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Prez Sez by Jeff Nitschke

Looking to 2020

It is my sincere hope that you, reader, are basking in warm sunlight on vacation or resting quietly at home as you read this. The last year has been a wonderful opportunity for me to get to know the members of our community and to appreciate the level of commitment and amount of work we all put into our professions and into the CCBA. Nevertheless, along with that commitment must come rest and relaxation, both of which are in short supply these days. As we look into 2020, the incoming president, Katie Baker, will be keeping our wellbeing central in her theme for the year: community. Please keep monitoring your e-mails and checking our new events calendar at our new website, www.clackamas-bar.org, for news on upcoming events and fun opportunities. I know Shannon Wilson and I will be continuing our mindfulness meetings bi-weekly in January, held during the lunch hour over at the Holman Building. We hope you will join us!

As this is my last column, I would like to thank the tremendous number of individuals who helped me over the past year. I was truly touched by the warmth and generosity displayed by all those who helped, and indeed all the CCBA members, throughout the year. I would also like to specially thank Katie for her help. She has been tireless, stepping up to tackle thorny issues, setting up and attending events, and taking the helm for the CCBA's presence in educating high school students. A huge thank you to Judge Kathie Steele for providing keen insight into the Bar as well as her willingness to keep me in the loop for significant courthouse news and events. Finally, I want to thank my good friend Sarah Vogel for her service to the CCBA for the past 5 years. Sarah brought me into the board and has provided me invaluable insight and guidance. Though she will still be around at CCBA functions, we will miss her wit and charm at our meetings.



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Local Family Law Advisory Committee

by Angela Laidlaw

A few friendly reminders:

Clackamas County has announced this year's deadline for getting documents signed and entered in 2019. For judgments to be entered by December 31st they must be **submitted by December 13, 2019**. Please plan accordingly.

Parenting class certificates of completion: Please remember that Clackamas Resolution Services **does not file** parenting class completion certificates. Please make sure parties provide you (their attorney) with their certificates so that you (yes **you**, attorney!) can file them.

For questions or additional information about LFLAC, please contact Wendy Watson (Judge Wetzel's Judicial Assistant) at 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).

Court News

Effective immediately, any party filing for the "reinstatement" of a party or a case after entry of a judgment of dismissal under UTCR 7.020 must now file for relief from judgment under ORCP 71. The motion for relief from judgment must be supported by an affidavit or declaration establishing the reason(s) justifying relief under ORCP 71B, and must be served on all parties as provided in ORCP 71B.

All fees required by ORS 21.200 (1)(d) apply.

As of January 1, 2020, the court will reject motions to reinstate a party or a case after entry of a judgment of dismissal under UTCR 7.020. Please update any stored template documents with the new information.

Forms packets for Request to Set Aside a Judgment of Dismissal will be available online and in paper at the courthouse and will be updated by December 1st to reflect this change. They have also been attached for reference.

If you have questions please contact Civil Supervisor Heather Kamin at Heather.K.Kamin@ojd.state.or.us or 503-722-6100 or Presiding Judge Kathie Steele's office at 503-655-8678.

Support Legal Aid

by Kathleen Rastetter, CEJ Clackamas County Board of Director

The end of the year is a time for celebration and relaxation. We take time to pause and celebrate our favorite holidays with family and friends. Justice, however, never takes a holiday. Vulnerable Oregonians who are denied access to the court system need your help year round. Legal aid in Oregon is a lifeline for those who cannot afford legal help they need it. As lawyers, we are the key intermediary to creating a justice system that is fair for everyone. If we all work together, with our time and with our donations, we can ensure that a lawyer will be there to protect those with nowhere else to turn.

CEJ stands with you in your commitment to fulfill the promise of America's fundamental value of justice for all. One of the best ways for Oregon lawyers to get involved in improving the justice system is to support the work of legal aid. Please add your voice to our cause. Please give the gift of justice this holiday season – give to the CEJ! www.cej-oregon.org.

To date 54 Clackamas County attorneys have donated \$10,000, which is 5% of our bar. Last year a total of 83 attorneys donated just under \$15,000. Let's beat last year's numbers! Thank you.

Filing In Federal Court

On January 21, 2020, the U.S. District Court for the District of Oregon will go live on CM/ECF NextGen.

Attorneys will not be able to login and e-file with their current CM/ECF usernames and passwords after that date.

To e-file with NextGen, attorneys should upgrade their PACER accounts now (if established before 2014 and not yet upgraded).

Once NextGen is live, attorneys will link their PACER and NextGen accounts. Only a single sign-on will be required for both systems after the accounts are linked.

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CCBA Trivia Nights A Huge Success: Set to Continue in 2020



The final Clackamas County Bar Association Trivia Night was held on December 5, 2019 at the Willamette Valley Ale and Cider House. Congrats to our big winner **You Don't Gnome Me** lead by Hafez Daraee. Coming in a very close second was **Jared Kushner's Resting Collusion Face** lead by Katie Baker and Alec Laidlaw. Their team lost by one point. Word of advice: always

push for Snuffleupagus.

Also participating were the DA's office (**Ready to Proceed**), Perkins law firm (**No Way Pro Se**), and Judge Karabeika and Andrew Teitelman's team who win the prize for the best heckling.

Some of the questions included:

The US Postal Service will be honoring Sesame Street with a pane of 16 forever stamps.
Name 8 of the 16 characters who will be represented.

Velcro is a portmanteau of which two words?

In which decade did the following events occur? Bonus point for the correct year. Chicago Bulls win the NBA championship, Pete Sampras won the US Tennis Open, the Dallas Cowboys won the Superbowl, and the Toronto Blue Jays won the World Series.

What is the name of the annual Simpsons Halloween episode?

Including the center square, how many spaces are there on a bingo card?

Keep an eye out for our trivia series to start up again around March 2020.

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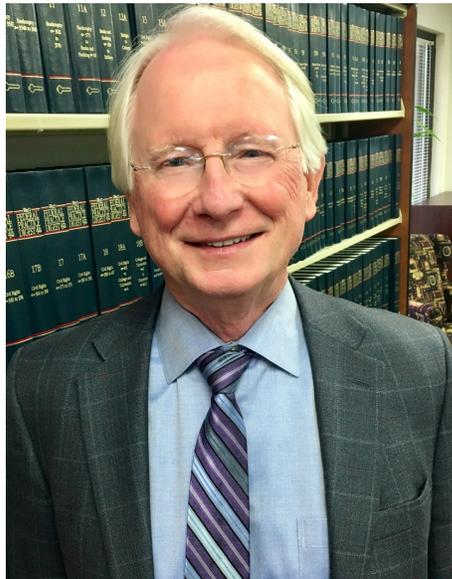
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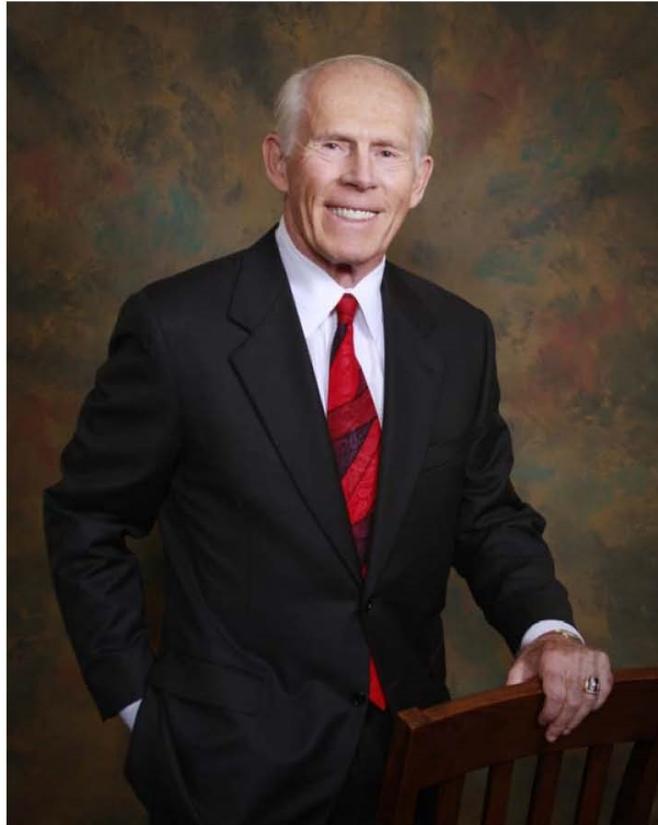
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Healy To Retire As CCBA Softball Captain

by Katie Baker



The Clackamas County Bar Association has had a long and storied history, held together for the past 25 years by their unfailing captain Scott Healy. When I started my practice in Clackamas in 2010 I heard rumors that there was a Clackamas Bar Association softball team and that Scott Healy was the guy to talk to. I reached out and was told a time and location to show up. As soon as I arrived at the fields and met Scott in person I felt like I was meeting an old friend. He was everything that one looks for in a successful team; welcoming but competitive. Rumor has it that one of the law clerk interview questions he would ask the summer interns was if they had any softball experience. For the next several

years Scott brought me into the fold. He and I worked out rosters and lineups before the games and then Scott would regale the team with tales of softball over wings and whiskey after.

Scott officially retired from the Clackamas softball team in 2019 after 25 great years. Four year old twins and a very active caseload made it hard to justify the time every week. But fear not – he promises to come out on occasion for a cameo in left field and to spark a rally with his reliable bat. I had the pleasure of sitting down with Scott recently to get a more in depth history of the softball team since he is keeper of all records, at least going back to 1994. During his 25 years, the Clackamas County Bar Association has put together at least 10 championships.

Batter Up. Scott Healy first joined the Clackamas Bar Association softball team in 1994. Unfortunately the league does not keep historical records (I asked) but we know at least we have had a team since this time. This iteration of the team included Steve

“Everready” Kelly who batted in the 3, 4, 5 spot and was the team’s utility player, Zach “The Z Man” Lorts, Lenny “Still Almost Lightning Fast” Kovach, and Larry “Hot Corner” Peterson at 3rd base. The CCBA was



enough of a magnate to draw a couple of players who either played or could have gone pro, including John Powers, Rocky Pizzo and Brad Johnassen. Craig Dorsey was their ace throughout these years. Craig who has played in the softball world series brought his talents to the CCBA where in one championship game he pitched a shut-out. This was an incredible feat given that the opposing team were the number one seed coming into the tournament and the league was playing on a field with 250 foot fences. (Sidebar – Craig has the ability to call where the ball is going to be hit based on

where he will place his pitch).



Baseball is a lot like life. It's a day to day existence, full of ups and downs. You make the most of your opportunities in baseball as you do in life.

- Ernie Harwell



Put Me In Coach.

Starting in the early 2000s a new philosophy started to overtake law league softball. Scott noticed that some of the big firm players were starting to look less like exhausted lawyers/staff and more like minor league ball players. A little digging and he discovered that come playoff time, firms would swap out their regular roster for hired guns. Not to be outdone, Scott decided if that the

new rules of the game were - who can recruit the best players – that he could play and win at that game too. Thus started the era of wins for the CCBA assisted by our own hired guns. Literally. The CCBA had the Clackamas County Sheriffs supplement our own firepower and took home several more championships during this period.

Sweet Spot. Around 2010, law league shifted again and the team rosters started to be filled with a mix of veterans and up and coming talent. These players included Rusty “Lightning Quick Like Kovac Used to Be” Amos, Zack “Cool Breeze” Light, and Matt “Rock Solid” Peterson. Rounding out the team were other veterans including Steve “The Stud” Kmetic and Daniel “Big Dog” Woram who pitched many stellar and important games.

The way a team plays as a whole determines its success. You may have the greatest bunch of individual stars in the world, but if they don't play together, the club won't be worth a dime.

- Babe Ruth



This hot streak continued with another championship in 2014 with veterans Craig “The Zen Master” Dorsay, Scott “Skullpepper” Healy and a new group of young guns including Matt “Lightning Quick Like Kovac Used to Be” Semritc, Gavin “The New Hot Corner like Peterson Used to Be” Hall, Matt “The ‘Real’ Big Dog” Lyons, Jeremy “Rock Solid” Morrow, Damien “The Trojan Bomber” Hall, Rose “Quick Like a Cougar” Gibson, Amanda “The Silent Assassin” Dalton, Scott “I Swing Like a Tiger” Rennie, Tom “Country Club” Noble and Ryan “The Stud” Chiotti.

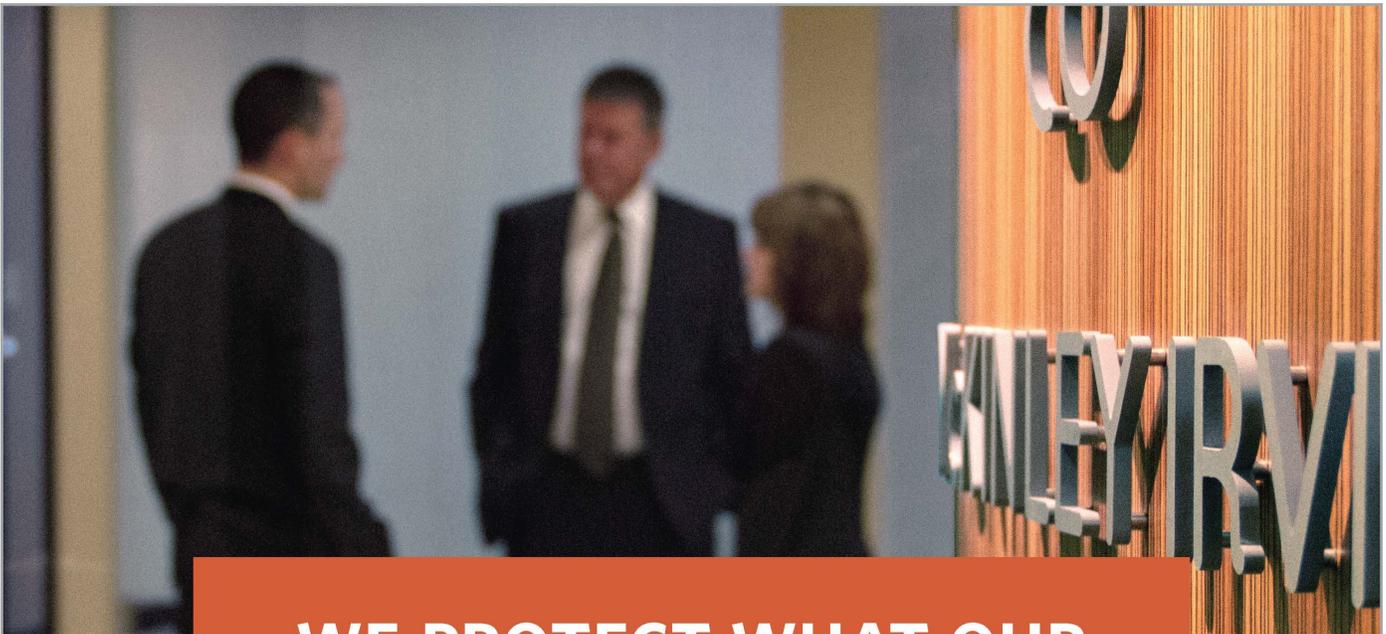


Full Count. I asked Scott what he thought of the latest makeup of the team. His response was that this is one of the best times for the CCBA team since it is one of the most inclusive and diverse teams we have put together. He reflected that during playoffs in what was the CCBA’s most recent championship (2017) we rostered an all-female



infield (with the exception of our pitcher Craig). 1st base: Blair Bayers, 2nd base: Katie Baker, SS: Jessica Cavallero, 3rd base: Erin Rickards and catcher: Grace Rigsby. These players were according to Scott some of the best players in the league. (Probably not true, but we got the job done.) We could not have this current team without some very important members including Jeff Nitchke who helps me run the team these days. Jeff had I have big cleats to fill now that we’re taking Scott’s place.

Extra Innings. While Scott is no longer a full time member of the CCBA softball team we still persist. The team is hoping to move to a league closer to Clackamas so that more members of the CCBA are able to join us. If you are interested in playing, or even just coming to watch and socialize, please email me at: Katie@clackamaslawyer.com.



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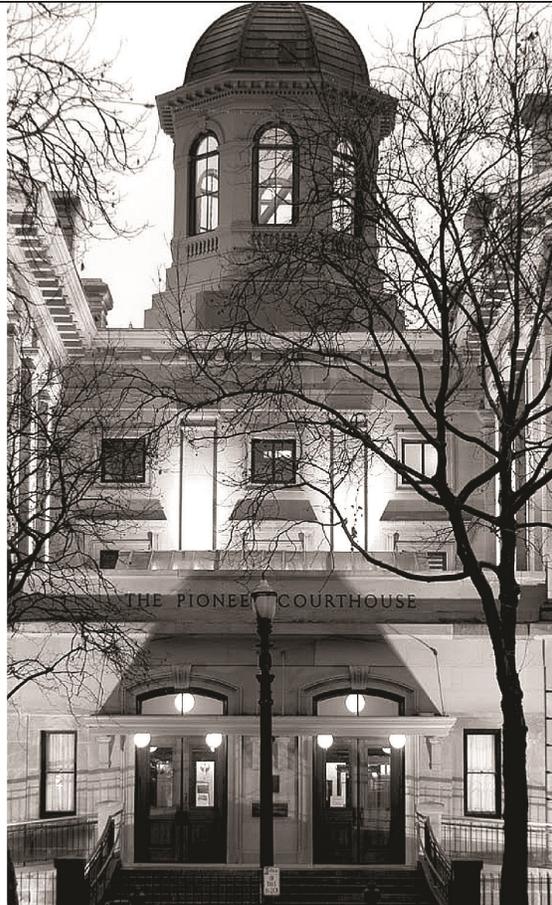
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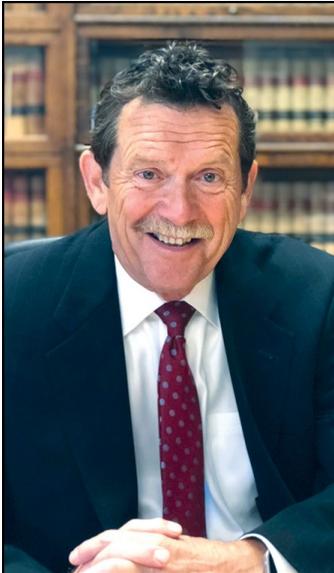
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