



FEBRUARY 2020

COMING EVENTS

- Feb 12 - CLE: Lawyer as Employer
- Mar 11 - CLE: TBA
- Apr 8 - CLE: TBA
- May 13 - CLE: TBA



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Happy February everyone! As I sit here wishing we would get some snow this winter, I am thinking about some of the great people I have met through the Washington County Bar Association (WCBA). One such person is Deputy District

Attorney Rebecca Mehringer. Becky, as we know her, has just left the WCBA board after many years of service. She is a past president and has made life easier for every president since. I want to thank Becky for her unceasing assistance to the Bar and for her friendship. If you know Becky, or even if you don't, please tell her thank you.

We had a great CLE in January presented by Robin Pope entitled "How to Make a Baby in the 21st Century." Robin's core practice deals with assisted reproductive technology law. It may sound somewhat dry but boy, was it anything but. Everyone in the audience was in rapt attention and full of questions. Thanks again Robin.

This month's CLE will be "The Lawyer as Employer" presented by Hillsboro attorney Elizabeth Inayoshi. She is very knowledgeable and will be of interest to employers and employees alike. As always, sign up on the web site: www.wcbabar.org.

If you wish to be listed on the Washington County Approved arbitrator list, you must attend the training set for February 6 at the courthouse from 3-5. Please also sign up for this on the web site.

Speaking of the website, we hope to be unveiling a new site soon. Board member and president elect Ralph Gzik has been spearheading the revamp of our old and tired web presence. It will be much easier to navigate and have more information available to Washington County attorneys.

Last, I am trying to get a list of all WCBA past presidents. Who remembers that Judge Letourneau was president in 1989? I am missing many names before 1976 and from 1999 to 2008. If you know who was president during those years, please shoot an email to admin@wcbabar.org.

WCBA CONTACTS

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Thank you for reading and, as always, if you have ideas or suggestions please feel free to contact me personally at matthew@mckeanknaupp.com or the WCBA at admin@wcbabar.org.

Matthew C. McKean
WCBA president



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR MOCK TRIALS

Classroom Law Project

You're invited to Classroom Law Project's 34th Annual Statewide High School Mock Trial Competition!

We have over 70 teams registered statewide and need lots of volunteers. We have competitions all over the state, so please pass this information to anyone who may be interested in any of our regions. We need both attorney and witness judges for all of the competitions.

Please consider volunteering for one or more of the following opportunities:

[Register to volunteer online](#) or email Jessica Gallagher at jgallagher@classroomlaw.org.

Regional Competitions

February 22, 2020

Multnomah/Washington, Clackamas, Deschutes, Union, Jackson, and Lane Counties

There will be three rounds of regional competition.

The Multnomah/Washington County rounds will be held at the Multnomah County Courthouse and will need judges for the following time slots (these time slots include orientation):

- Round 1: 8:00 AM - 11:00 AM
- Round 2: 11:00 AM - 2:00 PM
- Round 3: 1:30 PM - 4:30 PM

Regional competitions outside of Multnomah County may have different schedules and will have different locations. Times and locations will be provided to volunteers by the Regional Coordinator in that county.

Regional Volunteer Judge Responsibilities:

- Serve as either presiding or attorney judge in 2 mock trial rounds.
- Become familiar with the [2020 Mock Trial case and competition rules](#) before the competition. CLP will provide all necessary materials before the competition and they are available on the CLP website.
- Attend a judge orientation on the day of competition. Judges' Orientation and guidance will be provided prior to your first round. Orientations will be provided throughout the day.

State Competition

Hatfield Federal Courthouse (these time slots include orientation)

March 6th, 2020 Noon - 6 pm

March 7th, 2020 8 am - 1:30 pm

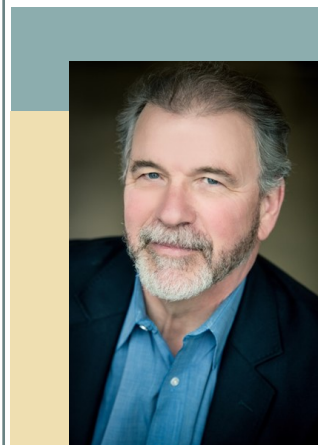
State Volunteer Judge Responsibilities:

- Serve as either presiding or attorney judge in 2 mock trial rounds on the 6th or 7th.
- Become familiar with [2020 Mock Trial case and competition rules](#) before the competition. CLP will provide all necessary materials before the competition. Materials are also available on the CLP website.
- Attend a judge orientation on the day of competition. Orientations will be provided throughout the day.



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CATCHING UP WITH BEAVERTON MUNICIPAL COURT'S JUDGE JULIET BRITTON

Adam Thayne



Washington County has a bustling courthouse with multiple judges, prosecutors, court staff, and other lawyers. A courthouse that handles thousands of criminal and violation-level cases per year. A courthouse with standard FTR recording technology, security screening at the entrance, and uniformed officers providing a secure presence. The

Washington County Circuit Court, right? While that description would certainly apply to Washington County's principal court, the same could also be said of another courthouse within the geographic boundaries of Washington County: Beaverton Municipal Court. Although most non-criminal law practitioners likely have very little to do with Beaverton Muni (the court's endearing nickname), this courthouse transacts plenty of legal business. In fact, in the words of Presiding Judge Juliet Britton, "Beaverton Municipal Court is the busiest municipal court in the state of Oregon." With that pronouncement, this unique court and its presiding judge are worth a closer look.

Judge Britton took over as presiding judge in January 2018. The University of Colorado-Boulder and University of Hawaii Law School graduate brought an eclectic background to the position. Following law school graduation in 1998, she went to work for the Hawaii legislature. Then, "always looking for an adventure," she applied for a position with the U.S. Army JAG Corp and was commissioned as a First Lieutenant active duty attorney. During her time in the JAG Corp, she worked as a prosecutor, supervising defense attorney, family law, and administrative law attorney. She later ran a CASA program in rural Kansas before relocating to Portland to be closer to family. Most recently, she worked as the executive director of the Oregon Psychiatric Security Review Board (PSRB) "supervising those who successfully asserted the insanity defense to felony crimes." During Judge Britton's time with the PSRB, she gained considerable knowledge regarding mental health treatment and supervision techniques. She also published peer-reviewed studies on recidivism and effective conditional release strategies of PSRB defendants, Oregon's civil commitment laws, and Oregon's mental health firearm laws.

Upon her appointment two years ago by the Beaverton City Council, the innovative-minded judge implemented front-door security screening and increased the presence of officers in the courtroom (Beaverton Muni previously

had no front-door screening despite prosecuting over 2,500 misdemeanors per year and thousands more violations). She also updated local rules, made changes to improve courtroom efficiency, and streamlined administrative processes for attorneys. Drawing on her background in mental health, she collaborated with Washington County to develop the "first municipal court mental health liaison partnership in the state." Splitting the cost with the county, a master's level clinician works full-time in the courthouse. Whitney Struse is available as a resource for the court, police officers, and attorneys regarding individuals who are involved with the justice system and have mental health needs. Along these lines, Judge Britton is also expecting to have a Mental Health/Behavioral Court functioning sometime this year. The former JAG lawyer also sees the benefit of a Veteran's Court and may look to add that as another specialty court at some point in the future. "The hope," as Judge Britton says, "is that this work will increase access to treatment which in turn lowers the chances of future re-entry into the criminal justice system and decreases harm to the public."

These additional specialty courts would add to the court's more well-established B-SOBR program. Now 10 years old, B-SOBR serves as the court's DUI specialty court designed to assist DUI offenders who are classified as "high risk." As Judge Britton describes it, "the target participant lives locally, is a multiple DUI offender, and has been evaluated as high risk/high needs using an assessment tool." According to the data, B-SOBR participants reoffend at a lower rate than their non-B-SOBR counterparts (11% versus 30%). B-SOBR graduates report that the model of B-SOBR, with a case manager and team support, lead to long-term recovery.

What's next in store for Beaverton Municipal Court? Judge Britton is hoping to have an e-filing system soon and eventually be completely paperless. She is also looking to explore an early resolution docket. The purpose? "Specialty courts," she says, "require substantial docket space, so reducing the total number of scheduled hearings can free up the space needed to develop those programs." Given the court's current workload and Judge Britton's future plans, it appears likely that Beaverton Municipal Court will be the "busiest municipal court in the state of Oregon" for many years to come.



OARS AREN'T JUST FOR ROWING: NAVIGATING ADMINISTRATIVE LAW

Lee Van Duzer

Lawyers spend a lot of time working with cases and statutes, but less time searching through administrative laws. So what do you do when you have to wade into these unfamiliar waters?

The logical starting place is the Oregon Administrative Rules (OAR), which are compiled by Oregon's Secretary of State. They ceased the print publication in 2018, so 2017 is the last set in print. However the [Oregon Administrative Rules Database](#) is easy to navigate. From there you can search through the current rules, or look at the Annual Compilation, a collection of PDF versions of each chapter—like browsing the print collection. These are available for each year since they stopped printing (2018, 2019, and now 2020). The OARs are also available on Fastcase back to 2009. Typically you'll know which agency you are dealing with, so you can limit your search to that chapter.

Once you have a rule, it contains more research information. The rule will indicate the statutes that authorize it, and other related statutes. Then, like statutes, it includes the history: citations for the enacting agency documents, such as a notice of proposed rulemaking, or a temporary or permanent order. Notices since November 2017 are also in the Oregon Administrative Rules Database. Prior to November 2017, they are found in the [Oregon Bulletin](#) (online back to 2003).

For more information on Oregon's administrative rules and practice, see the OSB Book *Oregon Administrative Law*.

The [Washington County Law Library](#) is a free legal research resource for all. Contact: (503) 846-8880, or lawlibrary@co.washington.or.us.



LOCAL BAR UPDATES

We want to know what you are up to! Send announcements and changes, professional or personal, to newsletter@wcbabar.org.

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Monthly Lawyer Coffee
3rd Wednesdays 8:00-9:30 am
Insomnia Coffee
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build friendships & make connections

Come join the WCBA and the local chapter of Oregon Women Lawyers the 3rd Wednesday of the month. Visit with new and experienced lawyers practicing in Washington County. This is a great opportunity for young lawyers to build friendships and connections and for the us to welcome new attorneys joining our community.

GETTING TO KNOW THE BAR – CORNERSTONE LAW GROUP

At Cornerstone Law Group, we pursue simple solutions to complex problems. We prioritize relationships: with clients, fellow lawyers and ultimately our community. And we embrace change; Washington County's rapid growth is mirrored in our firm's own growth. In the last four years, we've grown from five to seven attorneys and have doubled our staff.

Steve Verhulst and Greg Karpstein founded the firm 1981. After their retirement in 2009 & 2019, both of them continue to be valued resources and honored members of the firm. Nate Law and Jake Griffith took over ownership in 2015 until Jake moved his family to Montana four years later.

When Nate Law became the sole shareholder, it seemed that calling the firm "Law Law" would be redundant (though some might say a missed opportunity). We chose *Cornerstone* as a way to embody both the firm's legacy as well as the solid future we want to help our clients build.

We help people with real, everyday challenges in the areas of criminal defense, juvenile dependency and delinquency, wills and estate planning, real estate, family law, landlord representation, and probate. Our attorneys include Frederick (Rick) Carman, Nate Law, Sam Hutchison, Kelly McHugh, Alexander Faymonville, Trevor Farrell, and MaryKate Trainor.



WA CO Circuit Court Announcement

Misdemeanor DV & Stalking Convictions FIREARMS SURRENDER LOCAL PROTOCOLS and Declaration Forms

Effective January 1st 2020, HB 2013 requires the court order firearms dispossession when a person is convicted of stalking or a qualifying misdemeanor (misdemeanor crime of domestic violence).

Within 2 judicial days of the order, the person must file a Declaration of Firearm Surrender and Proof of Transfer (if applicable) with the court and the district attorney.

To file declarations under HB 2013 related to criminal stalking and misdemeanor -DV cases with the court, **please eFile using code DD – Declaration**. If a Proof of Transfer or Third Party Recipient Declaration form is required, please attach to the defendant's declaration as the second page for filing.

Declaration Firearm Surrender Forms and Washington County's Local Firearm Surrender Protocols are now available on the criminal page of the Washington County website under programs and services.

JOIN THE
Washington County *Brrrrrrrrrr* Association
to benefit a great cause!



Saturday, February 22, 2020
Plunge Start 11:00 am
Broughton Beach Park, Portland, OR

We've created a team! Join us as we raise money for this worthy cause. Friends, family, and co-workers welcome! If your aren't brave enough to join us for the chilly dip...**please donate!**

<https://support.soor.org/team/274486>

In partnership with law enforcement agencies each year the Polar Plunge challenges thousands of brave people from around the state to jump into the icy water & raise money for a great cause. It's a fun way for individuals, organizations, schools and businesses to come together and support the athletes of Special Olympics Oregon. All funds raised go to supporting the programming and events of more than 12,000 athletes statewide.



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Don't Be a Cautionary tale

A CLE presented by Elizabeth Inayoshi

FEBRUARY 12, 2020
5:15-6:15 pm

"A quick overview of what you should know."

1 CLE credit—pending



Elizabeth has been in private practice for 6 years at The Law Office of Elizabeth J. Inayoshi, LLC. Her practice focuses on plaintiff-side employment law, labor law, and small business law. Prior to her law career, Elizabeth was an operations and program manager for 30 years at Intel Corporation. She volunteers with the Lewis & Clark Law School Small Business Legal Clinic. She is a member of the Oregon Trial Lawyers Association, the Oregon State Bar Labor and Employment Section, and was the 2017 chair of the Oregon State Bar Solo and Small Firm Section. She received her BA and MBA from the University of Chicago, and her J.D. from Lewis & Clark Law School.



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*Stay after the CLE to socialize
And enjoy a delicious meal.*

6:15-7:15 pm.

Register by February 10th
<https://mkt.com/wcba>

