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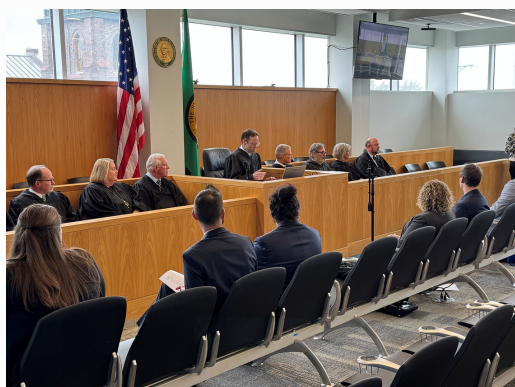
We are proud to welcome nine new attorneys who participated in our Spring Swearing-In Ceremony on May 15th, held in the Jury Assembly Room.

The ceremony was presided over by the Honorable Judge Paul J. Thompson, who warmly welcomed the candidates and their guests. Inspiring remarks were also shared by Danielle Pratt, President of the SCBA Board of Trustees; Jane Pak, Executive Director of Snohomish County Legal Services; and Amanda Effertz, SCBA Board Trustee.

Following the formal proceedings, attendees had the opportunity to connect with members of the Bench and celebrate this important milestone with cake and conversation.

Please join us in welcoming the newest members of the Snohomish County Bar Association. We look forward to the contributions you will bring to our legal community!

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SCBA Board Meetings, 5:00 PM

June Board Meeting Date: 06/05

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Remembering Shelle Singer

By Rebecca Wallick

Practicing family law in Snohomish County meant frequent appearances on the family law motions calendar. In that commissioner's courtroom, one witnessed a wide variety of cases, litigants, and attorneys. Much was at stake, and tempers often flared.

It was in this environment that I first noticed Shelle Singer. She worked for the Snohomish County Sheriff's Office as a courthouse marshal. In that capacity, Shelle frequently stood or sat between the bench and the public seating area, a calm visual deterrent to any whose demeanor crossed the line toward intimidation or anger.

Shelle's presence was far bigger than her petite frame. With her duty belt's tools—firearm, taser, baton, radio, handcuffs—she was a force to be reckoned with, but most of the time, it was her no-nonsense posture and well-chosen words that diffused things before they escalated.

In my mind's eye, I see Shelle's head tilting back slightly, laughing aloud at a co-worker's joke as they kept watch at the public entrance metal detector and x-ray machine. I also remember the many times, while sitting in the family law motions courtroom for my case to be called, a litigant or attorney said something funny, crazy, or horrifying (or maybe all three), and Shelle and I would immediately exchange a glance and smile that communicated, Did you hear that?!

From 2009 to 2011, I worked in the Prosecutor's Office, in Family Support. Some Fridays, I brought my dogs to the office. Blind eyes were turned because they weren't service dogs, but the staff loved having them there. Shelle heard about these canine visits and would stroll over to our office on the 6th floor of the Administration building to get her own dog fix.



As I got to know Shelle better, I learned she loved animals. She also loved photography, and eventually, she combined those passions by taking amazing photos of friends' pets, my dogs among them.

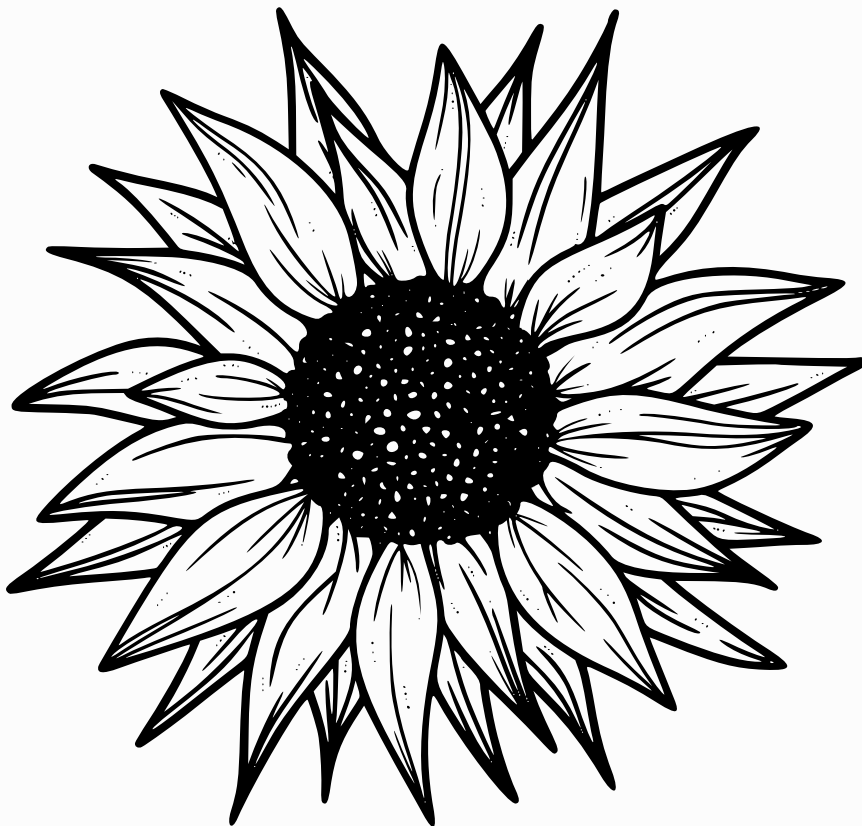
In 2006, Shelle met the love of her life, attorney Elizabeth Turner. In 2012, as soon as a change to Washington's law allowed it, they married. Commissioner Les Stewart performed the ceremony.

Shelle retired from the Sheriff's Office in August 2016, to follow her dream of becoming a professional pet photographer. Life, however, had other plans. Shelle received her ovarian cancer diagnosis just two months after retiring. For nearly nine years, she fought hard. Her bravery was incredible and inspiring. But we all know how fierce a foe cancer can be. Shelle's body ultimately wore out, but she assured me her spirit remained strong. She was enjoying life without treatments, spending her time reading, laughing with Elizabeth at life's absurdities, loving on their dog Toby, and eating whatever she wanted whenever she could.

Shelle died on May 15, on her own terms, at home, with Elizabeth and Toby by her side.

I'm sure there are many of you reading this—attorneys, commissioners, judges, courthouse marshals and staff—with your own Shelle Singer stories. I hope you'll share them with each other, keeping her memory alive.

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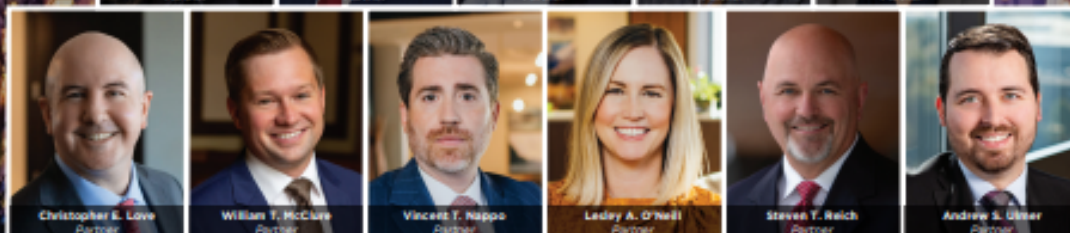
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Lawyers and judges of a certain age will remember Andy Benjamin as the developer and director of the WSBA Lawyers Assistance Program from its inception in the mid-80's until the 90's. WALAL is delighted that Andy (more formally G. Andrew H. Benjamin, JD, PhD, ABPP UW Clinical Professor of Psychology and Affiliate Professor of Law) will continue to serve the legal profession as WALAL's Director of Peer Counselor Training and Consultation, and also its Peer Intake Coordinator.

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