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SCBA Members Calendar of Events

November 2002

6th Swearing-In
15th Deadline SCBA Newsletter
15th Deadline for SCBA Trustee Candidates.
18th Family Law Section Meeting
21st SCBA Board of Trustees Meeting
26th SCBA Auction Meeting

December 2002

16th Deadline SCBA Newsletter
16th Family Law Section Meeting
17th SCBA Auction Meeting
19th SCBA Board of Trustees Meeting

January 2003

15th Deadline SCBA Newsletter
16th SCBA Board of Trustees Meeting
27th Family Law Section Meeting
28th SCBA Auction Meeting
31st SCBA Annual General Membership Meeting

February 2003

17th Deadline SCBA Newsletter
20th SCBA Board of Trustees Meeting
24th Family Law Section Meeting
25th SCBA Auction Meeting

March 2003

14th Deadline SCBA Newsletter
17th Family Law Section Meeting
21st SCBA Board of Trustees Meeting
25th SCBA Auction Meeting

April 2003

18th Deadline SCBA Newsletter
17th SCBA Board of Trustees Meeting
21st Family Law Section Meeting
29th SCBA Auction Meeting

Superior Court Assignments: November 2002

Presiding Judge: Judge Joseph Thibodeau

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

Juvenile Court: Judges Allendoerfer and Farris; Commissioner Brudvik¹

Civil Motions: Judge Hulbert: November 1
 Judge Bowden: November 4 – November 15
 Judge Castleberry: November 18 – November 29

Criminal Hearings: Judge Knight: November 1
 Judge Castleberry: November 4 – November 15
 Judge Bowden: November 18 – November 29

Criminal Dept. Judges:² Judges Knight, Thorpe, Castleberry, Hulbert, Krese, French, Bowden, and Fair

Civil Dept. Judges:² Judges Thibodeau, McKeeman, Wynne, and Cowsert

Ex Parte/Commissioner Civil Motions:¹ Commissioner Stewart

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,
DAVE KURTZ**

Heroes (and Trustees)

When I was a kid, Bill Bradley was my hero. Not as a politician-to-be, but as an athlete who practiced for hours a day, and made himself into one of college basketball's all-time greats. I figured if I practiced hard, I could "Be Like Bill," too. (Unfortunately, I wasn't 6'5"; and I had only a smidgen of Bradley's natural talent).

Heroes seem in scarcer supply these days, but they do exist. And they exist in our own profession, and right here in our own communities. The State Bar has instituted a "Local Hero" program, to give recognition to lawyers who have distinguished themselves through public and community service.

On Friday, December 6, the State Board of Governors will be meeting in Everett. All SCBA members will be invited to a reception after work, at which a SCBA "Local Hero" is expected to be honored. Elsewhere in this issue you will find a nomination form. Please submit the name of a local attorney whom you feel stands as a "Local Hero."

In addition, we also need the names of those willing to stand for election to the SCBA Board. We aren't looking for "heroes" necessarily, but we do need members who are willing and able to contribute their time and talents as a Board Trustee. I can attest that the job can be a very fulfilling one. Four spots are up for election this fall, if interested, please contact Joyce about running very soon.

The reception on December 6 comes on the heels of a very successful "Ex Parté" on October 11. It was great to see so many members of the Bench and Bar at that event.

Among the Judges there on October 11 was the Honorable John Wilson. I mentioned to Judge Wilson once observing an autographed picture of comedian George Carlin on his desk. Judge Wilson explained his acquaintance with Carlin and how they had attended the same school back East (albeit a few years apart).

Some might see John Wilson and George Carlin as an unlikely combination. But it's a small illustration of the rich and varied life that Judge Wilson has led—a life further marked by abundant service to his profession and community. He was very open about his current circumstances, yet his spirit seemed undiminished. God bless you, Judge.



**2003 SCBA
TRUSTEE
CANDIDATES WANTED**

In the month of November we put out the call to serve the SCBA as a Trustee on the Board of Directors. We have four positions coming open.

If you are interested, please contact Joyce Wood at the SCBA office (425) 388-3056.

The Deadline is November 15, 2002.

Interested persons are to provide Joyce with a photo and 300 word bio to be printed with the ballot in the December 2002 edition of the SCBA News.

Photos may be submitted at the bar office. You can provide digitized photos by bringing it to the office or e-mailing it to joycew@snoabar.org. Digitized photos must be in JPEG (.jpg) format and must be 300 DPI. **Hard copies of bios are encouraged, but a digital format is a MUST. Bring in your disks or e-mail Joyce.**

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2002 "Passing the Torch" Award

The Washington Women Lawyers ("WWL") State Board voted to give the 2002 "Passing the Torch" award to Judge Kathryn Trumbull (ret.) from Snohomish County.

Judge Trumbull has been a trailblazer during her 28 years as both an attorney and trial judge. She began her career in the Snohomish County Prosecuting Attorney's Office where she implemented the sexual assault prosecution unit and rose to the level of Chief Criminal Deputy. She later developed a successful domestic practice in Everett and became a court commissioner. In 1990 Gov. Booth Gardner appointed

her to the Snohomish County Superior Court bench, the first woman to hold that position. Judge Trumbull developed the structure for the juvenile court system that is currently in place in Snohomish County.

Judge Trumbull retired in 1999 yet she continues to pro-tem in Snohomish County Superior Court. Throughout her career, Judge Trumbull has mentored many women and encouraged women in Snohomish County to seek judicial offices. Congratulations to Judge Trumbull.

Kay Trumbull will be honored that the WWL Annual Event will be held on

October 18, 2002

in Seattle.



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**"Attorney of the Year" award
to be given at the
January 31, 2003
General Meeting.**

As some of you may remember at the dinner dance, which is now the SCBA/SCLS auction, we used to give an award to an outstanding attorney in the community. We have decided that this award served such an important purpose in recognizing one individual's contribution to the practice of law that we will now be giving this every year at our Annual General Membership Meeting.

This year's meeting will be held on January 31, 2003 at the Everett Transit Station at Noon. Please R.S.V.P. for the meeting with the SCBA office at (425) 388-3056.

We are seeking nominations for an attorney from the general membership, who has gone the extra distance in ensuring that the legal profession is represented to the highest level and justice for all is served.

**The Deadline for nominations is
Noon, January 17, 2003.**

You may FAX, mail, call, stop by, or simply e-mail your nomination to the bar office.

Send it to:

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**Marsh Mundorf Pratt Sullivan &
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is pleased to extend an invitation to join us for a long overdue open house.

Please help us celebrate both the opening of our new office in Mill Creek and the return to practice of

Doug Marsh.

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Hope to see you on
Thursday, November 7, 2002
4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Please R.S.V.P. by October 31, 2002

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**November 6th Swearing-In
Ceremony**

The second swearing-in ceremony this year is on November 6th at 4 p.m., it will be held in Courtroom 201 and then SCBA will be hosting a reception after in the Law Library 1st floor of the Courthouse. History has proven that the second swearing-in of the year has a higher number of candidates, so if you have the time please come by and welcome your new colleagues to the profession.



**MEMO FROM THE
SNOHOMISH COUNTY
SUPERIOR COURT**

**Pro Tempore Applications are due
December 20th, 2002**

The Snohomish County Superior Court will be adopting a new Pro Tempore List for 2003. At this time applications are being accepting for the following three separate Pro Tempore lists:

1. Superior Court Commissioners' calendars;
2. Juvenile Court Judges' and Juvenile Court Commissioners' calendars; and
3. Civil Commitment calendars.

Interested individuals may at any time apply and ask to have their name placed on the list for Superior Court Judges' calendars and trials.

All applications shall consist of:

1. A resume, which outlines professional knowledge, skills, years of experience, training/certifications, professional affiliations, and professional references.
2. A cover letter, which specifies which of the three lists he or she is applying for. The letter must indicate the number of years of experience in that area of the law. It must also indicate the applicant's ability to accept assignments from the court on short notice.
3. A copy of the applicant's bar card.

Mail applications to:

Superior Court of Snohomish County
Attn: Pro Tempore Positions
3000 Rockefeller Ave, M/S 502
Everett, WA 98201-4060

The names of the applicants and the application documents **will not be confidential**. Input from the Snohomish County Bar Association, specialty bar groups and general public will be sought regarding the applicants.

If you have any questions please contact Superior Court Administration at (425) 388-3421, ext. 2050.

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PETE PATTERSON'S LAWYER'S ROAD REVIEW

Born to Brake

When I say "myth" in this piece, I mean that set of beliefs that are held by a people that help them understand themselves. If I mean "myth" in the sense that something is not true, I will say so. This is about the American myth that is expressed on the roads of today.

We hold the beliefs and the drive of the people who came before us. They arrived here, a set of persons taking a dangerous trip across oceans with the hope of a better life. Right away, all those persons played it safe were left behind. Landing on the east coast of North America then are entrepreneurs and persons seeking religious freedom who take a vigorous approach to life. Mix those two together and we give birth to individuals with the perennial myth that God gave us this land and it is our right and duty to build freeways across it to spread Christianity and profit. The key word here is "individuals" and we have not changed all that much.

In the clear and unambiguous circumstances of our time we should all give up our SUV's and take the bus. We should buy hybrid cars and gather our neighbors together for trips to the store, church, and work. But, there is no way we are going to do that and we all know it. Why? Because we are Americans and independence is important to us. This means owning a vehicle that can go anywhere in theory, like the wagons driven across the Oregon Trail or something fast like the pony express. This is part of the American Dream, the source of our modern myth.

Often this myth of the open road is captured in song. Bruce Springsteen wrote *Born to Run* more than 20 years ago and we still believe it:

All day we sweat, out on the streets of a runaway American Dream

At night we ride in mansions of glory and suicide machines.

Motorcycles, called suicide machines by Springsteen, are occasionally seen, but most often it is the mansions of glory we ride around in. I seriously doubt the first Ford Explorer had come off the line when Springsteen wrote *Born to Run*, but his vision has taken full root in SUV's which today come in luxury models like the Lincoln Navigator and the Cadillac Escalade, *mansions of glory*.

What really makes this the kind of myth that is false however is what happens when you get on that "open road." It is not open at all, you may be "born to run," but you "live to brake."

The highways jammed with broken heroes on last ditch power drive,

Everyone is on the run tonight but there's no place left to hide.

Patty Young, a member of my staff, bought a bit of the myth, a PT Cruiser, a vehicle that should by all rights have a surf board as standard equipment. Her husband asked her if she ever used the cruise control. No, she said, I use the brake. She crawls to work from Marysville and crawls home.

So we work hard all day to afford the cars that make us feel like we have achieved the nirvana we perceive our forefathers held.

We are held captive to the myth. We know we should not depend so heavily on foreign oil, there are nagging questions about greenhouse gasses and global warming. But, we just don't care. We want to drive around in cars called "explorer," "ranger@," "expedition," "mustang." Imagine cars called the "Nader," the "Safe at any speed," the "Soccer mom," the "commuter," the "man in the grey flannel suit," the "cog in the machine." No! We are not going to buy anything that reflects reality.

Even the styling of cars reflects our view of ourselves. The Toyota Camry was not the seller it was until the company finally allowed some American designers to fashion the body. Before that it looked like a lot of what Japan has to offer, odd shaped bodies that probably do something for the Japanese myth, but underscore the term "foreign" for us. Like art for most of us, we know what we like, and we know it when we see it.

The names given to Japanese models underscore the problem. Remember the Isuzu AI-Mark (pronounced eye-

mark). I think they were trying to emulate the Lincoln Mark series, like the Mark IV etc. Not quite there is it? And just what is a "Corolla?" I know what a mustang is, but what is a RAV4? I prefer it when they give up and name a car after something we recognize as Japanese, such as the Samurai. Why not come out with the Godzilla or the Monster Zero? At least the Swedes have made a predictable play it safe boxy Volvo wagon but called it the "Cross Country."

Our songs do not talk about environmental or political issues, or trying to understand other cultures. Instead it is about movement:

*Wendy let me in I want to be your friend I want to guard
your dreams and visions.....*

*Sprung from cages on highway traps we=re fuel injected
and stepping out over the line....*

*Someday Wendy, I don't know when, were going to get to
that place where we really want to go and we'll walk in
the sun,*

Because tramps like us, baby we were born to run.

Occasionally *Born to Run* comes on the radio when I am in the mustang, my very own mythic American Dream. I am usually sitting in traffic, all 351 cubic inches of American power and grace idling in a V-8 under the hood. Then the myth begins to evolve from the apology for the inheritance from our forefathers into the vernacular concept of myth that is falsehood. The founders wanted freedom, independence, and liberty. How free are we if we are stuck in traffic? The irony is not lost on me at all, because baby, we were born to brake.

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**Laura Pierson, JD/MBA, Director
Dispute Resolution Center of Snohomish &
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In November, the DRC will be presenting a program

to provide an overview of its Family Mediation offerings, highlighting its expanded Youth Mediation Program. Featured in the program will be:

- **Pam Daniels**, Snohomish County Clerk, will speak about the initiation of the Youth Mediation Program, her experience as a Mediator, and her hopes for the future.
- **Jacalyn Brudvik**, Snohomish County Commissioner, will talk about her views of mediation in the family setting, particularly for juvenile/parent/teen matters.
- **Family Mediation Demonstration** will be presented to show how a parent/teen can work through family issues within a mediation setting.
- **Overview of DRC Programs** to provide information about how the community, courts and attorneys can refer to and utilize DRC services.

If you'd like to learn more, please mark your calendars for 4 p.m.-6 p.m. on Wednesday, November 6th. The program will be presented at the Volunteers of America, 2802 Broadway. Please call: (425) 339-1335 Ext. 2366 for more information & to R.S.V.P. *(For more information see accompanying notice)*



Family & Youth Mediation Program on November 6, 2002 at 4-6 p.m.

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- Live Mediation Demonstration Parent/Teen Case
- Overview of DRC Programs

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Snohomish County Law Library



View from the Director's Chair

By Lettice Parker

The last time I submitted an article for the SCBA News was in February of this year. I had survived one month as director of the law library and thought it a marvelous accomplishment. Nine months have passed. Those who frequent the law library these days know that my standard response to “*How are you?*” is “*I’m still here.*” Back in February I thought it was a miracle that I had made it through a month. Now that it is mid-October I *know it’s a miracle* (or maybe a curse) that I’m still here. And that view from the director’s chair? – It does not always imply that I’m actually sitting in it.

I lived through the County budget process without going totally bonkers – although I may have driven some of the fine people in Finance crazy. I submitted the budget on time. The annual report was completed and sent to the Council on time thanks to Carol Best who supplied all of the essential information. I took a short vacation, going back east for a family wedding and to visit my parents. Almost immediately upon my return I began working on a supplemental budget appropriation for the law library. The State Auditor finally turned up at the end of September. I was actually beginning to believe the law library had been overlooked thus saving us a few more dollars in our already bulging budget. (Yes, the State does bill us for the audit). Although, I was still somewhat crabby (a side effect of all that work on budget) the gentleman that conducted our audit was very polite, nice and understanding.

County Law Library Funding Bill

(HB 1470/SB 5426)

When I last reported on this legislation there was a

hearing before the House Judiciary Committee on 1/17/02. The bill passed out of the committee with one amendment. The purpose of the amendment was to protect those county law libraries receiving a fee above the \$12 level from having those funds taken away upon making a request for the local option (the surcharge). As of the first week in February it went to the House Rules Committee. By the end of February HB1470 became SB5426. A hearing for SB 5426 was scheduled before the House Judiciary Committee for February 21, 2002. Early comments from Jean Holcomb (of King County Law Library) indicated that the hearing went well. On 2/22/02 SB 5426 passed out of the House Judiciary on a straight party vote. By the beginning of March some members of the legislature had problems with the bill. I think these folks wanted to make sure the bill did not put a pot of gold in the hands of county law librarians who they felt might run amuck on some sort of spending spree buying all kinds of trendy new things for their law libraries.

An amendment was added and the bill ended up in the Rules Committee on hold, and finally, instead of passing to the floor for a vote it ended up back in the Rules Committee. No pot of gold for needy county law libraries and their spendthrift librarians. I confess that I might have been lured into buying a new fax for the law library with those extra surcharge dollars.

At the end of this month I hope to attend the WACLL (Washington County Law Libraries) meeting where the demise of our funding legislation will be discussed along with new and other strategies to meet county law library funding needs.

Cri And the Law Library

As many of you are probably aware the County is engaged in the Campus Redevelopment Initiative. Aside from the new jail and changes to the County Administration Building there are changes planned for the Courthouse. Among those changes is the relocation of the law library. Do not panic! Yet. At this time law library will remain in the Courthouse on the first floor. As I get more definitive informa-

tion concerning our new location I will communicate the news through another article.

SCBA Donation

Thanks to the generosity of SCBA the law library has purchased some CLEs this year to add to the collection. The following titles have recently arrived:

Adoption Law in Washington, 2002 (NBI)

Arbitration: Winning with the New Law, 2002 (WSTLA)

Auto Cases: Dilemmas & Strategies for the New Millennium, 2002 (WSTLA)

Fifth Annual Inter-County Guardian Ad Litem Workshop, 2001 (WSBA)

2001 Family Law Section Annual Meeting & Seminar (WSBA)

The new Washington *Civil Procedure Deskbook* has been ordered, but has not arrived. I anticipate ordering a CLE on landlord tenant law or Washington probate law.

I am hoping the Bar Association will continue its support of the law library. It is greatly appreciated.

Law Library Revenue

Funding for the law library continues to be a serious problem. With the future of the county law library funding bill in question, county filings remaining nearly flat and cancellations from the collection taken to the limit the "Big Question" is: Where do we get the money? For the past two years (2000 & 2001) 76% of

law library revenue has been statutory. County appropriations account for 13-14% and copiers (including attorney copy accounts) make up about 7.7% of total revenue. The remaining revenue comes from various sources such as donations, books sales, Westlaw, etc.

This year (using figures through the end of September) the superior court fees are up slightly (3.54%) over last year for the same period. District court fees are ahead by 5.6%. However copier revenue is down by 21.5%. Between 1999 and 2000 copier revenue for the law library decreased sharply (from \$20,237 in 1999 to \$17,924 in 2000). The 2002 budget projected \$17,723 in copier revenue. With \$11,047 in for the year thus far I doubt we will reach that projection. Internet access to court forms and the availability of other copiers in the courthouse have impacted copier use in the law library.

While the statutory revenue for the law library remains stagnant the cost of publications continues to rise. In working on the 2003 budget I found that the "average" price increase hovered around 9.88% with some prices going up at much as 11-12%. In reviewing some of Carol's notes for previous library budgets I discovered that the law library had nearly 300 ongoing titles. I put together a consolidated cancellation list covering 2000 - 2002. Nearly 100 titles have been canceled in that time period. The collection no longer has duplicate copies of various popular and frequently used Washington practice books. It has been stripped of any treatises and multi or single volume titles that cover the same topics, thus taking away depth of coverage from the collection. For two years cancellations from the collection have been a significant method of cost control. The collection is near its core. A nip here, a tuck there might stretch our dollars bit, but it is no guarantee against rising costs (my supplemental appropriation request is proof of that). It is going to be a challenge to maintain the quality of the collection and level of service without resorting to further cuts.

The view is still from the director's chair but when things are frenzied, my view may be more worms' eye, than bird's eye. Any lame attempts at humor in this little article are intentional since being able to laugh is the one thing that kept me going for a very busy last eight months.



The WSBA Board Of Governors Are Coming To Town

“Local Hero Award” Nomination Form

At the Washington State Board of Governors meeting December 6, 2002, the Snohomish County Bar Association will be hosting a reception at the Marina Village Inn for the Washington State Board of Governors. It will be from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Also at this event it is expected that a SCBA Attorney will receive a “Local Hero” Award. The Board of Governors recognizes those local lawyers who have distinguished themselves through public and community service. The BOG has denominated them, “Local Heroes.”

If you wish to nominate someone, please fill out the form below and submit to Joyce Wood at the SCBA office by November 19, 2002. The SCBA Board will take action regarding the nominee at its next meeting of November 21, 2002.

Name of Attorney Being Nominated as a “Local Hero”: _____

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The Clerk's Office has been directed to issue letters of guardianship that contain an expiration date that complies with one of the following criteria:

- A) If the order directing issuance of letters of guardianship contains an identifiable accounting period (12/24/36 months), letters will be issued to expire 120 days following the next accounting report due date. This allows for the 90- day grace period per statute as well an additional 30 days.
- B) If the order contains language specifically identifying an expiration date (i.e. "letters shall be issued to expire November 25, 2005"), letters will be issued containing the date specified in the order.
- C) If there is no identifiable accounting period and no specific expiration date listed in the order, the party presenting the order will be referred back to the courtroom for written clarification to be placed in the order. Without information related to either an accounting period or an expiration date, the Clerk cannot issue letters.

An example of language that can be used to meet all requirements is:

"The Clerk is hereby ordered to issue Letters of Guardianship to _____ (insert guardian's name) and said letters shall expire _____ (insert desired expiration date)."

or

"Further reports to the court are to be made in 36 month intervals and the next accounting report shall be due within 90 days after June 30, 2005."

In the second example letters would be issued to expire October 30, 2005 (120 days after the end of the accounting period.)

If you have any questions related to this matter, please feel free to contact Clerk's Office Managers Anne M. Trice at (425) 388-3396 or Mark W. Allen at (425) 388-3620.

Family Law Facilitator: Dissolution Workshops

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The workshop covers the contents of the Summons and Petition, Joinder, Parenting Plan, Financial Declaration, Return of Service, Calendar Note, Confidential Information Form, Vital Statistics Form and calculation of child support. The latter has recently been significantly improved as the Facilitators now have Support Calc available to them. Additionally, the facilitators provide information regarding parenting seminars, the required approval by the State for those parties who are current or past recipients of public assistance, and paternity documents.

Litigants can sign up for the workshop at the Clerk's Office in Room M206 on the 2nd floor of the courthouse or by leaving a message at (425) 388-3294.

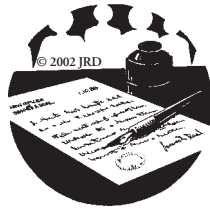
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