier office space available in newly refurbished historic First Street building. 200 square feet with abundant north light. 2 phone lines in. Includes use of large conference room. \$600 per month. Additional options available: secretarial services, copier, fax. Contact Ann Averill, (360) 568-2555.

Snohomish: Historic Building

Upstairs office space available in refurbished "historical" building in downtown Snohomish. Bright, spacious, 182 square feet plus approximately 500 feet of common area with bathroom and small wet bar. Additional options available: use of main floor reception, kitchen, conference room (excluding Saturday use), copier, and fax. \$400 per month. Call (360) 568-9100.



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