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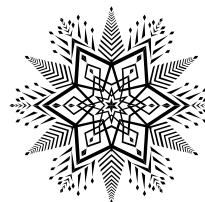
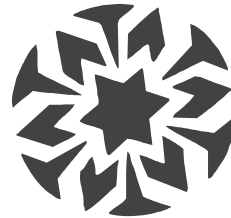
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SCBA CALENDAR OF EVENTS

December 2004

2nd Reception for Judge Hulbert
 3rd CLE Insurance & Trial
 14th Young Lawyers Section Meeting
15th Deadline SCBA Newsletter
 16th SCBA Board of Trustees Meeting
 20th Family Law Section Meeting
 28th Auction Committee Meeting

January 2005

11th Young Lawyers Section Meeting
15th Deadline SCBA Newsletter
 20th SCBA Board of Trustees Meeting
 24th Family Law Section Meeting
Bankruptcy & Family Law
 25th Auction Committee Meeting
 28th SCBA Annual general membership meeting

February 2005

8th Young Lawyers Section Meeting
15th Deadline SCBA Newsletter
 17th SCBA Board of Trustees Meeting
 21st Family Law Section Meeting
 22nd Auction Committee Meeting

March 2005

8th Young Lawyers Section Meeting
15th Deadline SCBA Newsletter
 17th SCBA Board of Trustees Meeting
 21st Family Law Section Meeting
Elder Law
 29th Auction Committee Meeting

April 2005

12th Young Lawyers Section Meeting
15th Deadline SCBA Newsletter
 21st SCBA Board of Trustees Meeting
 26th Family Law Section Meeting
 26th Auction Committee Meeting

May 2005

10th Young Lawyers Section Meeting
16th Deadline SCBA Newsletter
 16th Family Law Section Meeting
 19th SCBA Board of Trustees Meeting
 31st Auction Committee Meeting

SUPERIOR COURT ASSIGNMENTS

Presiding Judge: Judge Thomas J. Wynne

Trial Calendar Call and Motions to Continue Trial: Judge Wynne, Dept. 7

Juvenile Court: Judges Castleberry and McKeeman
 Commissioner Brudvik1

Civil Motions: Judge Krese: December 1 – December 3
 Judge Downes: December 6 – December 10
 Judge Dwyer: December 13 – December 17
 Judge Downes: December 20 – December 23
 Judge Farris: December 27 – December 30

Criminal Hearings: Judge Dwyer: December 1 – December 10
 Judge Krese: December 13 – December 17
 Judge Dwyer: December 20 – December 23
 Judge Knight: December 27 – December 30

Criminal Dept. Judges:² Judges Wynne, Farris, Krese, Bowden, Fair, Cowser and Dwyer

Civil Dept. Judges:² Judges Knight, Thorpe, Allendoerfer, Hulbert and Downes

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.

(Footnotes)

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,
RUTH WESTBROOK

This time of the year causes me to stop and reflect on the things that I am thankful for in my life. Such introspection is not due solely to the upcoming Thanksgiving holiday. November also happens to be my birth month and as each year goes by, I find that I am becoming increasingly maudlin. Particularly since I have begun to engage in the habit of reading the obituaries and find that many of the persons listed there are contemporaries, or younger. But I digress and this article is not meant to be a sad or depressing article, quite the contrary.

I am so thankful for many things in my life. Of utmost importance are my family and friends. I have the unique privilege of working for a law firm that functions as a family, not simply as a place of employment. David Kastle has made it a priority for him to look at each employee, not as an employee, but as a member of his family. The same goes for Richard Okrent and Richard Wogsland. Working with these people make it a pleasure to get up and go to work in the morning, no matter how frustrating some of our clients can be.

I am thankful for my other friends within my profession. These people have given me courage over the last several months. They have positive attitudes that when things begin to look darkest for me, give me the courage to keep trying. In particular, Joyce Wood, Bridget Llewellyn, Jackie Brudvik, Tracey Waggoner, Les Stewart and Arden and Jan Bedle, as well as all of the Judges. Sometimes without their encouragement, I think I could very easily throw in the towel and give up.

I am thankful for my children, even though each of the little buggers forgot to call me on

my birthday. But that makes for an entire year of guilt trips so I fully intend to get my mileage out of that one. I am also thankful for my grandchildren, who bring me such immense joy. And I am thankful for my parents and siblings. They check in with me regularly, just to see how I am doing. The same goes for my aunts and uncles and my cousins. Sometimes the number of calls asking me how I am can be overwhelming, but I would not trade them for anything.

But most of all, I am thankful for my husband. While we have had our moments, I could not ask for a more supportive spouse. He has been there to hold my hand and to cheer me on. He has also been there to point out the flaws in my logic when I have decided that I can not take treatment any longer, and I want to just give up. Thank you Larry, for being you.

What has caused me to write this article? Well, let me explain. There was a disturbing newspaper article concerning the fact that the food banks were nearly out of food. With Thanksgiving fast approaching, I would hope that each of us, as individuals and as firms could make a commitment to assisting our local food banks in providing assistance to those that are not as fortunate as we may be. As we shop for our Thanksgiving dinner, make a few extra purchases and donate them to the food bank. The local Volunteers of America Food Bank is located on the corner of Broadway and Thirteenth. Don't let children do without this year. Perhaps we as a professional community can make one or two families smile. For that I would be thankful. ✨






SCBA
YOUNG
LAWYER
DIVISION

THANKS TO JUDGE DWYER

Snohomish County Superior Court Judge Dwyer was the guest speaker at the last meeting of the SnoCo Young Lawyers Division. We want to thank Judge Dwyer for taking the time to meet with us in a casual setting and relaying a few pointers on how to be a successful advocate for your client. Look forward to the next meeting and the opportunity to hear from another distinguished guest speaker.

ELECTION NOTICE

Also at the next meeting, the election committee will be meeting to discuss candidates for officers of the YLD to forward onto the Board of Trustees. If you are interested in getting involved in the YLD, don't miss the next meeting on December 14th at the Flying Pig beginning at 5:30 p.m. If you have any questions, feel free to contact Chris Bell at cbell@bellingham.com.

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••••• ANNUAL WREATH SALE AND •••••

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••••• This year we will be selling several wreaths, a door swag and a ten foot garland. All of the products are fresh from the Pacific Northwest.

- - The prices for the 22" wreaths and door swag will be \$20.00 each.
- - The price for the 28" wreath will be \$30.00.
- - The price for the ten (10) foot garland will be \$22.00.

••••• Each wreath sale will assist in allowing SCLS to continue to provide pro bono legal services to our growing community. All orders must be received by November 30th. Deliveries will be made during the first week of December. A formal brochure is posted for your review at the SCBA office.

••••• Please contact Aaron L. Shields at (425) 252-5167 (aarons@brewelaw.com) or Cindy Bailey at (425) 259-5095 (cindy@cbaileylaw.com) to place your orders or for further information.

From the Desk of Pam Daniels, Snohomish County Clerk
Important Reminder Regarding Filing of Court Documents in Snohomish County Superior Court

On October 1, 2004, the Clerk's Office implemented new filing requirements for all court documents filed in Snohomish County Superior Court. Compliance with the new filing standards has been good, but there is still work to be done to ensure full compliance with GR 14 and the new policies I am reiterating in this article. Compliance with GR 14 as well as the document filing policies below is required in support of the Clerk's Electronic Document Management System (EDMS) scheduled for implementation in mid-December 2004.

The following guidelines and requirements regarding the filing of Superior Court documents in Snohomish County, which became effective October 1, 2004, have been established to ensure document quality and long-term preservation of the court record. **Documents that do not conform to these standards will be rejected by the Clerk's Office starting January 1, 2005:**

- 1) **Document Format.** The format recommendations set forth in CR 10(e) and GR 14 shall be required. **Documents that do not meet the standards will be rejected by the Clerk.**
- 2) **Document Paper and Print.** All original documents filed shall be:
 - Clear, legible and permanent, and printed or typewritten (a minimum of 10-point type) in black or dark blue ink on non-translucent, non-colored bond paper (yellow bond paper may be used as document dividers in place of hardened side tab dividers) or other paper suitable for scanning and microfilming.
 - Tissue, thermal, or onionskin paper shall not be used.
 - All original pleadings and other papers shall be first impressions and not carbon copies. Printed, multi-lithed, mimeographed, photocopied, and other comparable reproductions are acceptable.
 - Every original paper filed, except ribbon copies of typewritten documents, shall bear the word "original." Every paper other than the original filed with the Clerk or delivered to a Court must be labeled "copy."
- **The Court may refuse to sign any order not complying with this rule.**

The following standards are required to assist the Clerk for document scanning purposes:

- Use of binder clips on large documents;
- One staple per document (do not staple sub-documents within the pleading);
- Use tabs at the **bottom** of papers only (no side tabs); no colored divider pages, with the exception of yellow bond paper as discussed above;
- Use of tape within documents (to affix small notes and receipts) instead of staples.

- 3) **Unsuitable Materials.** Per SCLCR 79(d)(2), whenever any paper or other material is presented to the clerk for filing but is deemed by the clerk to be improper or inappropriate for filing *or scanning*, the clerk shall affix the file mark thereto and may forthwith orally apply to the court for a determination of the propriety of filing the material presented. If the court determines that the paper or material should not be made a part of the file, the court may order that the unsuitable material be sealed *or, in the case of an inability to scan a document due to its size and failure to meet the requirements of GR 14 and SCLCR 10, the court may order that the document be converted to an exhibit.*

Italized language reflects changes, recommended by the Clerk, to the local court rule currently awaiting review and approval by Superior Court as discussed above. The Clerk's Office currently applies SCLCR 79(d)(2) when material is filed that cannot be microfilmed. The Clerk may either 1) request the court sign an order converting unsuitable material to an exhibit or 2) may reject the material after filing in the Clerk's Office if the material does not comply with GR 14. If your intent is to ensure the material you are filing becomes a permanent part of the Superior Court record, you will need to ensure that the requirements of CR 10(e) and GR 14, as well as the guidelines above are followed.

Your continued support and prompt compliance with the new filing standards is appreciated and has already had a positive impact on the quality of court documents being filed since October 1, 2004.

My office stands ready to assist you and your staff in ensuring that your documents meet the new filing standards. I look forward to continuing the strong working relationship with the Snohomish County Bar and its members, as well as all customers of the Clerk's Office.

If you have any questions or would like an update on our EDMRS project, don't hesitate to contact the Clerk's Office.



NOTICE FROM THE
SCBA EXECUTIVE
DIRECTOR,
JOYCE WOOD

Dear Snohomish County Bar Member,

The Lawyer Referral Service of the Snohomish County Bar Association would like you to become a member of the LRS. We need input and representation from many areas. For example we have one or two attorneys in Snohomish County that practice law in the following areas: Workman's Comp Federal, Internet, Patent and Copy-write, Military, and Tribal. We only have two or three attorneys in the Snohomish County area that practice law in the following areas: Consumer Protection, Tenant, Workman's Comp, Employment and SSI. We receive on the average of 70 calls a day from clients requesting legal assistance. If you would like to increase your practice in a specific area, LRS is a great way to do that. In an effort to better serve all clients we need you as a member. In this newsletter you will find an application for the LRS. If you have any questions please give me a call at the SCBA office (425) 388-3056. ☺

Job announcement - Law Clerk for Superior Court Judge. Law Clerk is responsible for jurors during jury trials; opening and closing court sessions; researching the law for court decisions in cases before the court; other duties as assigned. Salary - \$2,949.08 per month. Benefits included. Full-time, 40+ hours per week.

Send Resume, cover letter and writing sample to:

Court Administrator
Snohomish County Superior Court
3000 Rockefeller Avenue, M/S #502
Everett, WA 98201

Application deadline: December 6, 2004

**Superior Court
Superior Court Pro Tempore
Superior and Juvenile Court
Applications are due December 20th, 2004**

The Snohomish County Superior Court will be adopting a new Pro Tempore List for 2005. At this time applications are being accepted 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., MS 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 the general public will be sought regarding the applicants.

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

Pictures & Biographies for the Candidates for the 2005 Trustee Positions



Hortensia Castillo

Ms. Castillo was born in Mexico City. She attended Anahuac University in Mexico City, in which she studied 5 years of Law and other related sciences like philosophy, accounting, business administration, and economics. She practiced in Mexico City corporate law for approximately 5 years and obtained her license. She moved to the United States not knowing anything but law and began to work in the field again. She obtained her Juris Doctorate Degree at a law school with the Washington State Bar Association Rule 6 Program. In 1998, she was admitted to the Washington State Bar Association and joined our firm. She began in 1995 as a legal assistant and then practiced under the Rule 9 Intern and a practicing Lawyer since June 1998. Hortensia has practiced law with our firm since. Her areas of practice are: *Family Law, Juvenile Law/Dependencies, Immigration, Bankruptcies, Misdemeanors and Gross Misdemeanors, Estate Planning, Wills, Title 11 Guardian ad Litem for Snohomish, King and Skagit Counties, Real Property, Workman's Compensation, and Business Law, including information for Corporation and Dissolution of Partnerships*. Her first language is Spanish. She enjoys playing Tennis and Bicycling. She believes that the only way to succeed in life is by working hard.



John Follis

I have been a trial attorney with the Anderson Hunter Law firm since 1990. For the last three years I have served on the Board of Trustees. In my view, the primary objective of the local bar association is to make the practice of law more enjoyable for lawyers in Snohomish County. The association does this in part through social functions and by sponsoring local CLE's. I have been actively involved in both efforts.

In the future I'd like to see the association do more to ensure that our law library has sufficient resources to support our members. I'd also like to see the Board establish a easy mechanism for our members to provide us with their input and ideas. We could use the help.



Vicki Oslund

Hello. My name is Vicki Oslund. I have served on the Board of Trustee for three years. A lot has happened in the last three years. The new jail and County Campus is nearing some form of completion. The Law Library has moved and the Superior Court is in the middle of a remodel. The Superior Court lost a great jurist to an untimely death and another to a well-deserved retirement but also gained some new and wonderful faces. We have also welcomed two new jurists to the District Courts. For myself, I was recently married and not far out of law school when I started my Trustee term. Now I am not so recently married, have bought a house and have a 1 ½ year old daughter running all over that house (and law office on occasion). What hasn't changed? I am

still at Newton-Kight working hard and George W. Bush is still President.

I have enjoyed working hard on SCBA projects such as the annual dinner auction, Law Day, social events and the infamous bar polls and I have enjoyed representing our Bar Association at legal functions and get-togethers throughout the county. If re-elected, I would continue to bring energy and enthusiasm to the Snohomish County Bar Association and would continue to seek valuable input from our members. I am ready to serve and ask for your vote.



Bruce Weiss

After having my office located in Lynnwood for many years, I have relocated to Everett. As a father of two sons and one stepdaughter, family commitments did not previously permit me to be very involved with the Bar Association. Now that all of our children are grown and at least temporarily living outside of our home, it is time for me to devote more time to our legal community. Those of you who know me, know that I am originally from New York. Like other Bar members from New York (i.e. Rita Love), you know I will give my input whether or not my opinion is popular. My objective is to use my experiences and my views to bring forth for discussion issues and ideas to make the Bar Association a more valuable organization to our members. I ask

that you vote for me for one of your Trustees and you share your views and opinions with me, so together we can continue to make our Bar Association one of the closest and useful organization to our members.

Ballot

*Vote for FOUR trustees - no more, no less
Complete the arrow next to the name
of the persons you are voting for.*

Hortensia Castillo ←

John Follis ←

Vicki Oslund ←

Bruce Weiss ←

Snohomish County Bar Association Trustee Elections

Who Can Vote

All regular voting members and honorary members (judges and retired members) who are licensed to practice law in Washington and are members in good standing (i.e. pay their dues) with SCBA and Washington State Bar, and who reside in Snohomish County or maintain an office therein.

Ballot Procedures

Please vote for FOUR trustees, no more, no less. the names are listed in alphabetical order. Complete the arrow next to the name of the person you are voting for.

Envelope Process

Place the ballot in a sealed blank envelope marked "ballot". **Do not** have any identification of the voting member on the ballot or on the envelope marked "ballot". Place the ballot envelope into a second envelope that **does** identify the member by printing or typing member's name, followed by member's signature. Then mail the envelope to the **Snohomish County Bar Association, PO Box 5429, Everett, Wa 98206**. You can also drop off your ballot at the **SCBA office** located on the 2nd floor of the courthouse, Room #C206. Ballots must be received by SCBA before **4:00 p.m. on the 17th of December 2004**.

**BALLOTS WILL BE COUNTED AFTER 5 P.M.
ON DECEMBER 17, 2004.**



ASK THE AUCTION GUY

BY RICHARD OKRENT

A recent discovery from the land of the Pharaohs

Welcome to Egypt, the land of adventure. The fabled land of Pyramids, the sphinx and the largest flies ever seen by man. Here you can see the pyramids along the Nile, eat falafel or ride a camel. South of Cairo along the Nile nestled in one of the most a desolate place on earth is the Valley of the Kings, the last resting-place of the great pharaohs.



The Valley of the Kings is not just a tourist attraction where you can buy plastic copies of King Tuts Mummy. All along the Valley are tombs still to be opened. There are still secrets to be revealed. Time worn mysteries waiting to be solved

One such startling new discovery was made last week by week renowned Egyptologist Boris “Go Huskies” Boogermier. As some of you may know Dr. Boogermier is the same scientist who last year uncovered the secret of Fred Flinstone’s Tomb. His recent find known, as KV7777 will undoubtedly change the way Egyptologists view the ancient Egyptians forever.

KV7777 short for Kings Valley 777 can be found just behind King Tuts tomb. As Dr Boogermier states: “I was looking for a place to go to the bathroom when I fell into deep hole. When I recovered I discovered that I was in a heretofore-undiscovered tomb of some noble man or even a pharaoh himself. Emerging into the darkness I immediately turned on my head mounted maglight and drew my trusty Swiss army knife. Before me was a vast tomb painting. The tomb fresco portrayed

ancient Egyptians sitting around several tables. They appeared to be enjoying some ritual feast. Many of the figures were devouring vast quantities of chicken. Others had fish. Still others were eating what looked to me to be hippopotamus ribs and a light salad. A few were depicted under the tables They had obviously consumed a great quantity of intoxicating beverages. Perhaps the famous Margarita of Upper Egypt or the Mai Tai of Cheops. In the middle of this stood a podium. On the podium there was a rather dashing looking fellow in a baseball cap pointing to three sexy Egyptian princesses wearing gold ostrich feathered headdress holding up a large statue of Ramses the Great. Many of the nobles at the table where holding up what appeared to be numbered papyrus cards. Reading the hieroglyphics before me I could tell that the numbers on the papyrus cards that the figures were holding up appeared to be what looked like some type of bids.”

On the floor of the tomb was a sarcophagus of a man. Dr Boogermier was certain the man wore a Mariners Baseball camp. Near the tomb was a canopic jar which when opened played music which sounded like the tune take me out to the ball game. On the floor were many, multicolored woven baskets with numbers on them. Shards on the floor contained hieroglyphic letters that translated said “Thank you your donation is tax deductible“. Also on the floor where inscribed scarabs which said “Woe unto thee who do no donate. A curse of..... Will be on thee.” The god for whom these offerings were made is as yet unknown.

This caused Dr. Boogermier to reflect back on the painting. As he moved his head mounted maglight over the painting He came upon a stupendous inscription which clearly said in the ancient tonque. **SNOHOMISH COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION AUCTION 2004 BC. THANKS FOR YOUR SUPPORT. ▲**





**ANNOUNCEMENT FROM SUPERIOR
COURT ADMINISTRATION**

Della Moore, former Law Clerk to Judge Charles French, has accepted the position of Court Administration Programs Manager. In that capacity, Ms. Moore's duties include supervision of the Family Court Investigations unit and coordination of the GAL Registries. Her office is located in room C-140 of the Courthouse and her phone number is 425/388-3834.

As GAL coordinator, Ms. Moore would like to remind those on the various GAL Registries that if you haven't sent in your application for renewal to be included on the 2005 Registries, you must do so no later than December 3, 2004. If you need an application form, please contact Sue Pence, Judicial Coordinator, at 425/388-3140. Remember to include your hourly fees (for private pay cases) and any retainer you may require. Also, you **MUST** include a copy of the Certificate of Training, even if you think we already have it. Finally, please include a definitive statement regarding any grievances, lawsuits, complaints, etc. against you as GAL.



CITY OF EDMONDS

**REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS AND PROPOSAL
PROSECUTOR**

The City of Edmonds seeks proposals from qualified attorneys to be appointed as Prosecutor for the Edmonds Municipal Court.

The Prosecutor communicates with the Police Department to make filing decisions on criminal cases and advises on the conduct of investigations, seizures, trial preparation and related matters; provides regular update training to police on matters pertaining to the conduct of business in the Court; interviews witnesses and victims of crimes; advises victims regarding rights and responsibilities; reviews criminal misdemeanor and gross misdemeanor cases; represents the City at arraignments, pre-trial hearings, bench and jury trials and contested infraction matters; makes sentencing decisions and recommendations to the Court; prepares and presents legal memorandums and documents for court cases; processes discovery and records disclosure requests; prepares subpoenas, jury instructions and documents; represents and advises the City with victim advocacy interests; performs other related duties as required.

For a copy of the Request for Qualifications and Proposal, contact Sandra Chase, City Clerk, City of Edmonds, 121 5th Ave. N, Edmonds, WA 98020, (425) 771-0245, or chase@ci.edmonds.wa.us. Proposals must be received by the City no later than 5:00 p.m., November 30, 2004.

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THE LAWYER'S ROAD REVIEW PETE PATTERSON

Committee Commute

Some time ago Jim Deno encouraged me to become involved in bar activities at the state level. "The key", Jim said, sort of under his breath, "is to become a 'funded' member." Excited, I asked if that means we get paid for this. "It means a box lunch" he said.

Thus I launched into work for the now defunct "Consumer Protection Committee" and there after my present appointments to the "Professionalism Committee" and "Character and Fitness Committee". That is a lot of box lunches, plus 31 cents a mile!

It does not include a frustration premium for having to drive to Seattle for these meetings. Now I have to say they have made it possible to appear at these meetings via phone, but somehow you miss a lot when you are merely a disembodied voice emanating from a three legged device in the middle of the table. And you miss that box lunch that I have come to relish so. I chose to drive.

About mid November there was a meeting on a Friday at the bar office. If you have not been there, it is worth a visit. The WSBA is housed in the "Darth Vader Building" located at 4th and Blanchard. It is a little like visiting the Death Star. TIE fighters swoop in and out of it and the Imperial Death March plays over the loudspeakers as you enter the building. George Lucas would be proud. But this column is about getting there.

I left 45 minutes before the meeting on this particular Friday, and encountered massive traffic about Ravenna. I looked at the clock as I crept forward and realized I may as well expect to spend the first half of the meeting on the phone anyway. Given the car was not actually moving, I had plenty of time to pull the file from my briefcase, grab the cell phone, noting I had one bar of power, and dial the call in number.

As my Gonzo classmate Peg Callaway chaired the meeting, she got everyone to identify themselves, and where they were from. The people there at the table had it easy, then the people on the phone sounded off: "This is so and so from Asotin County, This is thus and so from Bellingham" etc. then "This is Pete Patterson from I-5!" (Laughter came into the three corner speaker and to my cell phone) "People, traffic is a nightmare how do you practice here"? (More laughter) Sensing an audience I couldn't resist. "What? You want helicopter sounds to prove it? OK", says I, and begin thumping my chest to interrupt my speech the way rotor blades sound, "I-5 is solid as a brick, we are creep and beep from Ravenna to the Convention center with police activity on the ship canal bridge." Peg mercifully ended my stick.

As I was on the off ramp at Stuart Street Peg called out to anyone on the phone to see if we had any opinion as to what the bodies around the table had been talking about. "I don't know Peg, but I am just passing by REI if anyone needs anything." No one did.

When I finally got to the parking lot 2 blocks from the Imperial State Bar Office I was just fortunate enough to have the exact change, \$8 for 2 hours, an increase of 25% since they killed the Consumer Protection Committee in favor of the Law Board. I would park under the Death Star but I have been waived off with bike racks on the SUV. This reminds me of the earlier Road Review about Karen Moore and her Excursion on the way to the Court of Appeals. Nordstrom's is too far away or I would have used the valet parking there like she did to solve the problem.

I made it for ½ the meeting in person. The cell phone never did die out, and I found myself as the chair of the "Random Acts of Professionalism" or RAP subcommittee at the end. I guess I will leave Everett earlier next time lest my duties increase further. Does anyone think this is grounds to be taken out of order on the motions calendar? I didn't think so. And you know, the drive home was worse. But I soldier on, an Army of One.

If any of you have encountered anyone doing more than the average jobs as a professional forward me a nomination for the RAP award. We plan to feature this next to the disciplinary section in the *Bar News* so we know everyone will see it. ♪

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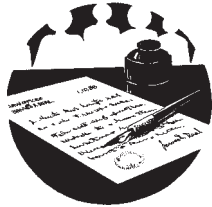
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