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SCBA Members Calendar of Events

August 2003

15th Deadline SCBA Newsletter
NO SCBA Board of Trustees Meeting
NO Auction Committee Meeting
NO Family Law Section Meeting

September 2003

12th CLE Kinard Rm Law Office Management
15th Deadline SCBA Newsletter
15th Family Law Section Meeting
18th SCBA Board of Trustees Meeting
19th SCBA Golf Tournament
26th CLE Kinard Rm Law & Mental Health
30th Auction Committee Meeting

October 2003

15th Deadline SCBA Newsletter
16th SCBA Bench Bar Mixer
20th Family Law Section Meeting
24th CLE Kinard Rm Bankruptcy & Collections
28th Auction Committee Meeting

November 2003

15th Deadline SCBA Newsletter
15th Deadline for nomination of SCBA Trustees
16th SCBA Board of Trustees Meeting
20th Family Law Section Meeting
21st CLE Everett Transit Ctr. Family Law Tool Box
25th Auction Committee Meeting

December 2003

5th Getting What You Want From The Commissioner
15th Deadline SCBA Newsletter
15th Family Law Section Meeting
18th SCBA Board of Trustees Meeting
18th Ballots due for election of SCBA Trustees
30th Auction Committee Meeting

Superior Court Assignments:

Presiding Judge: Judge Joseph Thibodeau

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

Juvenile Court: Judges Allendoerfer and Cowser;
..... Commissioner Stewart¹

Civil Motions: Judge Hulbert: August 1 - August 8
..... Judge French: August 11 - August 22
..... Judge Fair: August 25 - August 31

Criminal Hearings: Judge Farris: August 1 - August 8
..... Judge Bowden: August 11 - August 22
..... Judge French: August 25 - August 31

Criminal Dept. Judges:² Judges Thibodeau, Thorpe, McKeeman, Hulbert, Farris, Krese, French and Bowden

Civil Dept. Judges:² Judges Knight, Castleberry, Wynne and Fair

Ex Parte/Commissioner Civil Motions:¹ Commissioner Brudvik

Family Law Calendars:¹ 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,
RITA LOVE**

What Really Counts

Since I have been writing this column each month I have had the opportunity to reflect on subject matter and what would make an appropriate topic for the column. This month I have decided to write about what really counts. That is to say what really matters in life.

We have a multitude of books that guide and help us understand the important things. We have learned the some of the following: "Don't Sweat the Small Stuff," "Women are from Venus Men are From Mars," "What Rich People Tell Their Kids." We also have the Idiots Guide to Computers, Dieting, Relationships, or what ever other subject you might need.

The thing that makes this all so very interesting is that we need to be told, or we strive to find out what really matters. In reflecting, I have come to some conclusions on the subject and since I have the opportunity I will share my thoughts with you.

This month my best friend will celebrate a special birthday. I cannot tell you which one, because that would reveal her age and I am not tactless. Especially since she and I are the same age. We were born in the same apartment house in New York City. We have maintained our friendship through the many decades, times of heartache, and moments of joy. We are godmothers for each other's children. When her mother died I was there. When my mother died she was there. We have held hands and patted each other on the back when appropriate. After I relocated to Washington, she followed suit. She has been the wind beneath my wings and yet always kept me grounded in reality. While choosing a birthday card for my friend, these thoughts came to me. She was to be congratulated on this occasion. But, I was filled with thankfulness for having enjoyed her friendship. Her being a part of my life has enriched it.

So what does this wonderful friendship have to do with what really matters? It is the very essence of what matters the most. What really matters is if you have good thoughts about yourself for having been faithful to your life partner. Or if you have done the impossible and raised substance free kids that are good students, good carpenters, good doctors, lawyers or plumbers and kind people Or if you have friendships that have endured decades, life changes, heartaches and joys. If you have touched the life of one lost child, or gave of yourself when you felt there was nothing left to give. If you have taken the high road and done the stand-up thing despite the cost. Or if you have managed to recover from harmful events in your past.

Some religions believe in good deeds on earth securing you a place in heaven. I have always thought that was a neat belief. But what we gain by recognizing what really matters is that we can place value on ourselves as contributing members of our society here and now. This is not about being smug. It is about being retrospective. It is about what really matters.

EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY

**the Confirmation Clerk's telephone
number for**

Cascade Division

**has changed to
(360) 435-7747.**

Both sides should call and confirm by 3:00 P.M. Please be advised that the jail requires notice by noon the day before trial if an in-custody defendant needs to be dressed and transported.

Supreme Court Amends Time-for-Trial Rules

by Seth Fine

The Washington Supreme Court has adopted major amendments to the time-for-trial rules. These amendments affect the Superior Court Criminal Rules (CrR), the Criminal Rules for Courts of Limited Jurisdiction (CrRLJ), and the Juvenile Court Rules (JuCR).

The amendments take effect September 1, 2003.

The revisions were the product of a Task Force that was formed by the Supreme Court to review the time-for-trial rules. The Task Force included trial and appellate judges, prosecutors, defense attorneys, legislators, and a victims' representative. Deputy Snohomish County Prosecutor Seth Fine served as a member.

In the past, the Supreme Court has regularly used case-law to fill perceived "hiatuses" in the time-for-trial rules. The amendments seek to end this practice. They provide that if a case is delayed for reasons not addressed in the rule, it should be dismissed only if the defendant's constitutional right to a speedy trial was violated.

The biggest result of this change is to eliminate the doctrine of State v. Striker. Under that case, the court would adopt a "constructive arraignment date" whenever the State failed to act with due diligence in bringing the defendant before the court. As a result, lengthy delays in arraignment would often result in dismissal of the charges with prejudice. The new rules compute the deadline for arraignment from the date of the defendant's actual appearance in court. The only exception is if the defendant is already in jail or under conditions of release in connection with the same charge.

The rules do require the prosecution to follow specific steps to ascertain a defendant's address before

a warrant is issued. Violation of this requirement will not result in dismissal with prejudice. It will only result in refusal of an arrest warrant or dismissal without prejudice.

The amendments increase courts' scheduling flexibility by providing a "buffer period." Whenever an excluded period occurs, there will be a minimum of 30 days to bring the defendant to trial after the end of the exclusion. For example, if a 1-day continuance is granted shortly before the expiration date, the court will be allowed 30 days after the new trial date to bring the defendant to trial. This applies equally to other kinds of exclusions, such as exclusions for competency hearings or for "unavoidable and unforeseen circumstances."

Because of this change, it should no longer be necessary for courts to require defendants to waive their rights when seeking continuances. The impact of a waiver will be different than under existing law. Currently, waivers result in an excluded period. Under the amendments, they will result in a re-commencement of the allowable time for trial. In other words, after a waiver is executed, the court will have at least another 60- or 90-days to bring the defendant to trial.

The amendments also create a possible alternative to dismissal when trial is not held within the allowable time. The court has discretion to allow a "cure period," which will allow an additional 14 or 28 days to bring the defendant to trial. This can be granted only once in a case. The motion must also be filed within 5 days after the allowable time-for-trial expires.

The amendments contain many significant changes apart from these. An internet link to the amendments is

[http://www.courts.wa.gov/court_rules/
?fa=court_rules.adopted_display&folderID=2003April&fileid=home](http://www.courts.wa.gov/court_rules/?fa=court_rules.adopted_display&folderID=2003April&fileid=home)

There will be a link in August in the SCBA News section of the SCBA Website:
<http://www.snoabar.org>

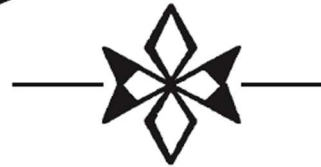
WE'RE MOVING



The MARYSVILLE MUNICIPAL COURT is moving to a new location. As of June 18th, our new address will be 1049 State Ave, Suite 205, Marysville, WA 98270.

The Court office will be closed Thursday, June 19th and Friday June 20th as we move into our new facility and will be open for regular business on Monday, June 23rd.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation in this matter and we apologize for any inconvenience this may cause.



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Snohomish County Local Court Rule Changes

Snohomish County Local Court Rule Change - SCLCR 51

RULE 51. INSTRUCTIONS TO JURY AND DELIBERATIONS

~~(a) **Proposed. Instructions; When Submitted.** Proposed instructions shall be immediately submitted to opposing counsel and the clerk of the trial department when the case is assigned for trial, or at such earlier time as directed by the court. Failure to comply with this rule may result in the striking of the jury, the trial date, or other sanctions as deemed appropriate by the court. [Reserved.]~~

~~(b) **Submission.; Number Submitted to the Clerk.** Proposed instructions and copies shall be submitted as follows:~~

~~(1) The An " original," numbered and with citations, and stamped "original" on the first page, a judge's working copy, a file copy, plus additional copies equal to the number of attorneys or parties pro se shall be submitted provided to the courtroom clerk.~~

~~(2) One copy, numbered and with citations, and one copy without citations or numbers shall be provided to the trial judge.~~

~~(3) One copy, numbered and uncited on computer disk in Word compatible format shall be provided to the trial judge, unless this requirement is waived by the court.~~

~~(4) One copy, numbered and with citations, shall be served on each opposing counsel or party pro se.~~

~~(c) **Proposed Instructions; Form.** Proposed instructions shall be submitted in the size and form specified in **CR 51(c)** and **CrR 6.15(a)**. The parties may not request instructions simply by reference to the published number in WPI or WPIC number. Instructions shall be placed in the same order in each packet of proposed instructions. One set shall not be numbered or include citations of authority, and shall be identified on a cover sheet as "Original." All copies shall be numbered serially in the upper right corner and shall be identified by party and the name of the party proposing same (i.e. Plt. [name] 1; Def. [name] 1; etc.) and shall contain any citation of authority.~~

~~[Amended effective September 1, 2003.]~~

Snohomish County Local Court Rule Change - SCLSPR 98.16

RULE 98.16 ESTATES RULE 98.16

~~ESTATES—GUARDIANSHIPS—SETTLEMENT OF CLAIMS OF MINORS~~

(a) **Appointment of Representation.** Appointment of representation of a minor for purposes of a minor settlement shall be by order of the Court.

(b) [Reserved.]

(c) [Reserved.]

(d) [Reserved.]

(e) [Reserved.]

(f) **Guardianships.**

(1) **Ex Parte; Files Required.** All guardianship matters that are not contested, and in which notice is not required by statute, rule, or a duly filed request for notice under applicable statutes, or where such notice has been waived, may be heard ex parte. It shall be the responsibility of the presenting party to submit to the judge the court file if the file contains any pleadings or other documents or proof on which the requested action is based.

(2) **Notice Required.**

(A) **Notes for Motion Calendar.** All matters in guardianship proceedings not involving testimony in which notice is required shall be noted on the court commissioner's civil calendar. The court may, in its discretion, require a guardianship matter be noted for motion.

(3) **When Guardian Ad Litem Required.**

(A) **Certain Proceedings.** The appointment of a guardian ad litem shall be made when required by statute and may be required in the guardianship proceedings at other times within the discretion of the court.

(4) Order Appointing Guardian and Execution and Form of Letters of Guardianship. All Orders Appointing Guardians shall contain the following information to ensure the timely and accurate issuance of Letters of Guardianship by the Clerk's Office. The following information shall be completed and placed directly below the case caption or on a separate cover page in all Orders Appointing Guardians:

****CLERK' S ACTION REQUIRED****

Due Date for Report and Accounting: _____
New Letters Expire On:** _____
Due Date for Initial Personal Care Plan: _____
Due Date for Inventory: _____

****All Letters of Guardianship, unless otherwise ordered by the Court, will expire 120 days following the end of the next accounting period.**

(g) Minor Settlements.

(1) Compliance With SPR 98.16. The requirements of SPR 98.16 will be strictly enforced in all matters in which the court is requested to approve a settlement involving a beneficial interest or claim of a person under the age of eighteen (18).

(2) Petition.

(A) Contents. A petition for approval of a settlement of each minor's claim shall contain:

1. The full name and birth date of each minor;
2. The relation of the guardian ad litem to each minor;
3. A brief statement of the basis for the claim unless a summons and complaint have been previously filed;
4. An itemization of special damages;
5. A statement of the collateral sources for payment of special damages, whether reimbursement is sought and the terms thereof, including the allocation of fractional shares of the costs of recovery;
6. A description of the injuries, length of disability and prognosis of future disability. Medical reports may be attached and incorporated in the petition;

7. The amount of proposed settlement;
8. The amount of attorney's fees requested or agreed upon and an itemization of the court costs and expenses incurred in preparation and prosecution of the claim; and,
9. The proposed distribution of settlement funds.

(3) Hearing on Approval of Settlement.

(A) Report of Counsel or Guardian Ad Litem. At the time the petition for approval of the settlement is heard, independent counsel or the guardian ad litem should be prepared to advise the court of his/her opinion of the probable chances of recovery, including issues of primary negligence, contributory negligence, reasonableness of attorney's fees, etc., and the basis for such opinion. Reasonably current medical reports shall be available. The minor and custodial parent or the parent designated primary residential parent under the Parenting Act shall be present at the hearing, unless their presence is waived by the court. All hearings shall be reported.

(B) Time of Hearing. Application shall be made to the Civil Motion Judge's law clerk/bailiff for a time to hear the matter or for assignment to a department to hear the matter.

(4) Filing of Receipt. Within 30 days of the approval of the settlement, the petitioner shall file a receipt, signed by a representative of the financial institution, acknowledging receipt of the funds and acknowledging that the financial institution will hold the funds in compliance with the court order and SPR 98.16W. A copy of the receipt shall be provided to the judge approving the settlement. The copy shall bear the stamp of the clerk showing that it has been filed and shall be provided to the judge within two working days of being filed.

(i) [Reserved.]

(j) Control and Orders for Remaining Funds

- (1) \$25,000 or Less. [Reserved.]
- (2) More than \$25,000. [Reserved.]
- (3) Conditions for Use of Trust. A trust established pursuant to SPR 98.16W must meet the following additional requirements:

(A) The selection of the trustee(s) and the terms of the trust shall be approved by the same judge as approved by the settlement. If that judge is not available, the presiding judge may assign the matter to a different judge. A working copy of the proposed trust document, note for hearing and trustee's fee schedule shall be furnished to the judge no less than 6 court days in advance of the hearing.

[Amended effective September 1, 2003]

Snohomish County Superior Court Rule Change

SCLCR 7 (b) (2) (I) (1) Time of Hearing - additions are underlined

1. Times, days, and locations of various motions shall be as set forth in an administrative order of the court. All Family Law/Domestic Motions shall be noted for hearing on a Court Commissioner's calendar. However, motions for summary judgment and motions to revise the ruling of a court commissioner shall be noted on the Judge's Civil Motion calendar and motions for pre-assignment, motions regarding trial settings, motions regarding the timeliness of the demand for jury, and motions for trial continuance shall be noted before the Presiding Judge. The following are to be noted on the Court Commissioner Civil Calendar: Defaults, Discovery Motions & enforcement thereof, Supplemental Proceedings, Unlawful Detainer or Eviction, Probate, Guardianship & Receiver actions, Motions to Amend Pleadings and Petitions for Restoration of the Right to Possess Firearms. All other civil motions shall be noted on the Civil Motions Calendar.

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Snohomish County

District Court Presiding

June 24, 2003

Dear Bar Members:

Those of you who practice in District Court may have noticed and been inconvenienced by our adopting a phone tree. We delayed this for years, but the number of calls received by the Court is staggering. Most of the calls simply require information such as Court hours, address, and directions. The phone tree handles all of those without taking a clerk's time. The continuous County budget slashing of the past several years left us with the reluctant alternative of the phone tree.

While we are continually working to make the phone tree more efficient, we recognize the inconvenience to practicing attorneys. So, I have enclosed the direct lines to each District Court Division that will allow you to circumvent what is often referred to as the electronic nightmare. We are now sharing these with you and law enforcement, but not the general public. If you have any questions please feel free to contact me at (425) 744-6801.

Sincerely,
Timothy P. Ryan
Presiding Judge

Call one of the four main phone numbers.

Once you hear the voice start to speak (you do not have to wait for the prompt), press 1, then one of the following four-digit extensions:

Cascade Division:	(360) 435-7700
Supervisor	-- 7707
Lead Clerk	-- 7717
All other calls	-- 7700
Everett Division:	(425) 388-3331
Supervisor	-- 3588
Lead Clerk	-- 3596
Criminal Desk	-- 3708
Infraction Desk	-- 3576
Accounting Desk	-- 3684
Civil/Small Claims	-- 3595
Unlawful Harassments	-- 3612

Evergreen Division:	(360) 805-6776
Supervisor	-- 6788
Lead Clerk	-- 6784
Criminal Desk	-- 5793
Infraction Desk	-- 5777
Accounting Desk	-- 5776
Civil/Small Claims/DV	-- 5794
South:	(425) 774-8803
Supervisor	-- 6805
Lead Clerk	-- 6807
Criminal Desk	-- 6808
Infraction Desk	-- 6929
Accounting Desk	-- 6824
Civil/Small Claims	-- 6933
DV/UH/NC	-- 6924
Probation Departments:	
Cascade	-- 7720
Everett	-- 3497
Evergreen	-- 6780
South	-- 6816



"Bid it Again, Ron"

SCBA Auction Mark Your Calendars

Saturday,
March 6, 2004

By Geoff Gibbs, SCBA Treasurer

Starting modestly many years ago as a dinner dance with a silent auction, the annual Snohomish County Bar Association Auction has grown to a major benefit and event for judges, attorneys and associated legal professionals. Your SCBA Board of Directors use the funds to promote the profession and promote the availability of legal services in Snohomish County, most notably Snohomish County Legal Services organization. It is also a "grand opportunity" to interact socially with peers and judges, a major factor in maintaining the professional and collegial attitude amount practitioners here. And to meet those in your life who support you and allow you to be professional you are.

Your auction committee (all volunteers or members of your Board of Directors) will be considering themes for next year's auction in the near future. One suggestion would involve classic Hollywood films and their characters. If you have other suggestions or reactions to this one, please direct them to me A.S.A.P. Although we had numerous compliments after the last auction, if you have any constructive criticisms on any aspect of the event, please forward those as well.

Board members and volunteers may be contacting you NOW about donating an auction item for next year, and it is none too soon. We want to build on last year's success (raising over \$40,000) and to accomplish that goal, we need two things:

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Snohomish County Bar Association Golf Tournament



Who: SCBA members and their guests.
Where: Legion Memorial Golf Course, Everett
When: Friday, September 19th 2003.
Tee times begin at 11:00 am
Format: Scramble
Entry Fee: \$55.00

More information regarding cost coming soon.

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

Sign up as an individual group of two, three, or four.
We'll match up those who sign up with less than four.

Questions or input? Call Joyce Wood at (425) 388-3056

September 26, 2003
“Law and Mental Health”

Presenters:

Rita Love, Attorney at Law

Mike Finkal, City of Seattle Prosecutor

Larry Westbrook, Snohomish County Human Services

Some of the topics to be covered will be as follows:

- Civil Commitments
- Over view of the law RCW 71.05
- Legal criteria for commitment
- Who decides how long
- Ethics with mental health issues
- When mental health issue enter the family law decision

Where: Snohomish County Courthouse,
Kinard Room, 4th Floor

When: 9:00 am to 12:00 pm, Continental breakfast.

Price: \$75.00 members \$95.00 non-members

(3 credits approved: 1 ethics & 2 general)

R.S.V.P. with the SCBA office
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Other 2003 Upcoming CLEs

Oct 24, 2003

Kinard Room 2 hours

1 ethics 1 general applied for

“BANKRUPTCY & COLLECTIONS IN YOUR PRACTICE”

Mary Schmitt, Attorney at Law: Bankruptcy

John Shields, Attorney at Law: Ethical Collections

Nov 21, 2003

Transit Center 3 hours

1 ethics 2 general applied for

“FAMILY LAW TOOL BOX”

Bridget Lewellen, GAL: Role of the GAL

Richard Okrent, Attorney at Law: Dependency

Rick Corbin, Attorney at Law: Tax Issues

Commissioner Arden Bedle: Updates on Family Law Issues

Dec 5, 2003

Transit Center 3.5 hours

2 ethics & 1.5 general applied for

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Transit Center 3 hours ??

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News from Snohomish County



Legal Services

Threesa Milligan, Executive Director

How can we ever thank you all for your wonderful participation and support at this year's auction? All of us at Snohomish County Legal Services are blown away by the enthusiasm of our volunteers and supporters. You truly do make a difference in the lives of Snohomish County low income residents.

This quarter, the following attorneys have accepted clients for pro bono representation: Chris Crowell, Carl T. Edwards, Paul Hansen, Ann Johnson, Fred Gillings, Lorne Grier, Russ Hermes, Larry Jelsing, Lia Micheli, Gail Nunn, Satwant Pandher, Denise Patrick, Patricia Proebsting, Aaron Shields, Elizabeth Turner Smith, Ron Steingold, Ruth Westbrook, These attorneys are representing clients in dissolution, third party custody matters, other family law matters, bankruptcy, housing and consumer matters.

Thank you to John Arrabito, Dennis Burman and Patrick Hussey, who conducted the Bankruptcy clinics this quarter. Thank you also to Chris Crowell, Robin Friedman, Jenny Heard, Grant Hopper, Deane Minor and Nick Straley, who have volunteered at the Housing Justice Project.

Our Family Law Advice Clinic has been ably staffed by Cindy Bailey, Monty Booth, Ken Brewe, Lisa Clark, Bob Cole, Chris Crowell, Greg Davies, Kristen Haugen, Darrel Johnson, Russ Juckett, Sabrina Layman, Brad Meagher, Kent Millikan, Todd Nichols, Gail Nunn, Mark Pouley, Carolyn Powell, Rafe Schwimmer, Richard Shurtz, Aaron Shields, Ruth Spalter, Nick Straley, and Bill Sullivan. Thank you so much for your time and efforts. Darrel Johnson and Kay Field continue to do awesome work at our clinic through Pathways for Women.

We continue to receive record numbers of client referrals. Our clients tell us how very grateful they are for the help they receive from all of you who volunteer. We recently received a four page thank you letter from a client who was represented by a volunteer attorney in her dis-

solution trial. She wrote about the barriers she faced and how frightened she was for herself and her children before receiving our assistance. She wrote about the changes in her life as follows: "It is an amazing feeling – that my children and I can live the way we want to – safe and healthy. I know I would not have been able to do this myself and the children and I wouldn't be enjoying the life we have today. I know that I am no longer alone. Thank you very much."

As some of you may know, Ishbel Dickens is leaving us, having been awarded the prestigious Equal Justice Works Fellowship. She would like to say a few words before she goes:

From Ishbel: It is always difficult to move on from people and places that have provided you with the support and opportunities that make life wonderful. This is the situation in which I find myself as I say "good-bye" to Snohomish County Legal Services (SCLS).

I was hired in March of 2002, prior to my graduating from law school, to be the part-time staff for all the non-family law clients that were eligible for SCLS' services. In this capacity I have had the amazing good fortune to work with the most incredibly dedicated staff of which I could ever wish to be a part. I have also been given tremendous support and expert help from attorneys in the Snohomish County Bar Association as I have called on them to help our low income clients on a range of civil legal issues.

You have no idea how gratifying it is to call someone you do not know, give them a quick synopsis of the legal issue involved and have them immediately say, "Yes, I can help. Please just have your client call me for an appointment." To every volunteer attorney on the SCLS roster who responded to my requests for help with such affirmations – THANK YOU SO MUCH.

If anyone reading this article has not taken the opportunity to volunteer with SCLS I would certainly encourage you to do so. You will be welcomed and you will be providing a great service to some of the most vulnerable individuals in your community. If it takes a village to raise a child, then it takes some great volunteer attorneys to ensure justice for all. Please consider calling SCLS at (425) 258-9283 and volunteering your time and talents to benefit others.

Thank you and adieu – Ishbel Dickens

Snohomish County Law Library



View from the Director's Chair

By Lettice Parker

Summer Time Blues

It is summer, but I cannot say that I have the blues. Not yet anyway (I'm ever the optimist). This time last year I was agonizing over the budget. Actually, I spent a great portion of 2002 fretting over the budget. This year I practically waltzed through it. I closed the law library at one o'clock on Monday July 7th in order to write the narrative. The budget was finished at 4:30 p.m.

As for this current year: the big news is the final payment for 2002's outstanding \$51K debt. I expect to pay the final invoice in August. After that the law library will have no outstanding invoices from 2002. The law library is current with payment of its 2003 invoices.

The Move - FAQ

When is the library moving?

The library is scheduled to move sometime in September, but I do not have an exact date. As soon as I have this information I will post it on the law library door and I will change the voice mail message. I do not expect the move to take place before Labor Day. I do expect that the law library will be closed for a few days in order to move. The metal book shelving units need to be cleared, dismantled and installed in the new space. In the coming weeks I will be shifting books in order to facilitate this process, so expect things to be a little messy.

Where is the library going to be located?

The law library will remain on the first floor in the courthouse. It will be on the same side of the hallway – last door on the right.

Is it going to be the same size?

No. The new law library will be less than half (1290 square feet) its current size (2978 square feet).

What's going to be in here?

The main room of the current law library will be converted to a jury assembly room. The copier room is supposed to be an arraignment courtroom for district court.

Other Stuff

I have met with a representative from Ricoh about the library copiers. There is not enough room in the new space to accommodate two copiers. I will be switching the current two copiers for ONE copier. The new copier will combine the best features the two copiers currently in the law library. The new copier should be installed and running sometime in August.

As for copier accounts, I will be clearing the copiers sometime this month but I do not expect to send out invoices until late August, or after the move in September. Anyone who has not paid the annual fee will find her/his access code to the copier blocked. If you do not wish to maintain the account you are expected to pay any open balance and I will close the account.

Washington Arbitration Awards and *Northwest Personal Injury Litigation Reports (Jury Awards)* are finally available again on CD ROM. You need to ask me for the CD in order to search. DIS was able to install the operating software on the hard drive, but there was not enough space to load the databases.

In Memorium

Sometimes it is hard to visualize what is happening to a library when budget cuts are made. So here is a list of titles cancelled in order to reduce the library's publications budget:

ADA Practice & Compliance Manual [West]
Adoption Law & Practice [LNMB]
Alternative Dispute Resolution, 2d
American Law Yearbook [West]
American Land Planning [West]
Anderson's American Law of Zoning [West]
Attorney's Medical Advisor and Atlas [West]
Attorney's Medical Deskbook [West]
Bankruptcy Desk Guide [West]
Bankruptcy Evidence Manual, 2002 edition
Bender's Forms of Discovery [LNMB]
Bieber's Dictionary of Legal Abbreviations [Hein]
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Child Custody & Visitation Law and Practice [LNMB]
Civil Rights Actions [LNMB]
Collier's Bankruptcy Practice Guide [LNMB]
Collier's Compensation Employment & Appointment of Trustees [LNMB]
Collier's Real Estate Transactions & the Bankruptcy Code [LNMB]
Construction Law/Stein [LNMB]

EDITOR'S NOTE: *The list would continue for 3 or 4 more columns, which we simply do not have space for. For a complete list please contact the law library. Thank you.*

You should note that this list does not include West print titles that were cancelled because of their availability on Westlaw.

NOTE: see RCW 27.24.070 for library revenue and RCW 27.24 for county law libraries generally.

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