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## SCBA Members Calendar of Events

### July 2002

**15th** Deadline SCBA Newsletter  
**15th** Family Law Section Meeting  
**18th** SCBA Board of Trustees Meeting  
**18th** SCBA Softball Tournament  
**30th** SCBA Auction Meeting

### August 2002

**15th** Deadline SCBA Newsletter  
**No SCBA Board Meeting**  
**27th** SCBA Auction Meeting

### September 2002

**13th** Risk Management CLE  
**16th** Deadline SCBA Newsletter  
**16th** Family Law Section Meeting  
**19th** SCBA Board of Trustees Meeting  
**20th** SCBA Annual Golf Tournament  
**27th** SCBA Auction Meeting

### October 2002

**4th** Bench Bar Mixer @ Everett  
 Transit Station  
**15th** Deadline SCBA Newsletter  
**17th** Family Law Section Meeting  
**21st** SCBA Board of Trustees Meeting  
**29th** SCBA Auction Meeting

### November 2002

**15th** Deadline SCBA Newsletter  
**18th** Family Law Section Meeting  
**21st** SCBA Board of Trustees Meeting  
**26th** SCBA Auction Meeting

### December 2002

**15th** Deadline SCBA Newsletter  
**18th** Family Law Section Meeting  
**21st** SCBA Board of Trustees Meeting  
**31st** SCBA Auction Meeting

## Superior Court Assignments: July 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 Brudvik<sup>1</sup>

**Civil Motions:** ..... Judge Bowden: July 1 – July 5  
 ..... Judge Krese: July 8 – July 12  
 ..... Judge Cowsert: July 15 – July 26  
 ..... Judge Thibodeau: July 29 – July 31

**Criminal Hearings:** ..... JJudge Thibodeau: July 1 – July 12  
 ..... Judge Allendoerfer: July 15 – July 26  
 ..... Judge Cowsert: July 29 – July 31

**Criminal Dept. Judges:<sup>2</sup>** ..... Judges Thibodeau, Allendoerfer, McKeeman, Krese, French,  
 ..... Bowden, Fair and Cowsert

**Civil Dept. Judges:<sup>2</sup>** ..... Judges Knight, Thorpe, Castleberry and Hulbert

**Ex Parte/Commissioner Civil Motions:<sup>1</sup>** ..... Commissioner Stewart

**Family Law Calendars:<sup>1</sup>** ..... Commissioners Bedle and Waggoner

**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**

**SUMMERTIME: Picnic, and Polls**

“Summertime...and the livin’ is easy...” Gershwin’s lyrics seemed more accurate years ago. In our area the days of courts largely shutting down with no jury trials during the summer months are a distant memory from a different era.

Still, as the thermometer rises, the pace of legal business does tend to slow a bit. And there are more chances to kick back and enjoy simple pleasures.

One fun opportunity is coming up on Thursday afternoon and evening, July 18. All Bar members, families, and friends are invited to come to a Picnic at Forest Park in Everett. And the price is right: the food and drink will be free—yes, FREE (since the event occurs in an Everett park, alcohol will not be available). We also expect some spirited competition on the softball diamond.

So, mark July 18 on your calendar. Call Joyce at (425) 388-3056 for further info (and to help give us a head count). Come for a good time (sunshine is guaranteed).

Summertime also sees electoral races heating up. The filing period is July 22-26. However, there are already reports that multiple positions will be contested—races which will be of particular interest to Bar members.

The SCBA By-Laws call for us to conduct a preference poll whenever “an election for a judicial position or prosecuting attorney in Snohomish County is pending.” (The By-Laws also mandate the voting procedure.)

Ballots for the preference poll will be published in the next Bar News (the August/September edition). Candidates in contested races are invited to submit by August 2 a photograph and statement of about 300 words for publication in that edition. We expect that your completed ballots will need to be delivered to the Bar Office by early September, with the results publicized promptly after the deadline.

A citizen’s right to vote is precious. Likewise, your opportunity to participate in SCBA preference polls is a significant part of your SCBA membership. Be looking for your ballot during the “dog days” of August.

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## **PETE PATTERSON'S LAWYER'S ROAD REVIEW**

### **Left Brain, Right Brain, Miata, or Minivan**

It is a custom of mine to clean my kitchen and listen to car talk on Saturday mornings. For the uninitiated "Car Talk" is a call in show hosted by Tom and Ray Magliozzi from Cambridge Massachusetts on National Public Radio, they are very entertaining and actually help people with car related issues.

Recently, a woman called in with a car buying issue. She had one husband, a "skinny" grandmother as she described her, herself and two children in car seats. She wanted a Mazda Miata. The brothers could barely contain themselves. "You want what?"

Tom and Ray are familiar with the debate between the hemispheres of the brain. The right thinks in terms of wisdom and beauty, considers the car to be an art form. It is also partly destroyed by law school. The left thinks in terms of practicality, logic, and eschews bumper stickers. Law school increases the size of this organ.

I have been in this posture myself. About 1994 I had a wife, myself, and two car seats and an older child. Knowing the sports car was out, I surfed the internet for data on cars that might fit us. After looking at virtual family cars I decided the Saturn wagon looked great at least on paper.

Excited, we drove to the lot and got in the Saturn wagon with the car seats. This would have been fine if we didn't have to close all the doors. With two car seats and an adult in the back seat, one door had to remain open. Having been to law school I knew that would not work.

So much for Saturn. That day we ended up with a Toyota Corolla wagon which was still too small, but the largest car Liz would agree to drive. At least we could close the doors.

A year later and looking for something bigger, I took my left brain and brought home a Pontiac Transport. This would soothe the right brain I thought. It had a great ride, and Captain Piccard of the starship Enterprise was selling these on TV. It was a little like a shuttle craft. I thought it was cool.



Liz sat behind the wheel in the drive way but refused to turn the key. I started talking with a British accent like the Captain, "Ahead warp factor one....Engage!" and that only made things worse. She obviously had never been to law school, and my efforts to entertain her intact right hemisphere were for naught.

The truth is we not only had two kids in car seats, one was in a wheel chair, and so on a bright fall day I brought home an Aerostar van, designed by the left brain of the Ford motor company that I announced I would drive. I have previously written a review of the Iron box, so I will not go into it here. Suffice to say this thing carries everything including the grandparents.

OK fine, the left brain has taken over. But, I still have the mustang.

The auto makers are doing their best to soothe both hemispheres. Consider the Ford Explorer Sport Trac. For some of us the right brain wants a truck. The Sport Trac has all the seats of a SUV, but then a small

box like it was a pick up. There is something strangely attractive about this, but I have not figured it out. The box is not really big enough to carry mountain bikes, and if it is backpacks and climbing equipment, why not just have the normal SUV? It looks like a compromise, which is sometimes not the best choice.

Instead, my advice is to buy both. Have something really practical, like a used Areostar van. Mine is retailing for about \$4000 right now and runs great, but it is not for sale. Then get something that makes you glad to be alive. What about the Miata? What was the old Schlitz ad:

“You only go around once in life, and you have to grab all the gusto you can.”

Your head will feel better for it.

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**Date:** Thursday Friday,  
July 18<sup>th</sup>, 2002



**Place:** Forest Park, 802 Mukilteo Blvd., Everett  
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## Entry Form

- Who:** SCBA members and their guests.  
**Where:** Battle Creek Golf Course  
 6006 Meridian Ave N. Marysville, WA  
**When:** Friday, September 20<sup>th</sup> 2002. Tee times begin at 12:00 noon.  
**Format:** Scramble  
**Cost:** \$50.00 per person. Make checks payable to SCBA.  
**Deadline:** September 6, 2002. First paid, first served. Limited entry.

Cost includes Greens fee, post-golf hamburger barbeque, and prizes. Carts are available for \$24 per cart, payable at the course on September 20<sup>th</sup>.

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