

Snohomish County Bar Member Newsletter



Annual Meeting Highlights

by Cynthia

We had a good turn out for the SCBA Annual Meeting last Thursday. I want to thank all of you that attended the meeting.

Highlights of the Meeting

- Past Board Treasurer Kari Petrasek presented the 2023 financials,
- The 2024 budget was approved.
- The slate of officers was presented and approved:
 - ~ President – Michael Chin, Chin Legal Group
 - ~ Vice President – Krista MacLaren, Anderson Hunter
 - ~ Treasurer – Michael Lang, Lang Law
 - ~ Secretary – Aimee Lou Trua, Aimee Trua Family Law
- Annual Awards presentations:
 - ~ Judge of the Year – Judge Edirin Okoloko
 - ~ Attorney of the Year – Elizabeth Turner – Port Gardner Law
 - ~ President's Award - SCBA Golf Committee Members

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Outgoing Trustees:

I want to give a special thank you to outgoing Treasurer Kari Petrasek for her three terms serving on the Board of Trustees. Kari has been a committed member and one that we all knew that we could count on. She was the first to volunteer for many different roles on the Board. We will miss Kari's enthusiasm, but as she has told us, "I am not going anywhere".

Colin McMahon served for a full term on the Board and was charged with managing the Young Lawyers Division. Thank you, Colin, you will be missed!

Incoming Trustees:

We want to welcome our new Trustees, Alison Sheets and Gregory Davies.

Alison (Ali) is new to the area; she practices Immigration Law. Ali will be running our Young Lawyers Division. Colin has been working with Ali to bring her up to speed on the YLD.

Gregory Davies has been practicing for over 43 years. His focus as a sole practitioner has been on Family Law and Arbitration. We look forward to tapping into Greg's institutional knowledge of practicing law in Snohomish County.



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Bar Calendar

SCBA Board Meetings, 5:00 PM

Board Meetings

02/15 03/21 04/18

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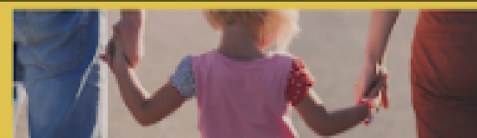
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Family Law Section

February 16, 2024 – SKILLS CLINIC – Temporary Orders – Drafting and Arguing Motions -
12:00 p.m – 2:00 p.m. - Deno Millikan Law Firm, PLLC

This section is two hours on how to investigate cases, work with clients to draft declarations, how to effectively brief issues, and how to argue them in front of our Commissioners. This session will include an outline of the topics discussed, as well as a template document you can give to your clients to help structure their narrative when they are doing the rough draft of declarations.

PLEASE NOTE DIFFERENT TIME / LOCATION – Instead of 3-5 on Friday (which is rough for some people), I've changed this to a “brown bag” lunch session on Friday in hopes that it will be easier for people to attend. We will be having it at my office (3411 Colby Ave, Everett, WA 98201).



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Gregory Davies



Being a lifelong resident of Snohomish County, I decided to return to my home county and provide legal services to the surrounding Western Washington area. I graduated from Edmonds High School and served two years in the United States Army before being Honorably Discharged. I received a bachelor's Degree from Central Washington University and earned my Juris Doctorate from the University of Puget Sound School of Law. I passed the Washington State Bar exam and became licensed as an Attorney in 1980.

After starting my career with another firm, I decided to venture out on my own as a solo practitioner in 1981. I enjoy working with individuals, not big corporations, because I can use my legal skills to help them when they need me the most. To meet individual clients' needs, my practice is limited to family law, bankruptcy, and wills and probate law. I have practiced for 43 years primarily in Family Law. I am now semi-retired and finishing up my last open client cases. I will continue to serve as a mediator and arbitrator.

My wife Barbara and I make our home in Everett, Washington. We have two married daughters and four grandchildren, so far. Together, we enjoy vacationing in Hawaii and Chelan, Washington, and most outdoor activities, including running, biking, skiing, and golf.

Alison Sheets



As a recently licensed attorney in the state of Washington, I am enthusiastic about using my skills and knowledge to contribute to the legal community and make a positive impact on the lives and careers of other young and recently licensed attorneys in Snohomish County. Having dedicated my legal career to immigration law, I am well-versed in the intricacies of this ever evolving and complex area of law. I have had the privilege of representing clients from diverse backgrounds, advocating for their rights, and helping them navigate the legal system with empathy and integrity.

My passion for the law and access to justice extends beyond the courtroom, as I am committed to fostering a supportive environment for young lawyers within the bar association. One of my primary goals is to revive and invigorate the Young Lawyers Division of the SCBA. I believe that by providing a platform for young and recently licensed lawyers to connect, collaborate, and share experiences, we can cultivate a vibrant community that supports professional growth and encourages innovation. Through organizing networking events, volunteer opportunities, and mentorship programs, I aim to create an inclusive space where young and recently licensed lawyers can thrive and develop their skills.

I am confident that my strong communication, leadership, and organizational skills will enable me to effectively represent the interests and aspirations of the division's members. Moreover, I am eager to work collaboratively with other committee members to develop and implement initiatives that enhance the professional development and well-being of young and recently licensed lawyers.

Alison Sheets was born and raised in Oklahoma City. She has called three countries and six states home and currently resides in the Seattle area. Alison attended law school at the University of Denver Sturm College of Law, where she simultaneously earned a Master of Arts in International Human Rights from the Josef Korbel School of International Studies.

Prior to opening her own firm, Alison worked for the American Bar Association's ProBAR in South Texas, where she worked primarily with immigrants in immigration detention who were from all over the world. She has recently worked extensively with Afghans seeking asylum who were evacuated by the U.S. government in 2021. Alison is licensed to practice in both Colorado and Washington state.

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