

LCBA Monthly Luncheon

The Lane County Bar Association and the University of Oregon School of Law invite you to the March LCBA lunch, on **Thursday, March 8, 2012**, at the law school (1515 Agate Street) with the **Justices of the Oregon Supreme Court**. The Justices will hear arguments at the school on the morning of Thursday, March 8th; and lunch with the bar, students, and faculty will follow from 12:00 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. The cost for lunch is \$18.00 per person and needs to be paid in advance at the following website: http://www.uoregonlaw.com/court_lunch

The deadline to register is by Noon on Monday, March 5. There are a limited number of spaces so please register early.

Ample parking is now available in the blocks surrounding the law school, at the city-owned credit-card friendly meters. The law school is easily accessible from the EmX Agate Station at Agate Street and Franklin Boulevard. The EmX leaves the downtown Eugene station at 11:40 a.m. and will deposit riders at Agate Station with ample time to walk the two short blocks to the law school by noon.

Please join us! If you have questions please contact Bonnie Williams at bonnie_w@uoregon.edu or at (541) 346-3608.

LCBA Debtor-Creditor Section Meeting

The Lane County Debtor-Creditor section will be meeting on **Tuesday, March 13, 2012** from noon to 1:15 p.m. in the 5th floor conference room of the Wayne L. Morse Federal Courthouse. The meeting topic is to be announced. Please bring the lunch of your choice. For more information, please contact section Chair Sarah A. Filcher at (402) 613-1594, or filcher.sarah@gmail.com.



LCBA Family Law Section Meeting

The Family Law Section's March meeting will be held on **Thursday, March 15, 2012** from 12:00 - 1:00. A panel of circuit court judges will answer questions regarding spousal support. We will NOT be meeting in conference B/C. Exact location TBD. Please email your questions or topic areas you wished to be discussed to Julie@MediationNorthwest.com.



NALS Monthly Meeting

NALS will hold its next monthly educational meeting on **Thursday, March 15, 2012** from 12-1:00 p.m. in Courtroom No. 201 of the Lane County Courthouse.

The **Honorable Ilisa Rooke-Ley**, Lane County Circuit Court Judge, will be our guest speaker. She will cover a number of topics relevant to court and ex parte procedures and hold a question and answer session at the end of her presentation. Send your RSVP to Diana Chin, Program Chair, at (541) 484-6630, or dmchin@comcast.net.

NALS of Lane County – Scholarship Award

NALS is pleased to offer a \$1,000 Scholarship Award to a 2012 Lane County (Oregon) High School senior or a 2011 graduate who plans to pursue a career in the legal support staff field. This Scholarship Award is available as the result of a generous donation by an anonymous donor. If you know of anyone who is a Lane County (Oregon) 2011 graduate or 2012 high school senior interested in this field, please contact Mary Brown, Scholarship Chair, at marylisa.brown01@gmail.com, to obtain an application.

The Barrister's Ball

The UO Law School's Barrister's Ball will be held in early April! Date and location to be determined. Hosted by Phi Alpha Delta and the Student Bar Association.



Board News – by Jane Yates

The LCBA board has been discussing whether to expand LCBA membership. We are considering whether to open membership to all OSB members and other non-attorneys, such as legal assistants, vendors, etc. (the Multnomah Bar Association allows these individuals to become members). Currently, membership is open to members of the Oregon State Bar who reside or maintain offices in Lane County and University of Oregon, School of Law faculty. Upon Board approval, holders of juris doctor degrees from ABA accredited institutions who reside or maintain offices in Lane County, Oregon may also become members. In addition, law students enrolled in an ABA accredited law school are eligible to join the LCBA (but cannot vote or become a member of the board). If you want to weigh in on the issue, please contact any board member with your comments.

Lane County Bar Association – by Margie Paris

The Lane County Bar Association represents a vital infrastructure on which the legal community can build a number of functions that benefit local lawyers and the public. For example, the LCBA sponsors committees (e.g., Debtor/Creditor, Employment Law) that provide support, networking, and continuing education for lawyers practicing in various disciplines. For new lawyers, LCBA produces mentoring and programming opportunities that help integrate them into the legal community. When the governor seeks input on potential judges, the LCBA steps in with its Judicial Applicant Review Committee. And an important dimension of LCBA's work is fostering professionalism and civility in a world in which the obligations of advocacy can fray interpersonal relationships. Without the scaffolding of a local bar association, Lane County's lawyers – and the public they serve – would be the poorer.

LCBA Website - by Tom Moseman



The members-only section of the new LCBA website is now fully up and functioning, and all active LCBA members should now be able to login on the bottom left of the members-only page here: <https://lanecountybar.org/index.php/members-area>.

Login requires a username and password that many members received in an email about being added to the system months ago and that other members only received recently. Username is typically a member's first name initial, followed by a period, followed by the member's last name; for example: John Smith's username would be J.Smith. Passwords were randomly assigned (see the email about being added to the system) and the website will ask each member to create his or her own password on the member's initial login.

Members can also retrieve usernames and passwords on the members-only page provided above, by clicking on the "Forgot your username?" and "Forgot your password?" links, respectively. Such retrieval requires members to enter in the email address they provided when they registered and paid their LCBA dues. If you are an active member and you cannot retrieve your username and password using the email you believe you provided, please contact us at: administrator1@lanecountybar.org.

Once logged in, members should note the navigation pane on the right of the member-only page that allows access to restricted, members-only information. Of particular note, members can create their own listing in the "Members' Directory" by clicking that link and then clicking "Add Entry" at the top of the directory page.

Newsletters and archives will soon only be available through this restricted members-only area and the LCBA is also looking to add select resources, such as CLE materials, to this area as well.

As always, please note that while the new website has come a long way, the LCBA Board remains strongly interested in feedback and ideas for additional features from the membership – feel free to submit your thoughts to administrator1@lanecountybar.org.

Letters to the Editor - by Hon. Mustafa T. Kasubhai

The Lane County Bar Association is pleased to add an engaging new component to our Bar News. Every month LCBA will print "letters to the editor" submitted by LCBA members. The topics are open but may generally focus on legal issues, the practice and profession. Commentary and opinion are certainly encouraged. Letters to the editor must be no more than 250 words in length, and emailed to: Mustafa.T.Kasubhai@ojd.state.or.us. There is no set deadline, and letters will be published as long as space is available, otherwise appropriate for printing, and if submitted with the author's full name and bar number.

Oregon Judicial Network ePay - by Hon. Valerie Love

Lane County Circuit Court will go live on the Oregon Judicial Department's ePay website on April 28, 2012. OJD ePay will allow individuals to pay online for many types of court cases including most traffic citations and many criminal and civil cases. This will provide ease of payment with a credit or debit card and will be convenient for out-of-state or out-of-county traffic ticket payments. Payments are posted to the court case within one business day of the transaction. For more information, please see the OJD ePay website at: <http://courts.oregon.gov/OJD/OnlineServices/ePay/index.page?>

Family Law Forms - by Karrie McIntyre

While there was an ambitious group of local practitioners who had interest and motivation to tackle the rewriting of the family law forms, it turns out there was already a “domestic relations forms task force” that was assembled by the Oregon Judicial Department. Holly Rudolph, from OJD, is the eCourt forms coordinator and she, with Judge McKnight (Multnomah County), Robin Selig (attorney with Oregon Law Center), Heidi Strickland (OJD Linn County), Beth Allen (attorney specializing in LGBTQ law) and our very own Colleen Carter-Cox (OJD Lane County – Family Court Assistance), are the primary drafters of the new forms. I am told that it is the hope of OJD to have new forms available by the Fall of 2012. In the event you have any helpful thoughts, specific questions, or concerns regarding the drafting of new forms, don’t hesitate to let a member of this task force know.

Introducing Judge Thomas M. Renn – by Megan Livermore

The Lane County Bar Association is pleased to introduce **The Honorable Thomas Renn**, who was appointed to the United States Bankruptcy Court, District of Oregon, in Eugene on October 28, 2011. Prior to his appointment, Judge Renn served as a Chapter 7 Panel Trustee for the District of Oregon from February 2002 to October 2011, in addition to representing other bankruptcy trustees and business clients on bankruptcy matters. Judge Renn has been active in the Oregon State Bar and served on the Debtor-Creditor Section Executive Committee from 2003-2010, including as the Section Chair. He also served on many of the Section committees, including Website Committee (Chair, Liaison); Newsletter Committee (Case Notes Author); Annual Meeting/CLE Committee; CARE Committee (Volunteer); New Lawyers Committee (Liaison); Consumer Bankruptcy Committee; CM/ECF Committee; and Award of Merit Committee (Chair). Judge Renn is currently involved with the launch of the new Lane County Pro Bono Bankruptcy Clinic.

Judge Renn is admitted to practice in both Oregon and Minnesota (currently inactive) state courts, as well as in the United States District Court for the Districts of Oregon and Minnesota, and the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals. He is a member of the Oregon State Bar, Minnesota State Bar Association, Lane County Bar Association, American Bankruptcy Institute, National Association of Bankruptcy Trustees, and the Federal Bar Association. He is a frequent speaker and writer on bankruptcy law issues. Recent presentations include the Northwest Bankruptcy Institute, the Oregon State Bar Debtor-Creditor Annual Meeting/CLE, and the Oregon State Association of County Assessors/Tax Collectors joint conference.



Announcements



Hutchinson, Cox, Coons, Orr & Sherlock has changed its firm name to reflect the retirement of longtime shareholder **Douglas M. DuPriest**. Firm attorneys **William H. Sherlock** and **Zack P. Mittge** continue to expand the firm’s practice in the areas of land use, real estate and administrative law. They can be reached at (541) 686-9160.

Correction - Credit for last month article on the Uniform Interstate Deposition and Discovery Act (UIDDA) should have been attributed to **Don Corson**.

Office Space Available - Perfect for a new attorney or established practitioner. Share a spacious professional office with an experienced sole practitioner attorney. Expansive northwest corner office available in Eugene’s most desirable professional building with a sixth floor view, use of a conference room/library, copy room, reception area, and administrative area for your assistant. Very reasonably priced. Conveniently located in the heart of downtown Eugene at 975 Oak Street, Citizens Building, just two blocks from the Courthouse. Contact Jim Hoffman at (541) 485-2007.

Office Space Available - Looking for a compatible attorney to timeshare my large (228 SF) private office at the Hult Executive Suites at 399 East 10th Avenue in Eugene. Includes fully furnished (willing to reorganize) private, quiet office, tenant and client parking, full-time receptionist, conference room, copier, fax, phone system. Rent negotiable based on usage, but very reasonable. Call Alan Buchalter at (541) 741-6878 or e-mail: arblaw88@comcast.net.

Help Wanted: Associate Position - Shlesinger & deVileneuve Eugene’s office has an opening for an associate position in its Workers Compensation department. All interested applicants should submit a cover letter and resume to Itzik Shlesinger at ishlesinger@dspdattorneys.com.

Help Wanted: Legal Secretary Position - Starting March 1, 2011, I will begin interviewing for a Legal Secretary with a hire date of May 1, 2012. Primarily, my practice involves state court litigation with an emphasis on family law, criminal defense, some construction law matters and business litigation, along with personal injury and wrongful death. I also do appellate work and have a transactional side to my practice involving real estate transactions, business sales and estate planning. Interested applicants should have significant experience with most of these areas and must know WordPerfect, TimeSlips, and Quickbooks. Please apply with letter of Introduction, Resume and References. George L. Derr, 260 Country Club Road, Suite 210, Eugene, Oregon 97401. Tel: (541) 683-7473. Fax: (541) 345-7098. E-Mail: george@gderrlaw.com

Campaign for Equal Justice

This is our final report for the 2011 Campaign for Equal Justice. We are pleased to announce that the Lane County Bar Association is the first recipient of the Justice Cup awarded for our fund raising efforts for the 2011 Campaign! The award is given to the region that has the highest percentage of contributors to the Campaign for Equal Justice. As of February 21, 2012, we had 310 contributors (representing 28.5% of our members) who gave a total of \$86,153 for CEJ. Multnomah County had the next highest percentage with 26%. Lane County's final results were an improvement over last year's efforts.

Even though only a little more than a quarter of our members contributed to this Campaign, I am pleased with our efforts, given the difficult economy, and the fact that there are a number of other well-deserving programs that compete for the available charitable dollars. I especially want to thank our committee members (Gerry Gaydos, Kristie L. Gibson, Mervyn H. Loya, Matthew D. Longtin, Joe B. Richards, Kamala H. Shugar, Ross M. Williamson, and Jane Steckbeck) who volunteered considerable time to work with me and who contacted our colleagues on behalf of the Campaign. We would not have achieved the results we did in Lane County without their efforts.

What follows is a list of all contributors for donations and pledges received by the Campaign as of February 21, 2012. If you have given, but somehow we missed you, my sincere apologies. In this case, please let me know (johng@gartlandnelsonlaw.com) and I will personally check into the matter. Also, if you have any suggestions for 2012 Campaign, which begins this Fall, please let me know that, too. Finally, if you have not already made a contribution to the Campaign, and you wish to do so, please contact the CEJ website at www.cej-oregon.org. My heartfelt thanks go out to all of the following:

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Upcoming Events

March 8	LCBA Monthly Luncheon Lunch with the Supreme Court U of O Law School Noon - 1:30 p.m.
March 13	LCBA Debtor-Creditor Section Meeting Wayne L. Morse Courthouse Noon - 1:15 p.m.
March 15	LCBA Family Law Section Meeting Location TDB Noon - 1 p.m.
March 15	NALS Monthly Meeting Lane County Courthouse, Room 201 Noon - 1 p.m.

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