



# THE BAR TAB

Clackamas County Bar Association newsletter

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## Prez Sez by Jeff Nitschke

### ***Transitioning to the Needs of the New Millennium.***

One of my favorite things about the CCBA is watching the senior members of our community interact. The comradery they share and the high level of professionalism exhibited is testimony to the friendships and respect the members share with each other. Equally apparent to me, newer attorneys are not joining the CCBA or participating in the community to the same extent as the past. The cause, I believe, is that the new generation of millennials expect and want different things from organizations they join. My goal for the CCBA is to develop a program which appeals to new attorneys, provides the same fraternal community that the CCBA has maintained over the past decades, and emphasizes professionalism in the community. To do this, we must honor the past and anticipate the future.

In that vein, the CCBA has a theme for this year: Professionalism. To me, professionalism means not only the respectful attitude and courtesy with which attorneys treat each other, but also the development and maintenance of vibrant community. With that in mind, the CCBA will be taking 3 specific steps: 1) we will be developing CLEs and materials discussing the foundations of professionalism and the changing views of professionalism in the modern age; 2) we will be developing new events and programs, in addition to our traditional ones, to appeal to a broader range of interests; and 3) we will be releasing a new website later this year



## Coming Up

**Spring CLE 4/25/19**

**Holman Roast  
Honoring Judge  
Herndon  
5/15/19 @  
Willamette Valley  
Country Club**

**Dale Jacobs Golf  
Tournament 5/24/19  
@ Langdon Farms  
Golf Club**

which will have extensive capabilities to help lawyers in tangible ways.

To kick off the year and lead the charge, Judge Van Rysselberghe has agreed to lead a CLE in which we will attempt to define and discuss the advantages of professionalism. Joining us will be Cierra Brown, recipient of the first Clackamas County Young Professional's Award. We hope to add CLEs throughout the year discussing and celebrating diversity through the lens of professionalism.

Next, additional events and meetups will be announced throughout the year. This year's Vice President Katie Baker has already put on a fantastic trivia night, hopefully to continue on a bi-monthly basis. Along with our usual dinner events, we will be hosting sport outings (Blazers, Winterhawks, and the Portland Pickles), plan activities focusing on healthy living (running group, softball team, and mindfulness group), family social events (poker night, Top Golf tournament, bowling), and professional mixers and cocktail hours.

Finally, as noted, the CCBA has commissioned the development of a new website. We hope to have the webpage up and running by mid-year. It will include features such as: online membership and event signup, an online payment gateway, an interactive event calendar, ad space, resources, and integrations with current social media platforms, individual member profiles, and most importantly, on-demand CLE videos and materials. The biggest addition of CLE material will allow members to purchase and download CLEs to view from the comfort of their own homes (which is helpful during the chaos of the holidays, because let's be honest, we all put it off until December).

Welcome to 2019 and I hope to see you at our future events!

# News and Notes

March 3, 1948 - March 10, 2019

Just one week after his 71st birthday, David T. Viuhkola, stepped into heaven, after a hard fought, 3 year battle with MSA. He worked as an attorney for 43 years, until which time he was forced to retire due to his illness. David loved spending time with family and traveling with his wife, Jill. David is survived by his wife, Jill Brown, son, Taylor Viuhkola, daughters, Cheryl Choquette, and Kelli Doolittle, four grandchildren and his sister Marge Standard.

A Celebration of Life for David Thomas Viuhkola will be April 15, 2019 from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at the Milwaukie Elks Lodge #142, 13121 SE McLoughlin Blvd., Milwaukie, OR 97222.

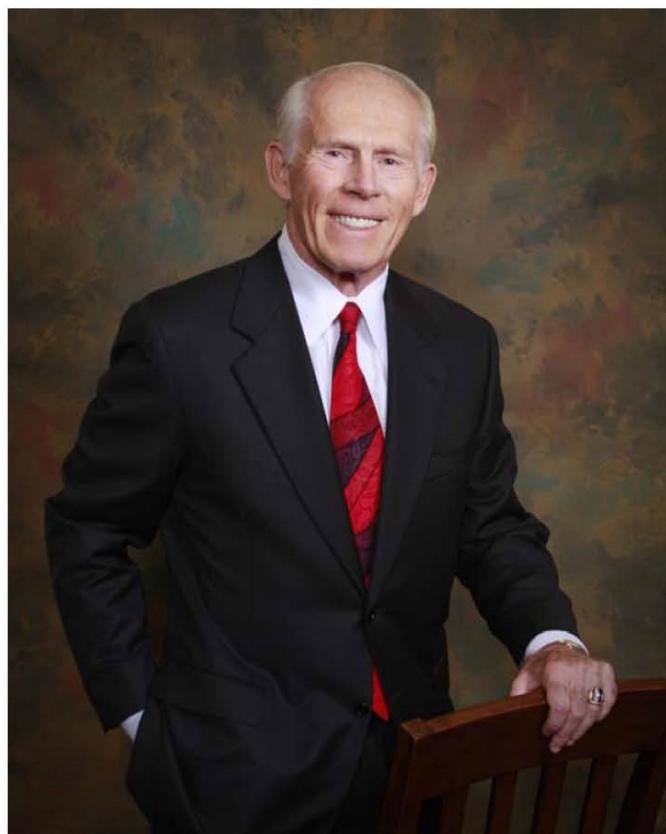


On February 15, 2019, CCBA member, Angela Lucero received the OHBA 2019 Paul J. De Muniz Professionalism Award. You can read more about Angela and the award at the following link: <http://www.oregonhispanicbar.org/events/ohbas-13th-annual-awards-dinner/>. Congratulations Angela!

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For legal professionals in our county whose work touches on child abuse and family violence, the 20th-anniversary Child Abuse & Family Violence Summit is being held April 16-19 at the Red Lion Hotel on the River. More information can be found at the following link: <http://www.ChildAbuseSummit.com>.

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# **Local Family Law Advisory Committee (LFLAC) Update**

by Angela Laidlaw

## Upcoming Events:

Wednesday, April 10, 2019: LFLAC regular meeting

Friday, March 22, 2019 at Noon: Lunch & Learn Brown Bag event – “Advanced Tax Topics in Family Law for 2019” (this CLE focuses on the changes in tax law that impact spousal support and other divorce issues). RSVP's should be sent Mark Barzda at [mbarzda@gevurtzmenashe.com](mailto:mbarzda@gevurtzmenashe.com)

TBA: New Lawyer lunchtime trainings (keep an eye out for announcements as these events are scheduled)

For questions or additional information about LFLAC, please contact Wendy Watson (Judge Wetzel's Judicial Assistant) at [Wendy.J.Watson@ojd.state.or.us](mailto:Wendy.J.Watson@ojd.state.or.us). (Special thanks to the Honorable Michael Wetzel and the Honorable Ann Lininger for serving as Chairs of this committee).

A professional headshot of a man with short brown hair and glasses, wearing a blue button-down shirt. He is smiling and looking directly at the camera.

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# **Member Profile: Alex Hayes**

## **Member-At-Large**

### **1. What drew you to the practice of law?**

When people ask me this question I always have a hard time answering. I do not have a moment and/or series of events that drew me to the practice of law. It has always been an inherent desire of mine and started at such a young age. Even before high school I knew I wanted to practice law.



### **2. How did you end up practicing law in Clackamas County?**

I am a Clackamas County Native. I was born and raised in Happy Valley and currently live in Damascus. Even though I went out of state for law school (University of Idaho), I knew that I would return to Clackamas County to practice law. This is where my immediate family resides and I enjoy this area.

### **3. How long have you been an attorney? What other kind of work have you done?**

I have been an attorney since late September of 2018. Prior to graduating law school I worked in the golf industry and also did some home remodeling. After graduating with my Bachelor's Degree I went directly into law school, so my work experience has been limited.

### **4. In what area (s) of law do you practice?**

Criminal Law (prosecution).

### **5. What is your educational background? How do you feel it prepared you for the work you do now?**

Prior to law school I attended Warner Pacific University in Southeast Portland. I majored in American Studies and minored in Political Science. After graduating with my Bachelor's Degree, I went directly into law school at the University Of Idaho College Of Law in Moscow, Idaho. Practicing law is completely different than learning about the law. Regardless of how much you prepare/study in law school, you will never be fully prepared to practice law. With that being said, I was given the tools necessary to jumpstart my career as a Deputy District Attorney.

**6. What aspects of your work do you enjoy the most?**

My favorite part of work is being in the courtroom. I enjoy trial, especially jury trials. I enjoy the fast paced environment and challenge of thinking on my feet.

**7. What have you learned about being an attorney that you did not expect?**

Criminal law is complex. Although I knew this prior to becoming an attorney, I did not understand how intricate it is. I was also a law clerk here at the District Attorney's Office my 3L summer. This gave me an intuition of what it is like to be an attorney and helped clarify my expectations, which made for a smooth transition into being an attorney.

**8. What advice would you give to new attorneys, or attorney hopefuls?**

Practicing law is challenging yet rewarding. I would stress the importance of asking questions. There is nothing wrong with not knowing the answer. I ask my supervisor and colleagues questions every day. Continuing to learn is an essential part of successfully practicing law. I would advise young attorneys to find other experienced attorney's in their field of law that they can approach/ask questions of.

**9. When you are not working what are you doing?**

When I am not working I am usually enjoying the great outdoors. I am an avid hunter and fisherman. During the warmer months I also enjoy boating, golfing, and trail riding. I have a big family (Three sisters) and enjoy spending time with them!

# Shining Lights, Flowing Wine and Dancing Shoes

A big thank you to all of the people who helped bring together the 2018 CCBA Holiday Party. The event was well attended with over 70 attendees, both new and experienced, bringing the year to an end. The lights were shining, the wine was flowing, and (back by popular demand) the shoes were moving on the dance floor. Senior Judges Herndon and Stewart could be seen late in the night breaking out classic dance moves, with CIDC members Cierra Brown, Susan Denham, and yours truly closing down the house!

This year, Clackamas Women's Services was the beneficiary of the event. CWS offers education to Clackamas County residents About the Issues surrounding domestic and sexual violence while working closely with our Community Partners to achieve a trauma-informed, coordinated community response to domestic and sexual violence in Clackamas County. The CCBA was able to raise over \$250, along with hundreds of dollars of donation items brought by attendees. As part of the

benefit, we ran a wine wheel, which will be making an annual reappearance for the foreseeable future. Guests could donate to the CWS and get a spin at the wheel, eligible for high end wines, raffle tickets, and for the unlucky few, a pristine bottle of Barefoot sweet red wine! Thank you to everyone who participated and donated!

At the dinner, we were happy to announce this year's recipient of the Ralph Holman Lifetime Achievement award to Senior Judge Robert Herndon. The Holman award is reserved for those who have had an exemplary impact on the legal profession in our county. Judge Herndon's career, before and after he took the bench, is the very definition of service to the community. Also announced for this year, in honor of Senior



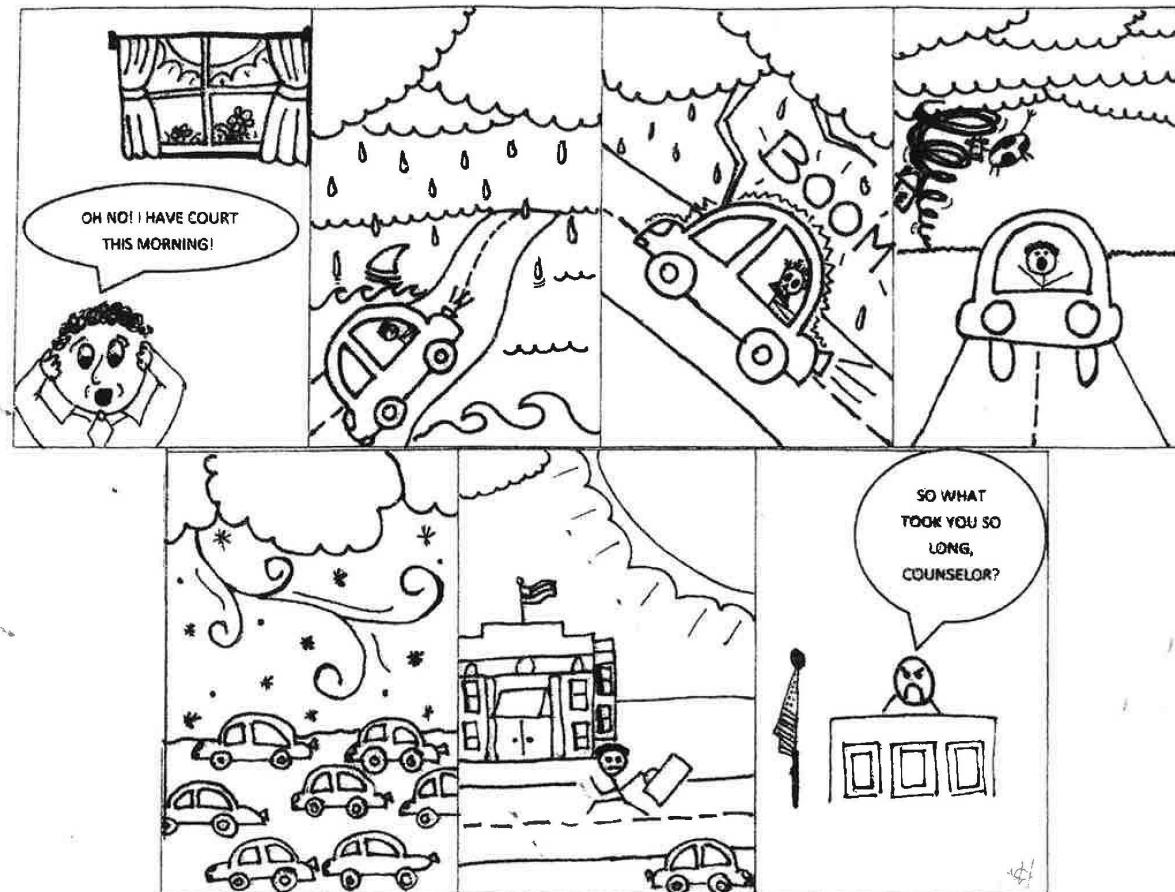
Judge Sid Brockley, the CCBA has created a new award: the Clackamas County Young Professional's award. This award is designed to recognize a young member of the CCBA community who has demonstrated outstanding professionalism and commitment to the principles of the CCBA. We are proud to recognize Cierra Brown as the first recipient. Cierra is a member of the Clackamas Indigent Defense Consortium (CIDC) and has been a member of the community since she first started as an intern in the Clackamas County District Attorney's Office in summer of 2013. Please be on the lookout for dates of the award events for these two outstanding CCBA members.

Finally, though the final dates and location have not been selected, the 2019 holiday party will be before Christmas and the location of the event will be held in Clackamas County. We thank everyone for their supportive feedback and input over the past few years to help bring the event back to the county as we searched for affordable and comfortable event venues.



# Have A Laugh

A WINTER COMMUTE: OREGON LAWYER EDITION



By Angela Hajishemani



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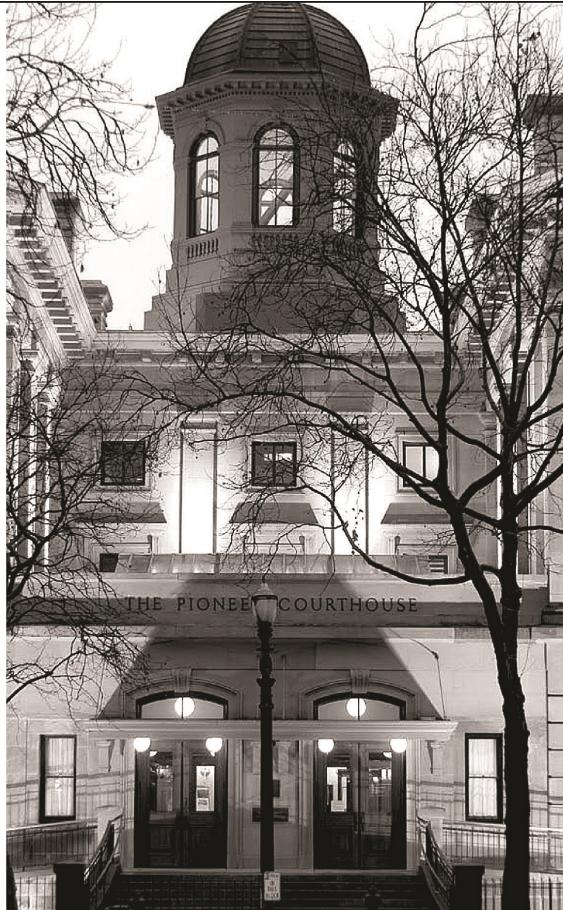


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# Who's The Smartest Of Them All?

The inaugural Clackamas County Bar Association Trivia Night was a big success and well attended (kudos to everyone for braving the parking, the axe throwing, and Highway 99). The questions were tough and competition was fierce. Some highlights include:

**Winner Best Team Name: Bad Advice.** The intrepid team from FP Transitions headed up by Kelsey Herman, Rod Boutin, Stuart Smith, Erika Langone, and Jennifer Dalglish bested the competition to take the prize for best name.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Place and Runner up Best Team Name:**

**Asked and Answered.** The DA's office was well represented but it was the team comprised of Chris Owen, Autumn Mercado, Rusty Amos, Brian Powell, and Alexander Hayes who took second place in both the competition and in team name voting. Excellent work.

**1<sup>st</sup> Place: Trivia Newton John.** The motley group including Paul Neese, Judge Heather Karabeika, Katie Baker, Alec Laidlaw and Matt Duckworth bested the competition to take first place honors. It was a well-rounded team with everyone contributing towards the win.



Honorable mentions: The **Juvenile Delinquents** (Christine Landers, Amanda Austin, Josh Cutino, Erin Rickards and Amanda Marshall), win the award for the best trash talking and **“Bar” Complaints** (Arusi Loprinzi, Christian N. Scritsmier, Lars Hubbard)

win the award for highest score per capita. Some of the questions included:

In the Netflix documentary The Staircase, Michael Peterson was accused of killing his wife by pushing her down the stairs. The alternate theory proffered by some fans was that Ms. Peterson was killed by what animal?

In hockey, what is the term for when at least one opposing player is serving a penalty, and a team has a numerical advantage on the ice?

Name up to 8 films directed by Alfred Hitchcock in the time provided (this round was won by the DA team of Bill Stewart, Ryan Chiotti, Torrey McConnell and Jeremy Morrow who may have had a perfect score).

Since this event was so well attended that we're hoping to do another one soon so keep an eye out!



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# Running, Running, Running

The Clackamas County Bar Association would like to start a monthly running/walking group. It would be a great opportunity to unwind after a long day behind your desk or fighting it out in court. We will meet the first Monday of the month at OC Brewing and will divide into two groups from there: a one mile walking loop and a three mile running group. Hopefully both groups will finish around the same time and be able to enjoy a well-deserved beer after. Our first meeting will be **Monday April 1, 2019.**

To that end, I have put together a list of inspirational movie quotes to get everyone excited about getting in some steps and blowing off steam while getting into shape.

“Exercise gives you endorphins; endorphins make you happy, happy people don’t just shoot their husbands!” Elle Woods, Legally Blonde.

Free therapy. Exercise, especially aerobic exercise like running increases endorphins in the brain which can make you more awake and happier.

“Just keep swimming. Just keep swimming. Just keep swimming, swimming, swimming. What do we do? We swim, swim.” Dory, Finding Nemo.

Perseverance. If you can get through running the hills in Oregon City, you can get through anything.

“The hard is what makes it great.” Tom Hanks, A League of Their Own.

This one was my shameless excuse to put a quote from my favorite movie in the mix. But it still rings true; achievement after effort just feels better.

“For what it’s worth, it’s never too late, or in my case, too early to be whoever you want to be. There’s no time limit, start whenever you want. You can change or stay the same.” Brad Pitt, The Curious Case of Benjamin Button.

Is chasing your kids or running down the ice cream truck the most you’ve ever run? Don’t worry. It’s not too late to start. We want everyone whether they’re seasoned marathoners, trying to get back into running (raises hand), or just starting out.

“I just felt like running.” Forrest Gump, Forrest Gump.

For those of you who don’t need a list of reasons and just feel like running.

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